

Editorials

People Define Honor Many Ways; Consider the Definition Below and See What a Powerful Word It Is

H—umility
O—bedience
N—obility
O—ptimism
R—espect

Honor Week at St. Mary's is the week of January 17-22. Through the years, observance of this week has grown to imply more and more the ideals and principles that St. Mary's girls hold dear. Honor includes and represents everything for which St. Mary's stands. If ever an institution abided by a motto day by day, the one but meaningful word, *honor*, would be that motto. Girls are accepted at St. Mary's under the assumption (and proof) that they have their own honor which they will keep and increase and by which they will contribute daily to that of the school. The word itself symbolizes five aspects and attitudes of life of which we should be aware at all times, particularly during Honor Week.

Regardless of whether we lead or follow, humility should be our watchword. Someone has said, "Lowliness is the base of every virtue." Nothing is so gratifying as a person who humbles himself before God, before mankind, and before his duties. True humility can be so powerful that the proud can be made humble. Shakespeare has said, "I thank God for my humility," and another sage has added, "He that is humble ever shall have God to be his guide."

An obedient student is one who not only obeys authority but who also willingly serves and follows. To be a good leader, you must be a good follower, but there would be no leadership without obedience.

Nobility includes loyalty, sincerity, truthfulness, and unselfishness. This quality in itself is the essence of honor. Again we refer to a quotation, "The more noble, the more humble." Another sage expresses nobility in this way: "Noble blood is an accident of fortune; noble actions characterize the great."

An optimistic person radiates with hope and cheerfulness. She looks forward to better days and greater accomplishments. She has courage to face her trials and endurance to see her problems through to their solutions. "Where there is no hope, there can be no endeavor."

The best summary possible to the word honor is respect. Without it the other aspects of honor would be valueless. It is the underlying motive on which the others are based. As Shakespeare said, "Nothing is good, I see, without respect."

In closing, *Belles* reminds you of Honor Week and all it means and leaves you with this quoted thought, "The measure of life is not length but honesty."
M. G.

Exams Week Marks Half-Way Point; Belles Urges Conscientious Study

The end of this first semester is swiftly drawing near, and it brings with it exam week—a period of anxious uneasiness in every student's life and a period of great importance in every student's work. These examinations mark the half-way point; they show the teacher, as well as the student, how much has been accomplished in the first half of the school year. Perhaps a lot of worry could be overcome if we would think of exam week as a time of accomplishment rather than as a time of crisis. For this reason preparation, not procrastination, should be the keynote for the weeks prior to exams. No one plans to "cram" for exams; it often becomes a necessity at the last minute. If, however, a reasonable amount of preparation has been made, "cramming" may not be necessary; certainly it will not end in the desperate wail, "I know absolutely nothing!" Few of us have leisure hours to while away during the week, but there are times when we can "make time" for extra studying. Trips downtown and to the movies may easily be postponed in favor of reviewing ahead for those exams that promise to be most difficult.

Most important is the idea of replacing anxiety with study; as the knowledge increases, the worry will inevitably decrease, and a calm frame of mind is a great help during exams. In this way the time of crisis will become the time of accomplishment, and the results are guaranteed to bring about a "big payoff."
A. N.

disCHORDS

by Anne Norman

The mambo craze has spread throughout the world of music and dance recently, and many musicians and singers have jumped on the bandwagon to capitalize on the popularity of the new rhythm. *Papa Loves Mambo* by Perry Como is still high on the national hit parade, and Rosemary Clooney's *Mambo Italiana* is steadily heading toward the top of the hit parade. Ralph Flanagan has also joined the mambo group with his *Little Brown Mambo*—you guessed it; this record is a mambo version of the ever popular *Little Brown Jug*. *Bunny Hop Mambo* by Duke Ellington is also worth a listen.

Jo and Frankie Harmonize

Jo Stafford and Frankie Laine have a nice duo out on a Columbia record. The song is entitled *Back Where I Belong* and is set to a jump beat that these two sing to so well. Jill Corey should do nicely with her new disc, *I'm Not At All In Love*, from "Pajama Game." This tune didn't gain popularity at the same time as did several other songs from "Pajama Game," but it seems to be on the way up on the hit list now.

Day-Sinatra Duo Does Well

"Young At Heart," the new Doris Day-Frank Sinatra movie, is brimful of hits such as the title song, *Hold Me In Your Arms*, and *Ready, Willing, and Able*. Together for the first time, these two singers are making quite a hit with their musical story of young love.

Rosalind Russell Dances

News from Hollywood—Rosalind Russell is now making "The Girl Rush," a musical about Las Vegas. Miss Russell dances in this movie as she did in "Wonderful Town" on Broadway. She professes to be amazed over the fact that she has been able to become a dancer in her forties. Miss Russell has three big numbers in her new film; she attributes much of her success to her dance director. Gloria DeHaven and Eddie Albert also star in "The Girl Rush."

AT THE THEATERS

(Jan. 14-29)

AMBASSADOR

14-22 *Desiree*
Marlon Brando, Jean Simmons
23-29 *Deep in My Heart*
Jose Ferrer, Merle Oberon

COLONY

16-22 *Crest of the Wave*
Gene Kelly
23-25 *Lost Patrol*
Victor McLaglen
26-29 *Tarzan, the Ape Man*

STATE

14-15 *So This Is Paris*
Toni Curtis, Gene Nelson
16-22 Walt Disney's
The Vanishing Prairie
23-26 *They Rode West*
Donna Reed, Robert Francis
27 Walt Disney's
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

VILLAGE

14-25 *Green Fire*
Grace Kelly, Stewart Granger,
Paul Douglas
26-29 *Hell's Outpost*
Rod Cameron, Joan Leslie

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Happy Birthday

January 15	Jane Brown
22	Ann Bachman
22	Jane Brady
23	Carol Biggers
23	Mary Wright Parker
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25	Jane Mayo
27	Susie Donald
28	Betty Daniel
29	Alice Pittman
30	Margaret Hunter
30	Megan Goodwin
30	Barbara Doar
30	Nancy Cook
31	Gail Farthing