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## EDITORIAL

"With a clear understanding of all that the Honor Code implies, I pledge that I will uphold the highest standard of personal integrity in every phase of life at St. Mary's, and I recognize and accept my responsibility for helping others to live up to that standard."

The above oath is one which every student takes upon entering St. Mary's. It symbolizes her desire to become a part of the school in harmony with its values and objectives. However, too often one pledges these words unaware of their real meaning and significance. As a result, the Honor Code is often unheeded or misused.

When a girl takes an illegal overnight, or cuts Chapel, or otherwise breaks a rule, she is negligent in living up to the Honor Code. Perhaps she is unaware that her actions violate the code, or perhaps the code means nothing to her because she does not

see it reinforced in the general attitudes of the students. Concurringly, when a girl reports another girl for violation of the Honor Code for reasons of jealousy or revenge, without first discussing the action with her, she also is misusing the code and showing disrespect for its true meaning. It was not enacted to be used as a weapon against another individual or to establish a "police state" on campus.

The purpose of the Honor Code is to help individuals live together harmoniously, and to develop a feeling of trust on campus and an understanding and realization of the ideals of St. Mary's. Perhaps the significance of both the Honor Code and the ideals of St. Mary's should be reevaluated as to each individual's understanding and acceptance of them and as to their relevancy not only on campus, but in every phase of life. S.A.H.

## A FATHER'S LOVE

Certain it is that there is no kind of affection so purely angelic as that of a father to a daughter. He beholds her both with and without regard to her sex. In love to his wife there is desire; to his son there is ambition; but to his daughter there is something which there are no words to express.

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## Word Completion Test

1. Miss Ricks likes (a) hairy chests (b) sharp clothes (c) purple lemonade (d) her new house.

2. Mrs. Barnhart likes (a) cats (b) cars (c) cats (d) cats.

3. Faculty members are wondering these days about (a) moonlighting possibilities (b) whether the absence policy needs to be reviewed (c) Miss Connally's vote for George Wallace in the St. Mary's Poll (d) where all the Federal money is that we should get.

4. The Faculty Typing Room resembles (a) a bombed Viet Nam village (b) a project of a 40-member committee (c) a cross between an art gallery, library, supply office and sanitorium (d) an archaeological ruin from Paleolithic times.

5. Everyone is guessing that Claire Spinks has (a) a seven year case of pneumonia (b) bubonic plague (c) trypanosomiasis complicated by encephalitis (d) bad lungs.

## FACULTY CORNER: COUNTY KERRY

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Aer Lingus' Boeing 747, with all fifteen hostesses scurrying about efficiently, swept low over Shannon and we caught our first glimpse of the green, green fields of Eire. Tiny, ir credibly green patches enclosed by neat gray stone walls were highlighted by masses of Golden gorse in full bloom. We began our month long tour of the British Isles in Ireland because of an interest in early Christian ruins and high crosses and because we had seen friends' slides of the magnificent coastal cliffs. Our weekend destination was a remote sea side village in County Kerry. We stopped in Killarney and lingered beside several of the beautiful lakes, but skipped the Blarney Stone. (Kissing the stone seems an unsanitary practice to me, anyway.)

Our plans to visit the ruins of an early monastic settlement on the great Skellig, a rock rising 700 feet above the Atlantic nine miles offshore, were foiled when the weather turned "too wild" even for our seasoned boater man. However, the trip over the treeless mountain to his fishing village was adventure enough by our standard. The road was all of eight feet wide in the widest spots and ran along the edge of a sheer drop to the boiling surf below. The Irish dash about on the left side of these little tracks with careless abandon. Many of their small cars have very wrinkled fenders.

After consultation with an amateur arch eologist, who took us home to meet his artist wife, we spent the weekend exploring. We discovered prehistoric standing stones, a Bronze Age ring fort, and a ruined abbey with fallen-in graves revealing bits of bone

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## The Bulletin Board

*A meeting of the  
"Truck your date up  
the front steps of  
Smedes" club will  
meet at 12:55 a.m.  
on Friday night.*



## MISERY IS . . .

1. Misery is when you have a test on Monday.

2. Misery is communion on the Sunday morning after THE Saturday night.

3. Misery is when your phone bill totals \$40.00 and your roommate only owes \$.78 on it.

4. Misery is when it is 11:00 p.m. and you do not know where your parents are. (They are probably out wrecking the car!)

5. Misery is when you find out your parents have been living a wilder life than you since you went away to school.

6. Misery is Sunday afternoons spent alone.