

In Memoriam

Miss Katherine Morris was one of the people who built the traditions of love and fellowship that we, her students, hold dearest at St. Mary's. In her own student years, Miss Morris must have had the loving heart, must have been quick with the helpful word, the tender thought, and the kindly deed; in her years as an art teacher, she worked small miracles. In every student she inspired, through constant encouragement, a determination to work harder, to produce finer results. She awoke creativeness and an awareness of beauty. Miss Morris loved beauty and could find it anywhere, even in the commonest place; the pattern of light and shadow cast by the sun on a garbage can delighted her. Two qualities about Miss Morris stand out above all others. We knew that she loved us when, feeling the need, she forgot that she was a teacher and helped us with personal decisions influencing our lives. Also, she possessed the rare gift of knowing she was happy—a knowledge that made life a joy to her and to those who knew her.

Time — June 3, 1863

Place — Gettysburg Pennsylvania

Event — Pickett's Charge

On the third of June, 1863, the Confederates had planned to launch an attack on the Union Army. The Yankees were situated on Cemetery Ridge and had ample room for cover. On the other hand the Rebels had an open field to cross with little cover. In addition to this the Confederates had used almost all their artillery before the attack materialized. General Pickett was supposed to lead 1,500 men across the field in the morning, but Longstreet held up the attack. For hours Pickett and Longstreet argued back and forth, discussing the military advisability of this attack. Finally, at 1:00, Pickett started across that empty field, much against Longstreet's desire. As he led his men to battle he was unsure of his move, and his men sensed this uncertainty. For as the soldiers had sat idle that morning waiting for their superiors to make up their minds they had lost their spirit of loyalty and their desire to fight.

Many people believe that Pickett's charge could have been a decisive victory for the south, except for the dissention among the leaders. It is true of any organization that if the leaders cannot agree, those who follow them will not have too much confidence or admiration for these leaders.

St. Mary's can be like that famous battle. If we have solid leadership, we will follow and overcome many obstacles; but if our leaders are in disagreement, then our reactions will be as disorganized and reactionary as their leadership.

Toni Lonning

A Letter To The Editor

A lot was said last week about happiness at St. Mary's. It has been said that no one can find joy with an under-current of dissatisfaction — this, I feel is only partly true. As Milton put it; "The mind itself can make a Hell of Heaven or a Heaven of Hell." With a few more smiles, a few more "Hi's," and a few more *friendly* comments, anyone can avoid the dismal and invoke the happy.

Yes, conditions around us do contribute to our attitude toward life; yet, how *much* do they contribute? A person filled with bitterness, melancholy, or, simply, indifference can never find happiness even in Heaven unless he is happy within himself! Oh? You say you haven't got a mink coat? A Cadillac convertible? A purple cashmere sweater? The world on a string? Too bad. But do you realize what you do have? Open your eyes and look — and see. Some people can't — they're blind! I agree, St. Mary's needs many changes, but why can't

we appreciate the wonderful privileges we do have?

St. Mary's is not a Heaven, nor is it a Hell! But we, and only *we*, the students and the faculty, can make St. Mary's the place we want. Yes!! Changes must be made! But, not only the traditional rules—also the depressing attitude on campus. Let's stop and think before we gripe and gossip, before we swing out at something we don't understand. Let's talk of the happy times, the pleasant faces and forget the unhappy ones — after all everybody has a right to be grouchy once in a while. Yes, we'll still close ourselves behind doors and laugh at Jane's Friday-night date or Nancy's run-in with one of the faculty members, but let's forget these continual gripe sessions! Sure, there always will be someone griping about something, but why *must* we follow the crowd? Remember, the true St. Mary's spirit springs from the heart of every individual on campus — not from the throat of the mob.

Maybe with a laugh, a "Hi!", and a sincere *compliment* St. Mary's will be a happy place, a Heaven, and only those who gripe and grumble will find themselves in a Hell!

Judy Edgerton

Faculty Facts

Name: Florence Jean Eggert.
Birthplace: Washington, D. C.
Alma Mater: University of Kansas.

Greatest Grievance: My greatest grievance is that so much money is spent on unnecessary luxuries when the primary needs of many people in the world are unmet.

Pet Peeve: Noisy radiators.
Favorite Pastime: Sightseeing in the West.

Campus Improvement: A centrally located snack bar with tables and chairs where the students, faculty, and staff could gather to talk and eat.

Name: John Uphratus Tate, Jr.
Birthplace: Columbus, Mississippi.

Alma Mater: Louisiana State University and the University of North Carolina.

Greatest Grievance: Lack of enthusiasm for gaining knowledge among St. Mary's students.

Favorite Pastime: After his little girl, reading — currently modern poetry. In the summertime he enjoys mystery stories and swimming.

Former Aspiration: In the grammar grades, he wanted to be an orchestra leader; in high school, a writer; and in college, a teacher.

Campus Improvement: Improvement in comfort and attractiveness of the library.

Comments: "I have enjoyed my two years at St. Mary's; the students and the faculty have made me very happy. I would like student groups to see to it that their actions are more readily known to the faculty. Too, faculty actions concerning students should be more readily known by the students."

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February

- 14—Blair Maddison
- 15—Em Howell
- 16—Tricia Armstrong
- 17—Mary Richards Chambers and Margaret Ruffin
- 22—Diane Parker
- 26—Lou Fickland
- 27—Susan Sawyer

March

- 2—Sara McMillan
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- 5—Susan Cline
Ann Stinnett
Susan Purdie
- 9—Ann deHart
- 12—Ginger Lang
- 16—Frances Holton
- 17—Cynthia Hubbard
- 19—Frankie Davis
- 20—Mary Ethel Edmonson
- 21—Frances Coekrill
- 22—Betsy Nichols
- 24—Betty Latta
- 25—Barbara Clark
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"Mamma, mamma!" cried little Johnny, "the puppies are here."
"Have you seen them?"
"No, but the dog is empty."