

## THE BELLES OF ST. MARY'S

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*Sterile Cuckoo*

### CARDINAL THEATER

*Love Story*

## AN INVITATION TO ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY

Mark Tuesday night, April 27th, on your calendar now. At 7 p.m. on that day St. Mary's will have a meaningful first.

On this day, the Reverend Henry Witten will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests. There are a few things about ordination that you might not know, so I will try to explain what ordination means.

In the Episcopal Church there are three Orders, as they are known: Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. The initial ordination is to the Diaconate. As a deacon (it means "one who serves") the clergyman is limited to certain functions; he can do all things a priest can except—give a blessing or an absolution, perform a marriage service, or celebrate Holy Communion. In general, he is to assist the priest. To those who choose to go further there is the Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests. This usually occurs about one year after Ordination to the Diaconate.

The priest is given the full responsibility of Christ's Gospel. This is symbolized by the way in which the stole is worn.

The deacon wears the stole across the chest, like a sash. The stole represents the "yoke of Christ." At the time of Ordination to the Priesthood the stole is untied from the sash position and placed around the neck like a yoke—symbolizing the additional responsibility that the priest has taken on.

The third Order is that of the Bishop. The Bishop traces his authority back to the Twelve Apostles. The Bishop alone ordains to the diaconate. At the ordination to the priesthood, the Bishop presides and the deacon is also ordained by the priests present, who place their hand upon him in the "laying on of hands." The Bishop is chief shepherd and the priest works under his authority.

The Service of Ordination always takes place in the context of the Holy Communion, or as it is often known, the Eucharist, which means "Thanksgiving."

An ordination is not an everyday event—it is a special one in the life of the minister—for in this service the man publicly commits himself to a particular ministry in God's

Church; this is also special for those who are present.

In Ordination the Church's reliance upon the Holy Spirit is strikingly brought home. The presence of the Holy Spirit is needed for strength and guidance. The red stoles worn on this occasion are symbolic of the Holy Spirit. The priest remains as he is—still a man—he is not "made perfect." He is like everyone else, except that he has made some special commitments in his life. We all have a ministry of some kind: this is one kind of ministry, one that is somewhat different from others.

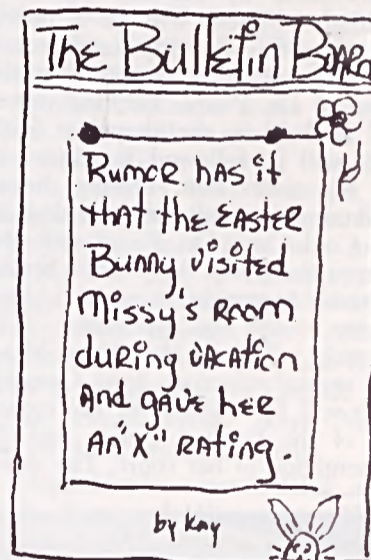
The ordination is a meaningful event and is most meaningful when it occurs among friends. As a family that lives, plays, works, and worships together, we all have an important part to play in this ordination. Our presence is no small thing.

You are warmly invited to come and participate in this very meaningful service of Ordination on Tuesday, the 27th of April at 7 p.m.

I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Robert Hobgood



## EDITORIAL

Well, my last paper. It's been quite a long time since last May 1. A lot has happened in this time: late and lost copy, Decade of Renewal, changes in staff, the chapel controversy, and a new advisor. Somehow we managed to come through somewhat intact, but I hesitate to say that we are the same as we started out. It has been a lot of work, a lot of responsibility, and quite an experience. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to serve as editor of *The BELLES* and hope that I, in some way, have done something constructive for St. Mary's.

The new editor-in-chief of *THE BELLES* takes over now. She is a very capable and responsible girl. She should make a great editor. She has lots of plans, many of which focus on student involvement, which will make *THE BELLES* a far better newspaper. I wish her every success with the newspaper and hope that she will be shown cooperation from every part of the St. Mary's community. Thank you.

J. L. D.

## Marymac Webb 1971-72 Day Students President



The new president of the Day Students is Marymac Webb.

The commander-in-chief of the day students for next year by unanimous vote is Marymac Webb. A native of Raleigh, Marymac attended Ravenscroft Elementary School, Daniel's Junior High, and St. Catherine's in Richmond, Va. for high school. She is the youngest of three children with two older brothers: one is attending graduate school at Columbia University working for a masters in business administration while the other is a Green Beret. This year Marymac is a member of the Future Planning and Development Committee and the Handbook Committee. Next year Chrysanthemum, her Carolina blue jeep, will be seen in the parking lot quite often as she plans to "work" with the other SGA officers to help further relations between day students and boarders."

## SGA Officers Installed March 31st

The installation of the new officers of the St. Mary's Student Government Association took place March 31 during chapel. The new officers are Dell Parker, president; Charlotte Newman, vice-president; Betsy Mott, secretary; Sophie Foreman, chairman of Social Board; Julia Martin, secretary of Social Board; and Mary Mac Webb, president of the Day Students.

The old officers presented their new counterparts with the instruction books for their new office. Pam Devere, SGA president for 1970-1971, gave her farewell address. She was followed by Dell Parker, who made the first speech of her term as president of the St. Mary's student body.