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St. Mary's First Lady Encourages Getting Involved

by Beth Morris

First Lady Grace Rice understands that the key to happiness is what you make of your life. "You can wait around for it (life) to happen, but you're only given so much - then you're on your own. There's too much offered - especially here at St. Mary's - not to get involved."

As the President's wife, Mrs. Rice has been exposed to all aspects of St. Mary's. She has heard the views of the students, the faculty, and the administration, as well as the parents. And having attended James Madison before it went co-ed, she knows what it's like to be in an all-girls school. "I think it's important to get to know women as your friends - not as competitors."

What does Mrs. Rice consider most important in college today? "What people - young people in particular - need the

most is to be in an atmosphere where they know that others really care about them. It encourages them to show their real selves. And more importantly, to know what that real self is like. People wear many masks - especially as young adults. It's so important to find out who the real you is."

When Mrs. Rice was in college and planning her future, "Things were not like today at all, we were programming differently." She had three choices: She could be a nurse like her mother, a teacher, or a secretary. "I had always enjoyed learning and I knew I wanted to work with young people, so I majored in history and became a teacher." She married young and taught in a small elementary school in Virginia until Mr. Rice was offered the presidency at St. Mary's.

In contrast to university students, St. Mary's girls, she feels, have a great advantage. "Because they must transfer after two years, they're in the same position as most seniors. They are forced to take a realistic look at their lives - at what direction they want them to go - and ask themselves questions that other sophomores don't. They have to think about different concerns. The faculty is open to them and is helpful and concerned in a way that is unique. They often must give answers the girls don't want to hear, but really need to hear."

One other thing she also feels is important is for people to schedule and budget their time. "So many things are left undone because we're too busy to do them. Well, you have to make time for what you think is important. Life is just too full of good things to let it pass you by."

LONG DISTANCE FREELOADING

by Elizabeth Love

There's a new fad spreading through our country's colleges and universities. It's an expensive one, but the participants rarely see the bill. It is also illegal and ultimately damaging to the economy. This fad is using telephone credit card numbers for unlimited long distance phone calls. Students use a set of numbers for a month or two, until the numbers are disconnected, and then wait impatiently for next month's list to come in. Usable credit card numbers have become respected barter in the college underworld.

As with most illegal ventures, the exact means of procuring the numbers is known only to a small percentage of the system's abusers. Those who know how to get numbers supply them for the rest of the students. The regularity with which credit card numbers are circulated speaks clearly to the fact that there are many consistent leaks available to these suppliers.

This has become a game very similar to shoplifting in its effect on the economy. The phone companies are left with a multimillion dollar tab to pick up each year when no one will claim the calls made so casually by many students who reduce their monthly bills by 'reaching out to touch' some long distance friends. Unlike shoplifting, the person who steals from the phone companies is not left with a tangible reminder of guilt, or with the immorality and illegality of

actions. This, however, does not excuse anyone from the judgement that is due them.

A case in New York last month where a woman received a phone bill of over \$140,000.00 has triggered a tightening up in the phone companies' security systems. The damage being done will no longer be dismissed as an acceptable loss. College students will be among

those most suspect for abuse of the credit card numbers. For those caught and convicted of misuse of a credit card number, the punishment is up to a \$1,000 fine and a year in jail. Payment in full for the calls made is, of course, due. What may have started for so many as a game can end up as a painful lesson in honesty and responsibility.

British Teenager Finds Life Different in U.S.

by Tay Yeargih

Wouldn't it be nice if a mark of 65 percent or better (out of 100 percent) was an A on school work? In the ?-level, or ordinary-level courses taught in England, Suzanne Thurlow was delighted with a 70 percent mark on a geography exam or a 66 percent mark on a Food Nutrition exam. "Things are really different over in England" Suzanne, a seventeen-year-old brunette who now attends St. Mary's, comments. She was born in Jamaica, an island in the Caribbean, but when she was six months old Suzanne and her family moved to Nassau in the Bahamas. Like many English school children, Suzanne went away to boarding school when she was eleven years old. She attended Badminton School which is in Bristol, England. Bristol, a city located just inside the England Wales border, is also the home

of Bristol University, one of the leading universities in England.

Suzanne, a St. Mary's sophomore, finds life in the United States very different after living abroad. While most American teenagers learn to drive by attending a drivers education course, English teens learn to drive on their own. Suzanne told this story about her own driving lessons: "I was visiting a friend who lived in Wales in a large castle. Her father owned several tractors, so one day we began driving one of the tractors round and round the castle. We almost ran into a stone wall, but soon we felt sure enough to try driving a real car. Of course the main difference between driving in England and driving an American is that everyone drives on the left hand side of the road." As Suzanne spoke she began to laugh and remembered, "When

GRADUATION SPEAKER

by Susan Stephenson

This year's graduation speaker is a very interesting man. Although he is over seventy, he faithfully jogs six miles a day. He also has a pilot's license and will fly himself to Raleigh for the speech. He also enjoys scuba diving. He recently retired from his position as President and Chief Executive Officer of a multimillion dollar corporation which he helped build. He has been on the St. Mary's Board of Trustees since 1961. This is longer than any other board member has served. He is Mr. William Walter Dukes, Jr., of Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Mr. Dukes is married to the former Margaret Crevenston. His two daughters, the late Peggy Dickenson and Susan Woodard attended St. Mary's. He also has a son, W. W. Dukes, III.

Originally from Orangeburg, Mr. Dukes attended the public schools there. He then went on to graduate first in his class from Clemson University with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering.

After working two years for General Electric, Mr. Dukes was called to active army duty in 1941. He served five years. He

then served 22 years in the Army Reserve before retiring as a colonel.

Mr. Dukes is very active in civic and church affairs. He is a former member of the Executive Council of the Diocese of South Carolina, and is also a licensed lay reader for the Episcopal Church.

In memory of their daughter, the late Peggy Crevenston Dukes Dickenson, Mr. Dukes and his wife set up a fund for better teaching at St. Mary's. Its full name is The Peggy Crevenston Dukes Faculty Enrichment Memorial Fund, but is better known as the Dukes' Endowment Fund. Teachers can use money from this fund to take classes to improve their teaching.

Mr. Dukes believes that if women are to be successful in business they must be told realistically what will be expected of them. Women must not have the attitude that the world owes them something because of inequalities of the past. He also believes that the business world is tough and women are still at a disadvantage.

We can all look forward to a very interesting speech.

Spring Fest

by Ann Fitzmaurice

On the weekend of April the 13th many fun and interesting things were going on at SMC. On Friday, the Spring Festival got underway. The activities included a performance by Chorale, Mime, and Sea Saints. The big attraction of the day was the Court performance and the different dances which fol-

lowed. On Sunday, there was a Fine Arts Festival. This drew many of SMC's neighbors, who got to enjoy puppet shows by the students. Paintings were also admired in the Lang. building and in the Library. The paintings are still up; so go take a look.

my parents first tried to drive in Raleigh, my mother would turn a corner and start driving on the left-hand side of the road again."

Driving habits are not the only customs that are different between British countries and the United States. Suzanne listed a number of differences between Badminton School and St. Mary's. Suzanne, having boarded at both schools, likes the freedom offered at St. Mary's. "At Badminton we were not allowed out at night during the week and could only leave on weekends with our parents." Suzanne remembers being signed out by a matron who acted as a 'housemother' for each house. She pointed out that a room was called a dormitory in England and housed two to eight people. She also commented that school work was much harder in England than here. As a junior in high school, she was required to do well on an examination in order to con-

tinue her education. "I took my O-levels last June before I moved to Raleigh. They were really difficult. I was taking nine different courses including Biology, History, Geography, and Food Nutrition." Although an A was 65 percent or better on these exams, Suzanne remarked that this grade was difficult to obtain. After O-levels, good students go on to A-level, or advanced courses, and take three specialized courses related to their proposed college majors.

The social life at Badminton was very bleak indeed. Suzanne's old school managed to have one dance each of its three semesters. "Guys or 'bokes', as we called them, were invited from neighboring schools," Suzanne said. "If you were caught outside with a boy, you were surely in trouble with the matron. St. Mary's dances are alot more fun!" And for everyone who complains about St. Mary's food, Suzanne com-

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