

MISSING THE POINT

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As this is being written, Ms. as a non-specific for Miss or Mrs. has not yet penetrated the sacred territory of the most cherished Miss of all -- the Contest Miss. MISS AMERICA, MISS WORLD, MISS UNIVERSE and all the other Misses of sport, state, commerce, education, etc. still reign supreme.

Rather than suggest means of undermining Contest Misses and their well-deserved stature, we propose expanding their titular horizons into virgin fields. The typographical profession has made a modest beginning by instituting a MISS PRINT contest. Now let us hope that others will follow suit in rapid succession. The accounting profession needs a MISS CALCULATION . . . abortion opponents, a MISS CONCEPTION . . . billiard enthusiasts, a MISS CUE.

Can you think of appropriate titles for the reigning queens -- or princesses, actually -- in the following categories? My nominations can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

1. criminal lawyers
2. pro sports
3. business executives
4. North American Treaty Organization
5. charm schools
6. charities
7. soldiers of fortune
8. law enforcement
9. jurists
10. gamblers
11. translators
12. English teachers
13. Indian council
14. heads of state
15. hairdressers