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Mr. Thompson Forms RH Group

A plan is now underway to form a new organization called "Friends of Rosary Hill College," under the direction of Mr. Thompson, manager of publicity and advertising for the Buffalo Electric Corporation. Mr. Thompson, one of Rosary Hill's staunchest benefactors, explained that this unique plan for helping the College financially has for its aim the cause of higher education for women. Specific details are not available at the moment.

A native of Buffalo, Mr. Walter J. Thompson was graduated from Canisius High School. He received his A.B. degree from Georgetown University and also attended Harvard Law School.

Following his graduation from college, he worked as a newspaper reporter in Washington, D. C. From 1926 to 1930 he was assistant supervisor of public relations for the International Railway Company.

He was president of the Buffalo Junior Chamber of Commerce for the year 1934-35; president of the Men's Club of Christ the King Church, Snyder, 1947-48; in 1942-43 was chairman of Division A of the Commercial Division of the Catholic Charities Appeal, and General Lay Chairman of the Appeal in 1948. He has been chairman of publicity for the Appeal since 1944.

He is a member of the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce and its Municipal Affairs, Membership and

Air Pollution Committees and chairman of its Buffalo Business Advisory Committee; a member of the board of directors of St. Francis Hospital; director and treasurer, Buffalo Convention and Tourist Bureau, Inc.; a member of the Snyder Fire Department; and a member of the Board of Trustees and Public Relations Committee, Community Chest of Buffalo and Erie County. He is President of the Council of Social Agencies, Buffalo and Erie County, and district chairman of the Diocesan Union of Holy Name Societies.

Married, he is the father of three children, Sheila Ann, Terence J. and Michael Francis Thompson.

RHC Clubs Elect New Officers

Most of the campus clubs and organizations held elections last month. The following were installed as officers of their respective clubs:

GLEE CLUB—President, Patricia Ryan; Vice-President, Marilyn Campbell; Secretary, Mary Lynn Brydges; Treasurer, Frances Kelleher.

AQUINAS BOOK CLUB—President, Irene McMahon; Secretary, Joan Donoghue; Treasurer, Maureen Canney.

SODALITY—Prefect, Ann Lally; Vice-Prefect, Marjorie Connors; Secretary, Betty Liotti; Treasurer, Gloria Palisano.

ART CLUB—President, Sue Moore; Vice-President, Mary Joan Hassett; Secretary, Gwen Weiss; Treasurer, Doreen McCormick.

SCIENCE CLUB—President, Margie DesJardins; Vice-President, Dorothy Shepherd; Secretary, Betty Liotti; Treasurer, Florence Gorski. The club held its installation dinner in Daemen Hall May 18th. After the dinner, there was a social with games for all. Louise Mamrod was chairman for the affair.

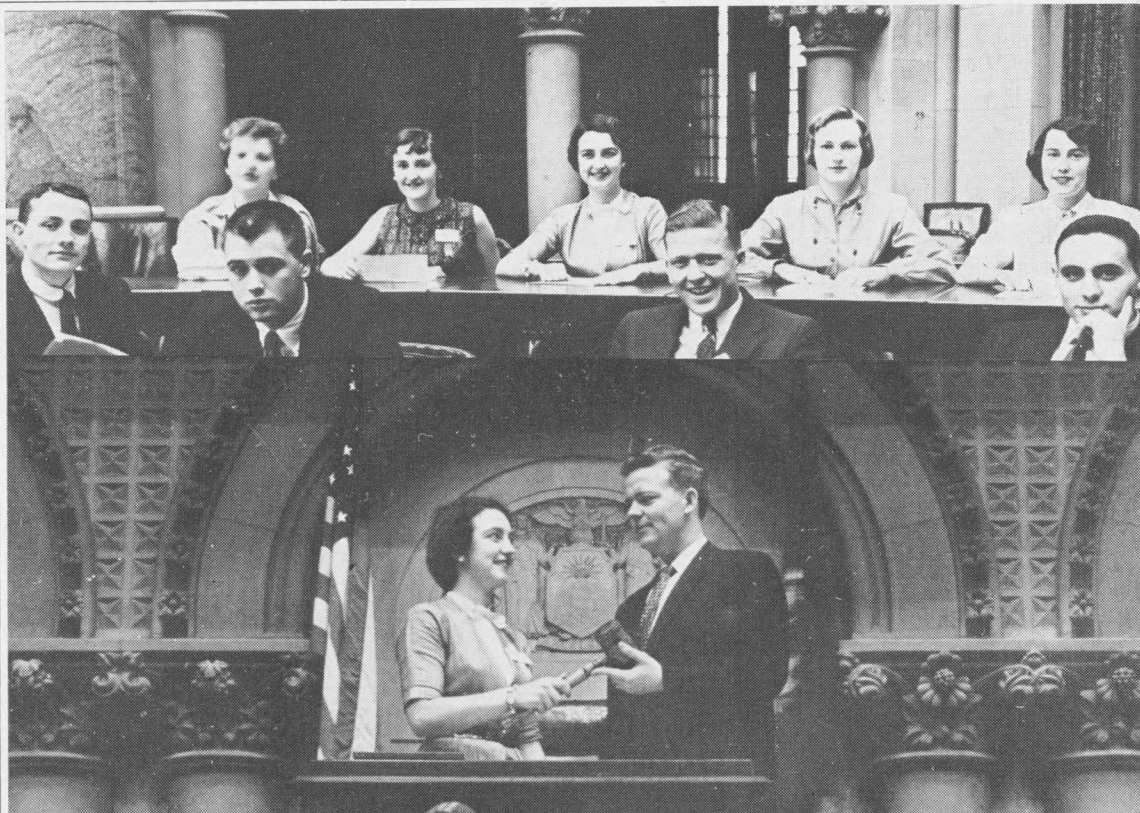
SPANISH CLUB—President, Mary Ellen Evans; Vice-President, Anajean Zurek; Secretary, Elaine Navagh; Treasurer, Jean Meier.

FRENCH CLUB—President, Marilyn Ackerman; Vice-President, Isabelle Mercer; Secretary, Mary Lynn Brydges, and Treasurer, Dorothy Gates.

Officers of the **THIRD ORDER** do not change every year. Remaining in office for next year are: Prefect, Mary Ann Kennedy; Vice-Prefect, Ernest Fudala of Buffalo State Teachers College; Secretary, Eileen Cuddihy; Treasurer, Claire Hasselbeck; Librarian, Irene McMahon; and Director of Novices, Loretta Fudala, a grammar school teacher in the Kenmore school system.

FORENSICS has selected as their officers: President, Delia McKenna; Vice-President, Joan Collins, and Secretary, Gerry Kraska.

Good luck to all for the coming year!



A JOB WELL DONE

Mary is Honored By Student Body

Perfect weather May 16 provided an ideal setting for the traditional RHC May Crowning on the campus.

To begin the day, students marched in academic procession to the library where Father O'Malley celebrated Mass in the Marian Library. His sermon appropriately was on the importance of having Mary as our model because of the strong influence of women in the world. He stressed the imitation of Mary's humility and self control.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed the Mass, then students had breakfast in Daemen Hall and the cafeteria.

Immediately after breakfast the procession around the circle began, with the students reciting the Rosary as they circled the statue of our Blessed Mother. Students carrying a rose chain preceded Sodality Prefect Marie Walter, who placed a crown of red roses upon Our Lady's head. During the crowning, hymns were sung by the assembled students and the ceremony was closed with an Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin.

The festive ceremonies which culminate the end of the school year lacked just one thing this time—the presence of the President of our College, Sister M. Angela. The students and faculty were sadly aware of her absence and sympathize with her on her recent illness.

Sister Angela is making progress at Mercy Hospital, it is reported. Our only hope is that Sister will be able to be with us at Commencement Exercises, June 3. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Sister.

Mock Senate Ruled by RH

Maureen Castine, one of five Rosary Hill delegates, was elected the first woman president of the Intercollegiate Mock Senate, May 5-8 in Albany. More than 70 "senators," representing 25 colleges throughout New York State, chose Maureen, a member of the majority party, over Thomas Kenney, minority party candidate from Fordham College.

Kathleen Hughes, also of Rosary Hill, served on the Procedures Committee, which supervised the activities of the Senate in the legislative chambers of the State Capitol.

Eileen Reagan, Mary Paul Kennedy, and Geraldine Kraska were senators, attending committee meetings to work on proposed bills, prior to the presentation of these bills on the Senate floor.

While Maureen brought great honor to Rosary Hill as the capable president of the Mock Senate, the other four delegates met with unusual success in promoting passage of the two bills sponsored by Rosary Hill.

The first bill set up controls for the issuance of operator's licenses to persons subject to epileptic seizures. The second bill amended the Penal Law to legalize bingo for fraternal, veteran, religious, and volunteer firemen's organizations. Richard F. Rebadow, coordinator of the City of Buffalo's Public Affairs Internship Program, assisted the Rosary Hill students in preparing the bills to take to the senate.

More than 60 other bills dealing with all phases of state legislation were introduced. A measure pro-

posing a bold approach to the problem of juvenile delinquency was passed, and discussions were held on rationing of Salk vaccine, and the abolition of capital punishment.

John Myers, Martin Rauch, Michael Collins, and Anthony Bisantz, all delegates from Canisius College, the only other school from Western New York represented at the Senate, evidenced wholehearted cooperation with the Rosary Hill delegation. Mr. Rauch, elected majority leader at a party caucus early the first day, executed his position, which was the highest on the Senate floor, with the tact and skill of a veteran politician. The outstanding spirit of Rosary Hill and Canisius illustrated their potential power as a working unit, and their ability to help each other in this very important phase of student government.

Congratulations

That dazzling glow that has surrounded the school in the past few weeks comes from two new diamond rings and the radiant faces of their owners. Best wishes to Pat Brechtel and to Cheryl Drennan! Pat will be married next October, and other graduates are also planning their weddings in the near future. Pat Colquhoun, Bernie De Maria, Pat Lo Bue, Joan Wheat and Carol Granville will all hear wedding bells right after the last strains of the graduation march have died away. We wish them all a long and happy married life.

SGA Climaxes Year with Dance

With June almost here and May's studious atmosphere fading nicely into the background, students are anticipating the final event of the season—the Annual Spring Dance, sponsored by the Student Government Association of Rosary Hill.

The dance this year will be semi-formal, in the Main Ballroom of the Markeen Hotel, Sunday, June 5, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be supplied by the orchestra of Eddie Diem.

Peggy Lenahan, past president of SGA and general chairman of the dance, promises a special surprise to climax the evening's festivities. She added that she hopes every student will attend, so the final undertaking of this year's student government will be a successful one.

Chaperones for the dance will be the parents of this year's SGA officers, with the parents of next year's officers invited to attend as special guests of the evening.

Other chairmen are Kay Hughes, co-chairman; Mary Lou Orlando, tickets; Marilyn Ackerman, programs; Sue Price, publicity and decorations; Dea McKenna, music; and Carol Hemberger, invitations.

Tickets for the dance may be obtained from this year's class vice-presidents.

Editorial . . .

There is a certain air of mystery about a Catholic College graduate. People, both Catholics and non-Catholics alike, expect a little bit more from one afforded this privilege. Doubtless, throughout our lives, theological and philosophical questions will be posed to us with a determination which suggests; "After all, you did attend Rosary Hill." Perhaps some of us have already experienced this, but the fact is that at sometime we will be up before the board, so to speak. It doesn't necessarily have to be a direct question, it very well can be a silent observation, unbeknown to us.

The important thing to remember is that this idea is not restricted exclusively to graduating Seniors. Most of us, will take positions for the summer which will bring us into contact with most every type of human nature. We will be on display not only as a college student or graduate but also as a Catholic youth. The example we set before our employers and fellow workers both business-wise and socially will be the impression they will pass on to others of a Catholic college student.

Because of this, we must always be on our good behavior. It is not an easy job. Human nature has the bad habit of, at times, misinterpreting, jumping to conclusions, or condemning the whole because of one particular. Some might even find themselves in the situation where a false conclusion has already been drawn. But, "never underestimate the power of a woman," and if we are conscious of our duty then we cannot help but win out over all obstacles. Then, we can be proud not only of our College and ourselves but also of the fact that we are an integral part of "Catholic Action." We can change the world!

'Ascent' Assents

Next year the *Ascent* will be under the capable direction of Mimi Bermingham. Mimi has served on the staff of the paper for two years. In her Freshman year, she worked as a reporter and for her excellent coverage of Moving Up Day—'54 earned herself a by-line. This year, she served as News Editor which, of course, constitutes being a jack-of-all-trades.

To aid her in the editing of the *Ascent*, next year, Mimi has appointed an able staff. Her Assistant Editor will be Mary Ann Kennedy, and Margery Kita will fill the Feature Editor position. The other appointments are Jean Mead, News Editor; Donna Pusateri, Business Manager; Joanne Coppola, Circulation Manager; and Kay Leitten, Photography Director.

The staff of this year wish Mimi all the luck in the world and their good wishes for a successful year.

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'COC' Initiates New Budget Plan

COC is now a definite fact on campus. It held its first meeting in preparation for the coming year on May 20. Fifteen organizations are members of the committee, represented by their respective presidents or commission chairmen. Mary Paul Kennedy, as senior delegate of NFCCS, heads the COC; Sue Price, as last year's senior delegate, is advisor; the Dean of Women will be the moderator. At this meeting, Gerry Kraska was elected secretary.

It was emphasized that COC has no power in itself and is without a constitution. Its function is to aid the clubs and organizations on campus and to help the SGA in coordinating and unifying these activities. The Catholic Action Commission will perform a great service in this respect. They will send a member to all club meetings and evaluate for the clubs what is being done at their meetings and how they could improve them.

An innovation in the distribution of money is being carried out by COC. There will be no more club dues. Each club is to prepare a budget of their needs and submit this budget to the COC, who will correct it and pass it on to the treasurer of SGA. The treasurer will make the final revisions and then allot the money to the club for the year. The money for this program comes out of the student activity fees. It will eliminate bake sales, dinners and other financial demands on the students. However, if the clubs should run an entertainment or other profit-making program, the money should be donated to an off-campus charity or returned to the SGA fund. On the latter point, there was a definite division of opinion, with some groups wanting to keep their own money from such an activity.

Club programs for the first semester must be submitted early to the COC next year. The time of meetings will be synchronized so that there will be no conflicts.

With this ambitious program, the COC prepares to enter into active duty on campus. If it succeeds in its aim, it will definitely be a service to extra-curricular activities.

RHC Artists Exhibit Work

After four years of preparation, the Senior art class of Rosary Hill displayed a number of choice works to the public, from May 22 through May 30.

The exhibit took place in the art rooms of Rosary Hill from 7 to 9 each evening, and was open to the students (excluding art examination hours) during the day.

The schedule included exhibitions by Nancy Beecher, Bernie De Maria, and Carol Granville from May 22 to 25, and by A. Elizabeth Zimmermann and Barbara Joyce from May 27 to 30.

Their works were submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Art.

The exhibition included oil paintings, such as landscapes, still life, portraits, and figures. The students also displayed samples from their various craft classes—ceramics, leather craft, weaving, photography, calligraphy, costume design, anatomy, production illustration, and stage design.

Officers Chosen By Student Body

Student Government Association elections were held on April 25. Maureen Castine replaces Peggy Lenahan as president of the organization. Maureen brings to the office the experience gained through three years as a council member; class president in her freshman year, S.G.A. representative in her sophomore year, and N.S.A. delegate in her junior year. Carol Ann Hemberger assumes the office of vice-president, succeeding Kay Hughes. Eileen Reagan is secretary and Joanne Joseph is treasurer for the coming year.

Heading the Rosary Hill chapter of N.F.C.C.S. as senior delegate is Mary Paul Kennedy, with Geraldine Kraska assisting her as junior delegate. Rosary Hill's N.S.A. delegation will be headed by Bette McLaughlin as senior delegate and Roberta Woods as junior delegate.

Individual classes have selected their officers for the coming year.

President of the Senior Class is Louise Mamrod. Marilyn Schwartz is vice-president; Roberta Striegel, secretary; and Vickie Pech, treasurer.

Incoming Juniors have elected Kathleen Kearns, president; Barbara Biondolillo, vice-president; Rosemary Kirchmeyer, secretary; and Sue Moore, treasurer.

Officers of the incoming Sophomore Class are Margery Kita, president; vice-president, Isabelle Mercer; secretary, Maureen Corcoran, and Jo Ellen Baldwin, treasurer.

Senior to Sing Lead in 'Carmen'

Every year the Eastman School of Music sponsors a summer program of "Opera Under the Stars" in connection with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and the city of Rochester. Singers from all over eastern United States audition for a spot in the program. This year, Pat Brechtel has won the lead for the summer session of "Carmen." She will sing the role on Aug. 10 and 13.

This honor is neither unexpected nor undeserved. Pat has a long record of honors and hard work behind her achievement. She is a member of the Chromatic Club. At the Fredonia State Teachers annual symposium she sang the mezzo-soprano lead in Verdi's "Requiem." She was a soloist with Squire Haskin in Bach's Christmas "Oratorio" and the "Messiah." As a freshman, she sang the part of the mother in "Hansel and Gretel." She was active in the Opera Workshop, and was a soloist with the Buffalo Philharmonic and Amherst Symphony orchestras. Two Christmases in a row, she sang the mother in "Amahl and the Night Visitors," by Gian-Carlo Menotti. In 1953, at the end of her sophomore year, she won the contralto section of the Voices of Tomorrow contest. With other past winners of this contest, she will be given a fifteen-minute radio program of her own on Sunday, July 3, at 5:30 p.m.

Rosary Hill showed how proud and appreciative they were of the honors that Pat has brought the school and the modest way in which she brings them by crowning her queen of Moving-Up Day last year. Never boastful, Pat has not rested on her laurels, and this new honor is a tribute to her fine talent and her perseverance.

Faculty Notes . . .

School continues throughout the summer for the faculty, who will teach or take refresher courses of different kinds for their vacation.

If **Sister Angela** is well enough, she will participate in a workshop in June at Catholic University.

Sister Theophane will attend the Institute of Sociology at St. Louis University in Missouri.

Sister Rachel will do research work in philosophy at St. Bonaventure University.

Sister Jeanne is teaching an art workshop at Catholic University and will take refresher courses at Ohio State University.

Sister Florentine will attend classes at Fordham University.

Sister Angelice will take refresher courses at Catholic University.

Assumption College in Massachusetts offers a course in French which **Sister Dionysia** will attend.

Sister Brendan will attend a Music Education Workshop at Catholic University, June 10-23. Sister will be busy teaching two courses in Music Education on campus this summer.

Sister Patrice, who received her B.A. here last year, is receiving a master's degree in library science from Rosary College. She will join the faculty of RHC next year as assistant librarian.

Mr. Masterson will work on his Ph.D. at Cornell.

Groups Select New Directors

Mrs. William Connelly has been chosen to succeed Mrs. Michael O'Donnell as president of the Daemen Mothers' Club for 1955-56. Mrs. Kenneth Leitten, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Sulecki, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Fred Bell, recording secretary and Mrs. William Fish, treasurer, were installed with Mrs. Connelly on May 17. Mrs. Joseph DeMaria was in charge of the ceremony at which Sister Georgia presided. An orchid corsage was pinned on the incoming president and blue and white carnation corsages on the other new officers by the Dean. She also presented Mrs. O'Donnell with a bust of the Madonna and the past year's officers with Madonna vases. Similar vases with blue and white flowers carried out the school colors at a punch party following the installation.

Mr. Louis Awald, new president of the Gonzaga Club, announced that other officers for next year will be Mr. William Connelly, vice-president; Dr. Robert Streigel, secretary, and Mr. Francis Kuebler, treasurer. The Fathers' Club plans to make an annual affair of the shrimp dinner held May 3.

Mrs. Joseph J. Herr replaces Miss Marguerite Manrique-de-Lara as president of the Rosary Hill College Guild. Others on the 1955-56 slate are: first vice-president, Mrs. Edward Eberl; second vice-president, Mrs. Harold Irr; corresponding secretary, Miss Ann Manrique-de-Lara; recording secretary, Mrs. Walter Archbold Jr., and treasurer, Miss Dorothy Suchan. They will be installed at a dinner in the Green Room of the Park Lane on June 14. Miss Marguerite Manrique-de-Lara is chairman, Mrs. Joseph Klein will be mistress of ceremonies and Mrs. Gerald Henry will conduct the installation.

Forty members of the Guild made the weekend retreat at the Mother of Mercy Retreat House on Delaware Ave., May 20-22. Mrs. Richard W heels was in charge of the event.



QUEEN MARY CLAIRE and "the Graduates."

Sun Shines on MUD On Friday the 13th

Tradition plays an important part in college life, and Moving-Up Day at Rosary Hill is one of the most highly anticipated events of the year. One girl is elected Queen to reign over the solemn and the gay. This year, the choice was Mary Claire Schwack, who was selected by the student body, which was mindful and aware of her active and generous participation in many school affairs. Mary Claire always has a friendly word and a smile of greeting for everyone. She has never claimed the first place honors that belong to her in the classrooms and in extra curricular activities, and she has always gone out of her way to speak to anyone who seemed shy or quiet. The tribute of her court for a day was proper reward for her constant loyalty to Rosary Hill.

Mass at nine o'clock was celebrated by Father O'Malley in the basement of the Marian Library, the first location on campus where the entire student body and faculty can gather together in comfort.

The most solemn ceremonies of the day came next, at the Convocation. Margaret M. Lenahan conducted her last business meeting as president of the Student Government Association and then began the rose ceremony. The class of '55 gave their gold roses, symbolizing the senior year, to the class of '56. They in turn handed rose roses of the juniors to the class of '57, who passed the pink roses of the sophomores to the class of '58. The white roses of the freshmen were presented to Sister Georgia, for her to give to the incoming class of '59. Concluding the ceremony, the seniors received their graduation gift from Sister Georgia, and the graduates, seniors, juniors, and sophomores took their new places in the assembly.

Installation of the officers for the coming year was preceded by the presentation of a jubilee gift to Sister Angela, in absentia, received by Sister Georgia. Peggy Lenahan publicly thanked Sisters Angela, Georgia and Stephana for their cooperation with the Student Council during the past year.

The entrance of Queen Mary Claire and her court of Bobby Streigel, Pat Ryan, Anne Lalley, Marilyn Ackerman, Barbara Biondolillo, Pat Ganey, Barbara Blake, Isabelle Mercer, Mary Rogers, Joanne Joseph and Pat Stanley cleared the air for a few minutes until Sister Georgia placed on Mary Claire's

head the crown of red roses.

Suddenly the scene changed, as all four classes rushed out to put the last minute touches on the floats and cars for the parade. Betsy Zimmermann ushered the graduates into their Academic gowns and pink and silver caps and onto the black and white float, proclaiming "Who's Superstitious?" Pam Neville organized her crew of leprechauns in their green woods, reminiscent of the time "When We Believed." Kay Leitten sent off another of her masterpieces, a giant black cat surrounded by a good luck horseshoe. "Superstitious?" asked the cat, who later appeared on television. Margie Kita stationed her witches and ghosts in "This Ol' Haunted House," while the climax of the parade was the flower-decked Queen's float, planned by Marge Dempsey. The sunny skies which had sparkled all day long belied the parade theme, inspired by the date, Friday the 13th, of "Superstitions Through the Ages," and faculty and students all cheered enthusiastically. As the exhausted girls dismantled the floats at the end of the day, school spirit was still very much in evidence as they exclaimed: "Wasn't it wonderful? But next year . . . !"

Visitors Shown RHC in Action

Sunday, May 15, will be long remembered by a number of high school seniors thinking of attending R.H.C. next year. These visitors were impressed with the planning and demonstration of the open house program.

The campus made a lasting impression on those I spoke to.

Everyone assembled in Daemen Hall and the guides spoke informally with the prospective RHC'ers. Then Sister Georgia gave an address of welcome to them. Sister emphasized the importance of a college education in the life of the modern woman.

There was some time remaining before the first model class demonstration was to start, so we took a tour of the "hidden beauty of the campus" which includes Fatima Lake, the athletic field, and the picturesque steps leading from the lake up to the terrace of Rosary Hall.

The bell rang and class sessions began. The Music department was our group's first stop. Here we listened to a portion of a Mass that the Juniors had written in their counterpoint harmony class. The prospective Music students then talked informally with Sister Joannette and Sister Brendan. The advanced Music students also told them some interesting facts about the Music department, its aims and achievements.

The English department was our next stop. Here Mr. Masterson told the group that the English department is primarily a composition class, but it realizes, as Sir Francis Bacon said "Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man and writing an exact man." Mr. Masterson admitted that writing is perhaps the most difficult. He stressed the fact that the English Course will help us to think and to dare to express our opinions in a sometimes hostile world. Everyone left the class impressed and looking forward to the course.

Along the way, we added a few visitors to our group. Among them was a girl interested in Medical Technology, so we sought out Sister Florentine, the Department instructor who was as anyone might guess, in the lab. Sister triumphantly showed some of her specimens, which proved very interesting to some of the group.

At this point, one girl inquired, "What is Sociology?" As the guides were unable to explain the nature of the course, we decided to go to the department and find out from Sister Theophane exactly what it was.

We hadn't seen the Art department yet, so we went to Rosary Hall where we also took a look at the library. While in the library we looked out the window and we watched some art students doing charcoal drawings. Someone remarked that some prospective students like art but have no talent. Mr. Tambellini, the Art instructor said that a willingness to work is more important than talent.

We went back to Rosary Hall and made a short visit to the Chapel.

All the classes were over then, and the Administration, Faculty, Students and prospective students met in Daemen Hall again for punch and cookies.

One group of R.H.'ers gathered in a corner to entertain. They began singing and before long the Alma Mater filled the air. Everyone stopped talking, stood and listened. What an appropriate ending for a perfect day.

Cornerstone Laid For New Library

Sunday, May 22, marked a momentous occasion on the Rosary Hill campus. The cornerstone of the new Marian Library was set in place during an impressive ceremony at which Bishop Joseph A. Burke officiated. Promptly at 3 o'clock, the entire student body assembled in academic dress to assist at the festivities. They presented an inspiring sight and made a beautiful background for the ceremony. Guests of the college included the Advisory Board, representatives of the city of Buffalo and parents and friends of the students. Delegates also attended from the area colleges and universities — Canisius, D'Youville, Niagara, St. Bonaventure and the University of Buffalo.

All those interested in the maintenance and progress of the college thrilled at the official opening of its newest and largest building. Rosary Hill has made a long stride towards its "timeless goal."

Seniors Feted . . .

Festivities celebrating the graduation of the class of '55 began May 16 with a tea for seniors and their mothers. Zari Manzella was chairman of the event.

Ann Connelly and Eileen Stager will be the co-chairmen of the annual Father-Daughter dinner at the Park Lane Restaurant May 31. Guest speaker for the affair will be the Rev. John B. O'Malley and the musical program will feature Mary Alice Walz, Patricia Brechtel and Carol Battaglia.

"The Canticle of the Sun," a traditional ceremony beginning with Mass at dawn, is scheduled for June 1 on campus. Following this the seniors will be guests of the junior class at a breakfast in Daemen Hall. Patricia Ryan is chairman of the breakfast.

Baccalaureate Mass will be in St. Benedict's Church on June 2. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Tobin will celebrate the Mass with Father O'Malley as deacon and the Rev. Stephen Gerencser as subdeacon. The college choir will sing the Mass under the direction of the Rev. Michael Palotai, S.P. The Rev. Albert Drexelius, O.P. chaplain of the Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, will give the sermon. The faculty will entertain the graduates at a luncheon in Daemen Hall after the Mass. This will be followed by a picnic at which the seniors will be guests of the freshman class. Sue Hartke will be

Students Suggest What Will Be Best

For the benefit of the new SGA officers the *Ascent* has polled a number of students for suggestions about possible improvements at RHC. These are a few:

1—Resurfacing of the tennis courts and repair of the boats. The sports facilities are limited, but we should make the most of those we have;

2—A beverage machine should be installed in Daemen for use during the hours when the cafeteria is closed. Or, as an alternative, the cafeteria might be kept open for beverages such as milk, coffee, tea and sodas before and after the lunch hour, with a self-service plan in effect.

3—Have you ever tried to make a phone call between class periods? The telephone should be enclosed in a booth or moved to a less congested area.

4—A new procedure might be established for future class dances. Because of the fact that our student body is small, dances produce little, if any, monetary returns. However, if the classes co-sponsored their dances the expenses would be split.

For example the Sophomores and Freshmen could join in staging the Thanksgiving dance; the Juniors and Seniors could co-sponsor the Christmas Ball. The S.G.A. could give a yearly Moving-Up Day dance.

5—Many feel that Field Day next Fall should be a sports party and picnic, but the competition between classes should be eliminated. However, it has been suggested that another local girls' school be invited to Field Day in the interests of better relations between the schools. What do you think?

chairman of the party to be held at Chestnut Ridge Park.

Climaxing the activities, the Most Rev. Joseph A. Burke, D.D. will confer the degrees at the fourth annual commencement of Rosary Hill College at 3 p.m. June 3 on the terrace of Rosary Hall.

The address to the graduates will be given by Charles J. Wick, vice-president of the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation.

Wanakah Country Club has been chosen as the site of the annual Senior Ball Saturday, June 4. Sister M. Angela is honorary chairman and Patricia Troy is general chairman.

The Alumnae Association will give a reception for the graduates on Sunday, June 5 from 3 to 5 p.m. Miss Ann Deck is chairman, assisted by Miss Patricia A. Mahoney, Miss Geraldine Drexelius and Miss Dolores Attea.



THE CAT THAT CROSSED OUR PATH! Sophomore float in M.U.D.

FROM THE

RIDICULOUS

Marge Kita

Careful! That's a ladder you're going under! Leprachauns, witches and a monstrous black cat occupied RHC's campus May 13. A gloomy setting didn't bother Mother Nature, however. Rosary Hill was blest with a bright, sunny Moving-Up Day. The sophomores made the television screen with their huge black cat with the engaging grin. Trouble started, however, when it came time to find a place big enough to hold him. Sophomores pushed and pulled, but the barn just wasn't big enough. Mimi Birmingham commented, "Don't ever make one of these—you can't do anything with it."

Zari Manzella was one of the observers on Moving-Up Day, instead of a participant, because she injured her ankle Thursday night when she fell off the Senoir float, serving "above and beyond the call of duty."

Up, up, and away! Over super-sonic waves, exceeding the speed of light and into the land called—Junior Prom. There's a poet by the name of Claire Hasselbeck who can tell you about it.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, peanuts, popcorn—no, not a baseball game, but something just as fun-packed. A picnic! The Sodality hot dog roast under the chairmanship of Joanne Palisano turned out to be a time of good fun and good food!

Our hats off to Maureen Castine for her selection as president of the Mock Senate! Next stop, we believe—the White House.

Rosary Hill was represented at the Military Ball given by Canisius College May 6. Freshman Maureen Corcoran was RHC's representative among the runners-up in the contest for queen.

"This is your life, Dea McKenna." Karen Nielsen revealed a few facts to prove Dea's the girl for you in the rally for SGA elections last April 21. One thing Karen forgot was that Ralph Edwards makes a practice of the keys to a new car. "Guisseppe" Brechtel tossed a salad for Barbara Biondolillo at the rally. Flour vied with chalk dust for honors in the classroom that day!

A remembrance of Moving-Up Day is traveling around RHC's campus. Joan Ford's car proudly bears in large blue letters "Rosary Hill—'58."

No, Joan Collins hasn't contracted leprosy! A few hours in the sun, red skin, blisters—but it all peeled off, much to the disgust of the ardent sun-worshipper. She immediately set out to remedy the situation, followed by a train of 13 new votaries, including yours truly. We're forming a new club on campus—the United Skin Savers and Blister Breakers, Inc.

Set the presses rolling. But wait! Aggie Cavanaugh still has her head under there. She's exploring again with the rest of the journalism class at the Buffalo Evening News. The only fly in the ointment was Mr. Higgin's refusal to conduct the tour

personally for the "ten most beautiful girls at Rosary Hill." Perhaps he had an idea of what might happen—two young ladies hypnotized a linotype operator into some extra-curricular activity. I blush—Jean Mead and myself have the two lines of type (our own names!) to show for it.

So farewell—no, au revoir, until next year. Don't be too "Ridiculous" during the summer—we want to see you all back again.

TO THE

SUBLIME ?

1—Rosary Hill

Graduation time . . . it is a mood to be felt and loved . . . it will lock itself in the deepest compartments of your hearts, and in years to come, at different moments for each of you, it will reawaken the June-freshness that this occasion imparts.

There is also a dusky, twilight atmosphere about this time of your life . . . it signifies an ending . . . a darkening . . . a leave-taking.

If we could encompass and describe with words the fullness and feeling in all of you now, we would indeed be poets. This is of all time, your own time . . . a part of your life when you and Rosary Hill are, in a sense, invisibly and fragily severing a bond.

Rosary Hill . . . a lovely name which brings to mind a part of the earth somehow separated from the rest, by a delicately encircling garland of Mary's own treasured thoughts.

Our own thoughts at this time are interwoven with the whole atmosphere of college life at Rosary Hill. Even for us, it is a gentle, reminiscent type of reflection that we experience at the closing of a year of college, and it must be very poignantly so for you.

Youth and June freshness are yours and Rosary Hill's also. You share the happy distinction of being young together. And you have been fortunate in your choice of young college . . . you have both "grown up," blessed with the loving care, the instruction and guidance of a faculty well versed in wisdom and the direction of youth. Your education is an acquisition that will be enjoyed, applied, and built-upon, for the rest of your lives . . . and the spirit of your college—a part of each of you now—that spirit will remain constant and vivifying, regardless of how large, traditional or even ancient the college eventually becomes. It is an active idea . . . "Doing the truth in charity."

Graduation . . . the golden last hours of a well-lived day . . . it is a twilight mood. Invite your imaginations to charm you . . . and beckon to you, leading you gently along a familiar walk, through the

Music Programs Culminate Year

Ruthetta Scott Smikle played the "Prelude and Fugue" No. IX from the "Well Tempered Clavier" by Bach, the "Sonata in E flat major" by Beethoven, "Reflects dans l'eau" and "Prelude" from "Pour le Piano Suite" by Debussy, and, with Squire Haskin, Mozart's "Piano Concerto in E flat major" at her recital on May 15. Ruthetta showed an excellent technique and genuine depth of feeling in her interpretations. It was the only recital of a graduating pianist this year.

On Mother's Day, May 8, the Glee Club presented their best concert to date, under the direction of Father Michael Palotai, S.P.

cherished paths of Rosary Hill's earth . . . evening is near—step softly!—remembering . . .

Autumn at college . . . when leaves in the wind are stirring, reflecting the hustle of your own newly-busy schedules . . . the trophy is yours, after four successive and energetic afternoons . . .

Autumn is crisp: black bright nights at school . . . the lamplights along the drive . . . a rush of activity . . . Halloween partying in Daemen . . . a frosty-pumpkin feeling in the air . . . for four autumns, you were here . . . another autumn, you will remember.

Winter and its whiteness . . . the chapel crib and you alone before it . . . the Christmas flurry, a glowing, good feeling . . . carols in classes . . . the tea just before the holidays begin: caroling around a piano . . . thoughts are warm, glowing . . . everyone is filled with the Christmas mood . . . and leaving school that afternoon, you feel, suddenly, almost lonely in spite of the gaily-voiced holiday wishes . . .

January announces itself at school with a snow white calling card . . . wildly waving scarves . . . sensible boots . . . woolly gloves grasping the locker tops . . . perfect snowflakes, flaunting themselves on your coatsleeves . . . as you rush from one building to another, they melt away, proclaiming their tiny span of existence on your arm . . . an icy magic land flourishes in the cold air, and the design of the campus is formed anew, out of Snow's blizzard handiwork . . . it is a photographer's dream . . . the air outside is blustery and cold, but it is warm inside Rosary Hall, and the library clock ticks away, while the snow falls silently . . . all afternoon . . . another winter, and you will remember.

Springtime . . . the dew-damp freshness of the campus, when leaves are new miracles . . . almost overnight, lush greenness surges up from the earth, into the trees, to capture and enrapture a campus . . . the commendable intent to study in spite of the weather . . . until one by one you succumb to the lure of that old Spring Fever,

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Vocation Project Started by Sophs

Friendly competition between the different sections of Buffalo prompted an ambitious project by the Sociology class. Kay Kearn's assertion that most vocations in the city come from South Buffalo put her in charge of a survey of different religious orders. The members of the class are sending forms to seminaries and motherhouses to find out the number of professed priests, nuns and brothers from Buffalo in the past 30 years. The results will be compared on a percentage basis in relation to the population of each section. The sociological statisticians expect the report to be completed by next fall.

a verdant vagabond, and so beguiling . . . you catch yourself dreaming, perhaps a little too often . . . classes outside on balmy afternoons . . . no doors, no desks, or windows; just a lilac bush as you enter, and amazing little flowers struggling for life, in the grass beneath your books . . . the colorful excitement of parades and floats . . . the last exultant taking-in of sights and sounds around the college, because it is nearing the end . . . and in another spring, you will remember. Dear Seniors, we will miss you. That is an unqualified admission, and a sincere sentiment. Please accept our deep wishes for future blessings, and cherished remembrances.

May the memories, lovely fragments of June-fresh days and shadowy eves, bring you joy throughout the rest of your lives . . . always.

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