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Oriental Garden Sets Scene For Tonight's Junior Dance

Rosary Hill is going Oriental! With lines from *Lute Song* still ringing in their ears, the juniors are now transforming the Launch Club into an enchantment-filled facsimile of an Oriental garden for tonight's Junior Prom.

Realistic ming trees, parasols and Japanese lanterns will set the mood, and Tone Carnavale and his orchestra will fill the lotus-blossomed air with music as almond-eyed Rosary Hill collegians dance their way along a stairway to the Orient from 9:00 p.m.—1:00 a.m. Even the ashtrays will sport tiny parasols and each couple will receive a souvenir favor, in keeping, of course, with the Oriental theme.

Tonight will climax a month of extensive planning by the chairman of the event, Mary Rogers, and her committees. The publicity committee was headed by Mary Ann Phillips and Doreen McCormick; decorations were planned by a committee co-chaired by Annette McCleary and Ruth Shields; and Donna Crotty and Betty Martin were in charge of ticket sales.

At midnight the queen of the prom will be chosen. Her name will be drawn from a container of tickets on which are written the names of all the juniors.

Tickets, \$3.60 a couple, will continue to be sold today at school and this evening at the door.

GOP Victorious In RHC Mock Election

The student body of RHC on October 25 voted their approval of a second term in office for Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon—135 to 62.

The Mock Election was the climax of weeks of campaign activity by the election committee, led by Dea McKenna. This committee, with Martha Resch as head of the GOP campaign and Celine Cooley as the Democrat Party chairman, sought to instill in the minds of the students the necessity of taking an active interest in the politics of our country, and the freedom under which elections should be held.

The student body heard speeches by Jo Ann Fish and Carol Kobza for the Democrats and by Kathleen Patterson, Caroline Ernst, Camille Aversano, Mary Lou Mulhern, Barbara Hubbard and Jo Ann Werner for the Republicans.

Fellowship Committee Formed by Faculty

A Faculty Committee for Fellowships and Scholarships has recently been formed at Rosary Hill. The purpose of this committee is to assist interested students in obtaining information on fellowships, scholarships and other aids for graduate studies.

Chairman of the committee is Mr. Wilbert Eger. He is assisted by Sister M. Anglice, O.S.F., Sister M. Justa, O.S.F., Mr. John Masterson, Mr. James Kuo, Mr. Charles Barresi and Miss Wanda Lewis. Students interested in attending a Graduate School are asked to contact the chairman of their concentration.

The Ascent, on behalf of the faculty and student body of Rosary Hill, extends deepest condolences to our President Sister M. Angela, on the death of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Canavan. God grant her eternal rest.

RHC Chairs Art Panel At Regional Congress

The National Regional Congress of N.F.C.C.S. was held October 19-21 on the campus of Niagara University. The theme throughout the Congress was "Catholics, Careers, and the Dangerous Years." Mary Paul Kennedy did an outstanding job as chairman of the art panel at which Miss Crimilda Pontes was guest speaker.

The keynote speaker at the Congress was Miss Linda Clark who spoke on "How Catholic Students can do their part to carry out the work of the Christophers." Throughout Saturday, panels were given in which twelve fields were represented. The group leaders discussed vital issues pertinent to their respective fields.

The annual Congress Banquet was held Saturday. The Bishop Duffy Award for outstanding work with Catholic youth was presented to Miss Elizabeth Boland, who has been an active leader in the field of Catholic youth for thirty years.

The Congress was concluded by guest speaker Mr. Diarmuid O'Scannlain of St. John's University, President of the National N.F.C.C.S.

Representing Rosary Hill were Helen Pacini, Judy Clark, Elaine Navagh, Dea McKenna, Joan Kelly, Mary Lou Mulhern, Barbara Piteo, Isabel Mercer, Eileen Reagan, Joanne Palisano, Betty Martin, Thelma Farley, Arlene Rollek, Marcia Jankowski, Judy Walker, Pat Stanton, Arlene O'Grady, Mary Rita Hafner, Sue Moore, Evie Cappellini, and Martha Resch.

RHC Vocal Ensemble Presents Renditions

A vocal ensemble of twelve girls from the music department will render selections at the New York State School Association Convention in Syracuse on November 29, 30 and December 1. The selections will include "Enchanting Song" by Bela Bartok, "When Thou Sigh'st" by Conrad Magnus, and "Leave Off Sad Philomel" by John Hilton.

Jane Averill and Mary Lynn Brydges, delegates, will represent Rosary Hill. Sylvia Glenski, executive for the association, will also attend the convention.

National Catholic Honor Society Now Has Chapter at Rosary Hill

Closely following its accreditation by the Middle States Association, Rosary Hill reached another milestone October 15 with the establishment on its campus of the Gamma Epsilon chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma, the National Catholic Honor Society.



Our Choice—"Kay"

Kathleen Kearns Chosen as RHC's CY Candidate

This year an outstanding youth will be chosen from among the several million Catholic youths competing for the distinction of "Outstanding Catholic Youth of the Year 1956."

"At a time when such a great stress is placed on juvenile delinquency it is satisfying to acknowledge a person who has accomplished a great deal in furthering the betterment of herself and her country." These were the sentiments of Gov. Averell Harriman and the Honorable Irving M. Ives when Miss Linda Clark of the College of St. Rose, Albany, N. Y. last year was awarded this distinction as the outstanding youth of 1955.

Rosary Hill is sending as its choice for the Ideal Catholic Youth, Kathleen Kearns.

Kay has been chosen to represent Rosary Hill for her active participation in various youth groups in the diocese. At present she is co-chairman of the Diocesan Athletic Committee and is in charge of women officials for girls' athletic events.

Kay has held parish C.Y.C. offices from 1951 to 1954 and presently serves as parliamentarian and a member of the senior council.

She has attended three diocesan conventions, and served on the resolutions committee for the 1956 convention, at which she received the "Eagle of the Cross" award. In 1955 she at-

Founded in 1939 to recognize and encourage scholarship among graduates of Catholic liberal arts colleges and universities, Delta Epsilon Sigma is a Catholic parallel of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

To become a member, a college must be regionally accredited, a member of the College and University Department of the N.C.E.A. and grant the bachelor degree in arts.

President of the Rosary Hill chapter is Sister M. Georgia, O.S.F., secretary-treasurer is Mr. John T. Masterson and Sister M. Florentine is faculty advisor.

The first Rosary Hill students inducted into the Honor Society were of the class of 1956. They were Marilyn Schwartz, Louise Mamrod, Patricia Ryan, Marjorie Des Jardins and Marilyn Campbell.

Rosary Hill was presented with its charter by the national president of Delta Epsilon Sigma, Thomas A. Garrett, of St. Michael's College in Vermont.

Present at the induction meeting were members of the society's Alpha Zeta chapter at Niagara University. An invitation to attend the ceremony was extended to members of the dean's list of Rosary Hill.

In order to be eligible for Delta Epsilon Sigma membership, a Rosary Hill student must be in her senior year, have a B average for her first seven semesters and be in the upper ten per cent of her class. Sister Georgia has announced that induction will take place annually in February.

tended the National C.Y.C. Convention in St. Louis.

Kay has participated in various diocesan athletic events. Two years ago she was semifinalist in the Religious Quiz Contest.

She has participated in Leadership Training Courses and has received a youth Leadership Commission.

At Rosary Hill, Kay was president of her junior class, chairman of the sophomore-senior picnic in her sophomore year, president of the Spanish Club, and this year is serving as vice-president of the Student Council.

We, as your representatives, see this basic need for increased awareness of the spiritual opportunities on campus. This awareness of the problem is the first step. Further progress can only be individual.

Invocation to Saints Sets Hallow Spirit For Sodality Party

The real spirit of Hallowe'en was integrated into the Sodality's annual party October 31, as Anajean Zurek, Sodality Prefect, led a prayer asking the blessings of all the saints.

A statue of the Blessed Virgin, surrounded with flowers, occupied a place of honor in the center of the room.

As for spooks, Rosary Hillians haunted the social room in a variety of guises. The prize for most original costume was awarded to Evie Cappellini and Sue Moore for their impersonation of a clothesline. The award for the funniest went to Marcia Meyer, a roly-poly hobo.

The class skits started off with a campaign speech by "Miss Ima Chatterbox," Martha Buchheit.

Sylvia Fleissner began the junior entertainment with a parody to the song, "The Poor Philosopher," and advised her classmates to "never give up . . . the ship."

Yvonne Dennis and the sophomores dimmed the lights to tell the story of the little witch who wanted to become an ordinary girl. "Winnie the Witch" was played by Joan Kelly.

The freshmen, presented an "authentic Chinese" commercial for Lute Song, did a miniature play of their own.

New Instruments Aid to Chemists

The chemistry department has acquired new instruments which are great time savers for laboratory experiments.

Among these are a cork boring machine, a melting point apparatus and a Soxhlet extractor.

This year marks the largest freshman registration in the science field. The complete total is thirty-two. Due to this number in the concentration, the group had to be divided into two separate sections.

Celebrated Boy's Town Choir Featured Artists at Kleinhans

Father Flanagan's Boy's Town Choir from Nebraska will be featured at the annual Daemen Mother's Club concert, this Sunday, November 23 at Kleinhans Music Hall. Chairman of the event is Mrs. James Burke, assisted by Mrs. William Fish, co-chairman.

The Choir will offer a varied selection of hymns and songs. A dance at the end of the concert will take place in the Mary Seaton Ballroom.

A cordial invitation is extended to all mothers to attend the Christmas party which will take place on December 11 during which time the Rosary Hill Glee Club will entertain.

Mrs. Kenneth B. Leitten is honorary chairman and Mrs. William H. Formhals, chairman. Mrs. Albert P. Salter, Mrs. Edward J. Brechtel and Mrs. William M. Connelly are co-chairmen.

Activities Underway In RHC Sport Club

The Sport Club activities for the coming year are in full swing.

On October 1 "The Holy Rollers" were tops in bowling, which took place at Canisius High School. "Lucky Strikes" were second and "Tip Top Ten Pins" were third.

Carol Wagner was high bowler with an average of 347 for three games and Betty Liotti copped the honors for low bowler with an average of 93 for the same number of games.

Archery equipment in the receptionist's office in Daemen Hall is available for use at any time.

A splash party will be held November 16 from 7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. at Amherst Junior High School pool.

All announcements concerning the various activities will be posted on the bulletin board in Daemen Hall.

Congratulations and best wishes to three RHer's; Mimi Bermingham, Celine Cooley, and Shirley Andol on their engagements.

"Minds are like parachutes. They won't function unless open."

"Some people drive as if they're going to be late for their own accident."

RHC Partakes In Annual CYW

Participating in Catholic Youth Week Rosary Hill students recited a Missa Recitata, on All Souls Day, November 2.

Held during the week of October 28 to November 28, the C.Y.W. Convention was the fifth such annual convention to take place. Catholic Youth Week originated in 1951 under the direction of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Schieder.

Seven million Catholic youth participated throughout the country. The N.F.C.C.S. from Rosary Hill had a part in the exhibit at the Erie County Savings Bank, which was displayed under the direction of Miss Crimilda Pontes.

Intercollegiate Club Plans Joint Mixers

The Intercollegiate Affairs Committee this year is planning mixers with four area colleges: St. Bonaventure, Canisius, Niagara, and the Newman Club of the University of Buffalo.

Polly Perez and her committee have planned extensive and thorough programs for the coming year. These will include a plan by which tickets will be sold on R.H.C.'s campus for plays given by area colleges and other intercollegiate functions for which buses will be chartered.

Through these services, the committee hopes to promote enthusiasm at Rosary Hill for events on other campuses and thus foster better relations between neighboring colleges.

The Ascent regrets the omission in last month's issue of the name of Miss Ruth Hill, music instructor. Miss Hill's name was not listed with the new faculty members.



Rosary Hill players on stage with two scenes from lauded "Lute Song."

RH Heads Suez Panel At Canisius College

Following the highly applauded European travelogue given by Joanne Palisano, the I.R.C. invited the student body to attend a panel discussion and film on the pertinent world issue, "The Suez Canal Crisis." This discussion prepared the Rosary Hill students to participate actively in the I.R.C. Regional Workshop held at Canisius College, Sunday, November 11 in which nine regional colleges participated. Among other Rosary Hill speakers, Martha Resch chaired a panel on the "Social Aspects of the Suez Situation."

On November 27 Rosary Hill will act as host for a tri-college meeting and social attended by D'Youville and Canisius. A prominent professor from the University of Buffalo will speak on the tense subject, "The Present Situation in Germany and Eastern Europe."

The future plans of I.R.C. include joint meetings on an intercollegiate level, panels, student discussions, and a program of well-known guest speakers which will help to alert the student body to world problems.

"The only person we know who makes a success in running other people down is the elevator boy."

Lute Song Staged By RHC Thespians

Rosary Hill students were treated to a different type of drama November 13-14, as they crowded Sacred Heart Academy auditorium to see Joseph J. Herman's production of "Lute Song."

A traditional and time-proven Chinese play, "Lute Song" was produced in the old Chinese method. Scenery and props were simple, and property changes were made directly on the stage. Costumes for the principal characters were extravagant and colorful.

The play told the story of a young Chinese scholar who left his wife and family to study in another part of the country and was forced into marriage with a princess. The play showed how he worked his way out of this complicated triangle and returned in the end to his faithful wife.

Dea McKenna played the young man's wife and Mary Joan Hassett the Princess Nieou-Chi. Both did an excellent job of character interpretation. Betsy Ahrens was cast as the mother, giving an outstanding performance in her first Rosary Hill performance. Chuck Borzilleri took the male lead, Tsai Yong, and Fred Conoscenti played Prince Nieou. Both turned in exceptionally fine performances.

Joseph J. Herman produced and directed the play, Joan Stangle was assistant director, and Sue Formahls stage manager. Lighting was arranged by Barbara Biondolillo and scenery was designed by Miss Crimilda Pontes and Mr. James Kuo.

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By DEA McKENNA

Greetings from the column of fabricated fables! (Kindly excuse omission of usually clever introduction.)



Mountains:

ATTENTION RHC'ers!

We're expecting big things of the newly formed Molecule Club on campus. It's the talk of all local and non-local colleges, nursery schools and psychology panels. The entire nucleii disgraces

(whoops!) graces our lovely campus: Judy Clark, Joan Donoghue, Joan Collins and Izzy Mercer. (Meetings in library phone booth.) The purpose of this atom-smashing organization is to discuss great literary works, i.e., "Hamlet," "Canisius Student Directory," "Utopia," "Hill-arities," etc.

The Isotope division is a favorite branch of the Molecules. Its members hail from Bona, Canisius, John Fischer, Manhattan and Niagara. ('Nuff said?) N.B. Any other interested pseudo-intellectuals kindly contact Miss Judy Clark, nucleus of the nucleii.

During rehearsals for "Lute Song," Mr. Herman thoroughly confused Chuck Borzilleri and Fred Conoscenti, male leads, by "dying" in the second scene, being buried in the fourth, and coming back from the dead in the fifth to direct the rest of the play. (That's our Mr. Herman!)

Molehills:

Speaking of the Hallowe'en party . . . we thought Evie Cappellini and Sue Moore were the prettiest clothesline poles we've ever seen.



Sign on English room bulletin board:

"Think or Thwim"

There was a project in junior philosophy to analyze a chapter from St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologica* and to prove why truth resides only in the intellect. Sylvia Fleissner's analysis was the following, "Truth resides in the intellect because St. Thomas said so and Aristotle agrees with him."—Profound?

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On the Level:

Congratulations . . . to the freshmen publicity staff of *Lute Song*.

. . . to Kay Kearns, chosen Outstanding Catholic Youth of Rosary Hill—1956.

. . . to the new freshmen class officers: president, Jean Arns; vice president, Patricia McCann; secretary, Estelle Palmer; and treasurer, Sheila Thompson.

. . . to Mary Manzella, our candidate for queen of the Queen City Basketball Tournament.

. . . to President Ike—RH's choice for president in recent Mock National Election.

Subversive:

. . . Sister Patrice contemplating buying Brooklyn Bridge with money collected from overdue books.

. . . Young Democrats planning to run Jo Ann Fish for next national presidential election.

. . . Joan Foley scaring loungers with a white mouse . . . 9:00 A.M. yet! (Gee, Joan, we're not all Mouseketeers.)

. . . POISON IVY IN THE IVY LEAGUE!! (down near the lake.)

. . . our sneaky senior art majors sneaking into "My Fair Lady" during intermission on a recent trip to N. Y. (We should be so lucky.)

(As the little bear said to the big bear—"My tail ith told.")

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Jr. Newman Club C.C.D. Commences

The C.C.D. of Rosary Hill with the combined efforts of Sister M. Justa, O.S.F., Rev. Patrick Woods, associate director of the diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, and Rev. Raymond Ash of U.B. Newman Club, has organized plans for establishing a Junior Newman Club at Amherst Central High School.

A preliminary meeting was held for the discussion leaders on the evening of October 29. Father Woods explained to students from Canisius College, Buffalo State Teachers College, the University of Buffalo and Rosary Hill, the method and approach for dynamic panels and discussion.

On November 4 the college students conducted the panels and led the discussion of their Amherst High School guests. The theme was the dating and popularity problems of the younger generation.

NF Campus Clubs Join in Workshop

Workshops were held on November 11, at Canisius College for members of N.F.C.C.S. campus clubs of Mariology, Missiology and International Relations.

Rosary Hill's participants in the workshop were: Judy Clark, Anajean Zurek. Estelle Palmer, Rosary Hill freshman, acted as buzz group chairman on the Marian Family Life panel. Martha Resch chaired a discussion on the Suez Canal dispute.

The N.F.C.C.S. regional council meeting took place on November 18, at Nazareth College. Attending the council were Joanne Palisano, Betty Martin, and Martha Resch.

Discount Service Sponsored by NSA

Colleges of the Western District of New York NSA met November 4 at Canisius College to discuss topics covering the student discount service and the NSA Regional Congress which will be held December 7-9 in Rochester.

As a result of the meeting, an innovation on RHC's campus will soon appear in the form of an NSA sponsored student discount service. This provides for lists of stores offering student discounts along with student discount cards which will be made available on campus.

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Guild Sponsors Rummage Sale

Mrs. Harold Irr, chairman, assisted by co-chairman Mrs. Stephen Horvath, members of the College Guild, will head the sponsoring of a rummage sale on Friday, November 16, at St. Nicholas Hall in Buffalo.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 11, which will be the annual Christmas party.

Administration Heads Attend Conferences

Sister M. Paula, O.S.F. and Sister M. Sarah, O.S.F., attended the New York State Association of Deans Conference at Rochester, November 1, 2, 3.

Sister M. Angela, O.S.F., will attend the meeting of the Middle States Association at Atlantic City and Sister M. Georgia, O.S.F., will be present at the Franciscan Educational Conference to be held in Joliet, Illinois.

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