

## R. H. C. FRESHMEN RECEIVE CAPS AND GOWNS

On Wednesday evening, October 8th, at 8:00 P. M. the members of the Freshman Class of Rosary Hill College were formally invested in academic dress in a candlelight ceremony held on the college campus.

The capping commenced with the blessing and presentation of the caps and gowns by Rev. John B. O'Malley, college chaplain. Following an address on the significance of deavor, Benediction was given.

The Freshmen, having donned their caps and gowns, received unlighted candles and proceeded to Rosary Hall. Here they were joined by the members of the Junior Class, each of whom lit her "little sister's" taper from her own.

The entire student body, carrying lighted candles formed an arc about the statue of the Virgin Mary and the college hymn was sung.

Following this, all marched in formal procession to Daemen Hall where the Freshmen were welcomed by faculty and undergraduates. Refreshments were served by members of the Junior Class.



### NEW FACES

Rev. Stephan Gerenczer, a member of the Piarist Order, was ordained in 1938 in Budapest, Hungary. He received his Ph.D. in 1937 and D.D. in 1938. Father, who has written a number of philosophical books, has also taught in Hungary, Rome, Spain and the United States. We feel honored and privileged to have him with us.

Sister Marion has been appointed chairman of the mathematics department. Sister comes to us from Charleston, West Virginia, where she acted as principal of the Charleston Catholic High School. As manager of the cafeteria, Sister is partly responsible for those delicious lunches.

Sister Cherubim and Sister Joannette have joined the history and music departments respectively. Sister Cherubim has been at Stella Niagara Normal School for the past six years and last June, Sister celebrated her golden jubilee. Congratulations to her from the student body.

Miss Heather Thorpe entered the Pendland School of Handicraft is Pendland, North Carolina, as a student. Later Miss Thorpe returned to the school as an instructor. She now has charge of the weaving shop at the Buffalo Museum of Science and is a member of two weaving guilds. Miss Thorpe is one of the pioneers in the teaching of weaving in the city.

Mr. William Devereaux has a busy schedule. He is an engineer at Bell Aircraft Corp. and is also instructing the Physics students at Rosary Hill. Mr. Devereaux formerly taught at Canisius College.



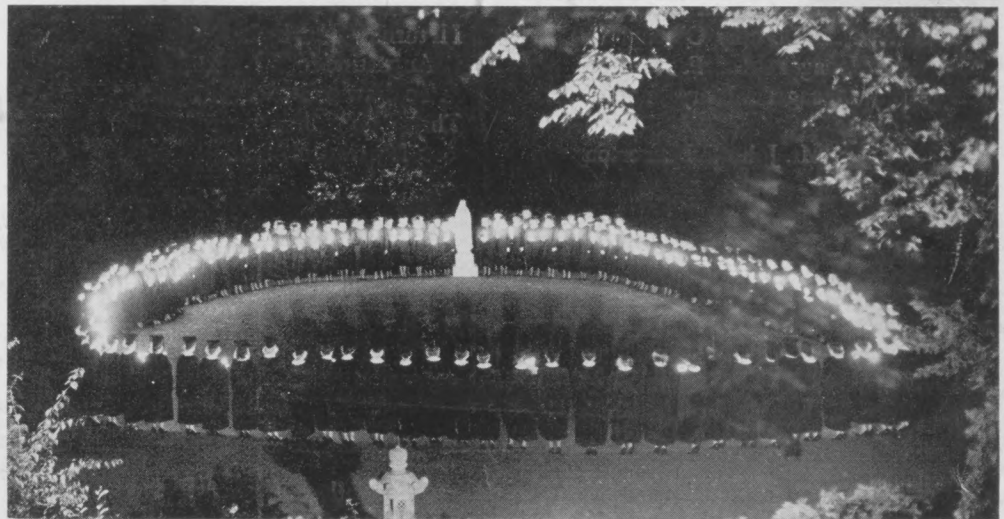
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CAPPING CEREMONY

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Miss Mary Ann Granville, a graduate of State Teachers' College, taught Home Economics for two years at Panama Central High School, Panama, New York, before joining the Rosary Hill faculty. Miss Granville is particularly interested in interior decoration; color scheme and color harmony pose an interesting challenge to her.

The members of the Freshmen Class are not the only "new faces" around the R.H.C. campus this fall. One toot on a strange "cow catcher" horn and a flash of yellow streaks in the drive. What? Why, Joan Turner in her Ford convertible. The vivacious Miss Turner who comes to us from Marygrove College in Detroit, is planning a journalism career. Her wit, keenness, and charming manner have already made her a welcome addition to the Junior Class.

Three more to join the ranks of the Class of '54 are Helen Evans, Elizabeth Brueckner, and Rae Ellen Coogan. Helen, who attended State Teachers' College for the past two years is majoring in music. Her future plans are directed toward a career in the field of education and we feel sure that Helen will be successful because of her willingness to cooperate in all activities and her friendly disposition.

The Home Economics department, too, has acquired a new student. Betty attended State Teachers' for two years and for one year was employed by the Singer Sewing Machine Company. We are all happy that Betty decided to return to school and that she chose R.H.C.

Rae intends to be a medical record librarian for which her previous secretarial training will be a great asset. Rae attended Villa Marie, in Erie, Pa., for her freshman and sophomore years.

The Sophomore Class now numbers forty-four since the arrival of Rosaria Manzella, Barbara Joyce, and Ruthetta Scott.

"Zari" who is majoring in science has already displayed her athletic ability on field day in a sensational Sophomore vs. Senior tennis match. Zari spent her Freshman year at St. Joseph's College in Emmetsburg, Maryland.

Barbara Joyce formerly intended to study nursing and spent her first year at Our Lady of Victory Hospital. Barb is now an art major.

Ruthetta Scott is very versatile. She not only plays the piano but also the violin, and organ, and, yes, she sings. Ruthetta is a resident of this city and spent her Freshman year at Fredonia State Teachers. Needless to say, Ruthetta's major will be music.

### CONVOCATION

We were privileged this year to have Monsignor Holbel as guest speaker at our Convocation. As a religious administrator in Buffalo for many years the Monsignor is well qualified to speak on education, its rewards and its potentialities. His speech, "Four and Forty," referring to the four years of College life and the possible forty after, was designed to show us that College education is not a passive process of intellectual osmosis, but rather a process of self-activity which places the responsibility for an education with each student. Monsignor Holbel also urged us to take an interest in community life after graduation and to work in the interest of Civic improvements. We thank him for his timely and interesting message and assure him that we will avail ourselves of all opportunities presented to us in College and that we will also strive to exert our influence for the betterment of society.

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## MY RESTLESS HEART

My restless heart has often fled  
To mundane things. And true as said  
It finds no peace. No, it must cry.  
For mundane things all surely die.  
Insatiate heart, how art thou fed?

Will fame or power ease the dread  
And fear of death, the Harpy's tread?  
Or wealth eradicate a sigh,  
My restless heart?

These things I've sought, but now instead  
I'll turn to God, by Him be led.  
Augustine found the strength to try  
To draw near God, and so may I.  
Then thou will eat Eternal Bread,  
My restless heart.

## CALENDAR

- Oct. 27 — Practice Teaching Begins  
31 — Sodality Hallowe'en Party —  
Daeman Hall
- Nov. 4 — Election Day
- Nov. 8 — Niagara-Rosary Hill-D'Youville  
NFCCS Dance  
10 — Students' Recital  
15 — Catholic Action Convention —  
Nazareth College  
21 — Practice Teaching Ends  
22 — O.S.P. Fashion Show  
27 — Sophomore Thanksgiving Dance  
at Daemen  
27 — Thanksgiving Vacation
- Dec. 8 — NFCCS Regional Convention  
15 — Student Recital  
18 — Dean's Tea — Christmas  
Vacation Begins  
30 — Senior Christmas Ball
- Jan. 6 — Classes Resume  
8-13 — Presentation of "Midsummer's  
Night Dream" — Dramatic De-  
partment  
19 — Examinations Begin  
26 — Examinations End  
27 — Mid-semester Holiday

## R. H. C. SNOOP

If you were or are now of voting age, who would be your choice for the presidency in the coming election, and *why*?

**SENIOR:** Charlene Sparcino: My choice for presidency would be Adlai Stevenson; he has had training as a lawyer and has long been associated with politics. Those, among others, are very necessary qualifications for the president of the United States. I think the Democratic Party has made mistakes, but I believe they will quickly remedy these in the future and all those of the Republicans besides.

**JUNIOR:** Shirley Heslink: I have a definite preference concerning our presidential nominees. I believe Mr. Eisenhower possesses that clean, straightforward, American, point of view that is so difficult to find in our present political machine. Since he has no ties or entangling obligations in Washington, I think he can clean up the political corruption without any partiality or reticence.

**SOPHOMORE:** Lucille Biondolillo: I would most definitely vote for Dwight Eisenhower because I feel he is fully capable of carrying out the ideals of the Republican Party. I believe there is a definite need for a change in tactics. The true Democratic ideals are slowly disintegrating with the Democratic Party.

**FRESHMAN:** Patricia Pfuelb: I believe I would vote for Eisenhower because the Democrats have been in for too long a period. I think it is a mistake for any party to remain in control for so many years. Mr. Eisenhower's experiences in war would better equip him to solve the problems of the administration.



Ours is indeed a credulous world, a world of thoughtless marionettes who blithely dance as the so-called (and often self-styled) "experts" pull the strings. We gullibly believe the news commentator who claims to be right 101 percent of the time; we read distorted and often completely erroneous stories of political exposes, economic upheavels and religious persecutions without any effort to discern the true facts of the case. In short, we have let "that God-like reason fust in us unused."

We have become intellectually passive puppets blindly following any pied piper who, for fair means or foul, plays an appealing tune. We are easily beguiled by flowery phrases and emotionalism, by wit and sensationalism, by fame and prestige. Thus we fall prey to those who delight in subjugating man's intellectual capabilities.

We must overcome this lackadaisical tendency to let others think for us. We must learn to read between the lines; we must hear more than the superficial phraseology of a speaker. If we unshackle ourselves from this naive credulity we will surely enjoy the feeling of one who has, even in some small way, helped to maintain the essence of human integrity — truth.

## How Many Toes Do You Have?

The three-toed sloth is an interesting animal. He likes to hang on trees. He doesn't do much of anything, and the people who know tell us that he's not very interested in what's going on around him. He just hangs there.

Now, no one would ever compare a college student to a three-toed sloth. But haven't you ever met any people who go to college, and then become just as apathetic as this little animal?

They seem to view all extra-curricular activities with horror. They know nothing about their student government — what it does or who its officers are. They shun the organizations on their campus as if the members had some form of the Black Plague.

If they don't like the way something is being done, they might, in a burst of enthusiasm, mutter to themselves about it. But they would never think of finding out why it's being done that way, and possibly attempt to change it.

They never read their school paper, so articles like this don't bother them a bit. They just hang there for four years, and then, after graduation, they say, "You know, our college never gave us a chance to *do* anything!"

## N.F.C.C.S.

In the coming months there are going to be many events sponsored by the various commissions of the NFCCS that will be of special interest to the student body.

During October, Family Life is sponsoring the Family Rosary, Enthronement of the Sacred Heart and family Holy Communion.

A Catholic Action Workshop will be conducted at Nazareth College, November 8 through 15. Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Rosemary Attea.

D'Youville College and Rosary Hill are cooperating in sponsoring a Fashion Show and Tea under the auspices of the Over Seas Program. It will be held at J. N. Adam's on November 22. The hostesses will be Theckla Bittar and Jerry Sherman. Models from Rosary Hill include Jerry Drexilius, Norma Babcock, Carol Battaglia, Jean Peters, Rosemary Gimbrone, Mary Ann Bell, Sally Van-Riper and Theresa Forest.

One of the feature attractions for the month of November will be an NFCCS dance jointly sponsored by Rosary Hill and D'Youville Colleges and held at the Niagara University Student Center. Everyone is invited to attend.



## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

### Musically Speaking

The students of the Music Department will be heard in a series of monthly concerts, beginning in November. There is much talent among these Freshmen students, so we urge you to attend the recitals and enjoy the performances. This year, the Department has added courses in sacred music and Church Liturgy as used in the Mass. Classes in Gregorian chant and Chironomy, open to the public, are held every Saturday.

### Art News

Miss Thorpe has several very interesting items on exhibition in the art studio in Rosary Hall. Many of the articles have been made by Miss Thorpe, and others are items that she has collected. Stems of plants, grass, bamboo and many other interesting materials form the basis for much of her work. One of the most outstanding examples of weaving is a set of colorful plaid place mats and napkins.

The Happy Acres Studio of Loveland, Ohio, a well-known weaving center, has sent Rosary Hill several woven liturgical articles which may also be viewed in the studio.

### THE DRAMATIC DEPARTMENT

*Midsummer-Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare will be the first production of the Dramatic Department for the new season. The play is tentatively scheduled to be presented for the week of January 8-13, and will be staged in Daemen Hall on the college campus. The play has eleven male roles and ten female roles. Anyone who knows any men who would be interested in acting in the play is urged to contact Mr. Joseph Herman, head of the Dramatic Department.

In the Radio and Television Techniques Workshop plans are under way to present simulated radio broadcasts for the student body. An original one-act play will also be presented in the second semester.

### The Secretarial Studies Department

Much progress has been made by The Department of Secretarial Studies of Rosary Hill which now includes several new courses. This year, for the first time, the college is offering Accounting and Secretarial Practice.

The Accounting Department, indispensable to one planning a commercial career, involves the study of business records. Many of the students concentrating in Mathematics are finding the classes especially interesting and challenging.

Secretarial Practice is comprehensive treatment of the secretarial duties that are performed in the modern business office. It is designed to round out the student's knowledge of modern office technique.

In addition, all basic business courses such as typing, shorthand, and economics are being offered.

## SCIENCE NEWS

Recent students and visitors in the science department, have observed new equipment and supplies in both biology and chemistry laboratories. The most noticeable addition is the new chemistry lab table, a necessity now that twenty freshmen have enrolled in the general chemistry course, and eleven other students in the organic chemistry class. Moreover, qualitative analysis is being taught for the first time at Rosary Hill.

Ten new microscopes have been ordered for our biologists, and *Squalus acanthus* — the dogfish shark — and *nectus* skeletons are ready for the class in comparative anatomy. A hand centrifuge is included in the new biology equipment.

These increased facilities in the science department are a direct tribute to increased student interest in Science in general and in the Rosary Hill's science department in particular.

### WHAT'S IN YOUR FUTURE?

Gazing into the crystal ball of the future with a job in mind, what do you see? Jobs, jobs, and more jobs — all under one heading: Civil Service. Yes, one of the biggest enterprises in New York State is state government. The New York State Civil Service offers unusual opportunities for worth-while careers in a variety of fields. From bank examiner to tree surgeon, there's a place for you, and here's how you go about getting it.

First, you learn about an examination from your newspaper or radio, your library or post office, or one of the offices of the State Department of Civil Service. If you are interested, the Department will supply you with an application blank. Then, if you think you can meet the qualifications, you file your application with the Civil Service Department. After your application is accepted you take the examination at a center near your home. If you pass the examination your name appears on an eligible list and you are ready for appointment. Once appointed, you serve a probationary period during which your performance on the job is closely observed. Your appointment is made permanent if you are found satisfactory during this trial period. When you take your place in the career civil service of New York State you are expected to give loyal and devoted service to the people of New York, whom you serve.

In return, you receive certain advantages — namely, opportunities for promotion, good salaries that range from \$2,140 to \$14,525 yearly, job security, retirement income, and vacation and sick leave benefits. After investigating this field it is little wonder that we find so many college students interested in this line of work.

## Top O' The Hill

Top O' The Hill . . . peering over we saw several returning in various shades of tan, mahogany, and burnt skin . . . quite a few upper classmen scored pretty well in the game of solitaire . . . it's still pinochle and hearts in the lounge, though. Ideas: gas masks for the lounge . . . score sheets for the card players . . . and larger cards for the kibitzers so they won't strain their eyes. At the bottom of the Hill . . . Freshmen and congenial Sophomores discuss the niceties of courtesy to upperclassmen during the month of October . . . Who made a large splash the day before Field while displaying her loyalty to school and class — namely '54. Half way up the Hill . . . Dolores Attea and Pat Mahoney "offer" water at five cents a glass, for the year book fund . . . and so we close with the remark that ends every day: Is it a Main or a Harlem? P.S. Even if you can't read, don't throw this Paper away; remember, T.V. has tremendous educational possibilities.

### AULD LANG SYNE

RING CASUALTIES: Sue Richard Williams is the proud mother of a four month old, sixteen pound, baby boy by the name of Dougie. Mimi Jenkins Fischer is working at the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory while her husband, Jimmy, is serving Uncle Sam. Sue Rose Gillen is residing at South Long Street, in Williamsville. Pat McCue Zimmerman's baby daughter, Mary Patricia, was born in July. Clare McCaulley McAuliffe sailed for Heidelberg, Germany, where she will join her husband and perhaps attend a German University. Carolyn Fischer became the bride of Dick Morgan in June. Barbara Barber plans to wed as soon as her fiancé, Broz Ryan, is released from service. Sue Miller and Don Leonard will honeymoon in Acapulco and visit the Mardi Gras after their wedding on February 8th.

Margaret Todd is a student at John Carroll University at Cleveland. Jewel Ott is studying voice at the "American Theatre Wing" in New York City. Toney Toomey is working at the New York Central Station and Maria San Pedro is employed at Hengerer's. Sue McNamara is studying to be a medical records librarian, at Mercy Hospital. Betty Haroney is a librarian and night school student at Canisius College.

GRADUATES: A great many of our June '52 graduates are employed as school marms. Mary Brade and Mary Grace Muffoletto are teaching at St. Benedict's; Evelyn Quinvilan and Carol Trautman at Christ the King. Joan Braven is at Alden School and Lucy Della Penta is teaching music at Big Tree School. Joan Leonard, Pat Perry, and Joyce Fink are working on a new system of art education for Catholic grammar school. Loretta Kogut is studying voice at Juilliard School of Music. Jean de Plato is a case worker for the Red Cross. Mary Lou Salisbury Fix, who was recently married, is studying under the well-known artist, Mr. Szabo. Eilene Lang was married to John Burke, Jr., the professional golfer, on October 8th, and is now living in Houston, Texas.

## N. S. A. NATIONAL CONGRESS

Over 550 delegates and visitors representing 300 member schools and 800,000 American students attended the Fifth National Student Congress of the United States National Student Association at Indiana University in August. The ten-day Congress is the annual meeting of the only national inter-collegiate student government in the United States that serves as the "voice" of American students.

Included in many important policy decisions of the Fifth National Congress were the following: Support was given to the current positions declared by the American Council on Education and the National Inter-Council on Athletics Association regarding the de-commercialization of intercollegiate athletes, and the Congress endorsed greater emphasis on minor sports; the Congress voted not to send a delegation to the "Unity Meeting" of the International Union of Students in Bucharest because of the discriminatory nature of invitations issued to other National Unions of Students and because of the continued partisan political activities of the IUS; it adopted a program of cooperation with the American Red Cross in stimulating campus blood donor drives; it approved an equitable and consistent program of selective service during the state of national emergency but opposed the establishment of a program of Universal Military Training.

The Congress elected the following officers to lead USNSA during the coming year: President—Richard J. Murphy (University of North Carolina); Vice-President for National Affairs—Leonard A. Wilcox (University of Michigan); Vice-President for International Affairs—Avrea Ingram (Harvard University); Vice-President for Student Affairs, Janet Welsh (Smith College); Vice-President for Student Government, Stephen Voykovich (Fordham College); Vice-President for Educational Affairs, Manfred Brust (University of Illinois). Miss Marion Andert and Mr. Thomas Callahan were reappointed Executive Secretary and Travel Director, respectively, for the coming year. The Congress authorized the moving of the national office from the University of Colorado to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### In Appreciation

The Student Body wishes to express its gratitude to the Administration for the excellent cafeteria service.

## Rx FOR "ENGAGEMENT-ITIS"



## SURE — FASHION

Candid: clearly young, clearly simple, unmistakable and unaffected—that's the '52 fashion look. Lady Fashion has produced new and interesting formulas for a diversified college (and after!) wardrobe.

Color is the cue to *all* of fashion!

A whole new range of bright and subtle colors—newly mixed and blended have arrived. Here are the colors and combinations to watch for:

... Golden Greens get Lady Fashion's "go" signal! Yellow casts a golden glow on every green it touches—from soft to subtle.

... Harvest Colors reap "A's" everywhere. The whole tawny crop of apricot to pumpkin to rich brown tones have new zest and tang.

... Royal Blue with Black is the coming alliance—serves as accessory notes, basically Black plus sharp jabs of vibrant Blue to accent and to blend.

... Camel Colors have given manufacturers a blond boom. Clothes for early, late, whenever, are featured in dull, bright, ash, or dark blond.

After color, comes fabrics—details!

The fabric often inspires the fashion. You'll find more than one new trend per costume highlighting the new look this season. These are the important fashion points:

... Moderate Middies make the most of your figure—are related to the navy only by distant ancestry—You'll see them in coats, suits, dresses, blouses!

... Soft Textures are the major trend in fabrics—found in everything from supple tweeds to fluid chiffons.

... Sweater Look is a new easy style of dressing. The sweater has always been the college girl's first-love and this year designers have turned the full force of their talents on it.

That's not all there is to it—there's a hat-box full of new fashions—ideas that help make the college girl the well-dressed girl.

### Simplicity

The winding road, the silent song, these must have end—

A twig, wind-kissed, can only bend,  
And torrents weaker hearts will rend.

Where shall I go—

A door is closed, but there awaits

Another passage, other gates,  
And love the heart anticipates.

How shall I grow—

A silent song must seek a hearer,

The winding road must bring us nearer

The heart holds soul-love now much  
dearer.

Then shall I know.

—PATRICIA BRECHTEL.

## The Ninth National Congress

From August 28 to September 3 Notre Dame University was host to the 1952 Ninth National Congress of the N.F.C.C.S. Seven hundred delegates from almost every state in the union spent seven activity-filled days discussing, planning, and acting on this year's N.F.C.C.S. program. Rosary Hill's delegation included Sister M. Theophane, campus moderator, Dolores Attea, Senior delegate and second vice-president of the Lake Erie region, Rosemary Attea, campus Catholic Action chairman, Camilla Bradford, campus Family Life chairman, and Kathleen Hughes, campus Press chairman.

The Congress gave the delegates an opportunity to hear and see the wonderful job being done by the N.F.C.C.S. at home and overseas. They also realized the great possibilities of the organization if more interest and cooperation could be obtained. The interest and cooperation of every student in every Catholic college is needed if N.F.C.C.S. is to be wholly successful.

## RECENT BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

- The Ahea Saga—Baldwin
- American Poetry and Prose—Foerester
- The American Pronouncing Dictionary—Colby
- Annual Report of the Education Department—New York State University
- Biography of an Idea—Bainbridge
- Child Growth & Development—Millard
- Chronica Botanica—F. Verdoorn
- A City on a Mountain—Parente
- Developmental Anatomy—L. Arey
- The Devil in the Desert—P. Horgan
- Early Embryology of the Chick—Patten
- Een Wandelaar in Amsterdam—d'Ailly
- Effective Public Relations—Cutlip
- Elements of the Differential—Granville
- Father Paul of Graymoor—D. Gannon
- Geschichte Der Deutschen—Alker
- The Glitter and the Gold—C. Balsan
- Government is Your Business—Keller
- A History of Biology—C. Singer
- Home Economics in Higher Education—Spafford
- Human Ecology—Quinn
- I Chose Justice—V. Kravchenko
- An Introduction to Victorian Architecture—H. Casson
- Jonathan Swift—Giant in Chains—F. Goodwin
- Journey to the Far Pacific—T. Dewey
- Leonardo da Vinci—Vallentin
- Matador—Conrad
- National Art Yearbook 1952—National Art Society
- Round the Bend—N. Shute
- The Social Message of Jesus—Giordani
- Sociology for a Democratic Society—Murray
- Synopsis of Proposals—Lanjouw
- Theology and Education—Donlan
- Thomas Lodge and Other Elizabethans—C. Sisson
- Winston Churchill—Taylor