

# THE ASCENT

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## Welcome Back to RHC!

### A Booming Summer Session

by Janet Susan Elmer

Dr. Edward McMahon, chairman of the Education Concentration, also acts as the Director of Summer Sessions and he can tell you that the 1975 Summer Sessions at R.H.C. were a resounding success. The first of the 2 Sessions this past summer lasted four weeks and the second session lasted for six weeks. During both sessions three different types of programs were being run. There were programs for children offered in art, theatre, and other fields, non-credit programs for freshmen who wished to be more prepared to enter college this fall, and the usual credit programs for college students.

Multiple courses were offered in most concentrations and departments. All the credit courses met with great success. Dr. McMahon said that

"although about the same number of students registered for the 1975 Summer Session they took more courses this year." The fact that more courses were taken lead to the great success that Summer Session encountered. The courses that encountered the most success were the ones related to medical records and physical therapy. Dr. McMahon ventured that "there probably were three basic causes for the raise in summer enrollment first, being the lack of summer employment this year which leads to the second, students accelerating so they can get out in the job market faster and third, of course, students who have to make up classes they have either failed or withdrawn from during the past year."

Another interesting fact about

this past summer session was that the college credit courses taken on an independent study basis were three times the amount ever taken during a summer session at Rosary Hill. Another first was a graduate course offered out of the University of Northern Colorado and given at Rosary Hill. It was a workshop course in humanistic education and it was the first graduate course ever to be held on the campus of R.H.C.

There were about 62 faculty and staff working during this past summer session, teaching, directing workshops and meeting independent study classes. They all tried to make the summer R.H.C. an enjoyable experience for all the summer students. Mr. Peter Siedlecki of the English concentration, held a folk concert

in Wick after his afternoon classes towards the end of the regular summer session and most of the students attended.

Dr. McMahon says that although he does run the entire summer session by himself, "I couldn't have done it alone. I had the help of four wonderful staff members Mrs. Gloria Shoemaker, Mrs. Nina Pecoraro, Mrs. Dolores Ganig, and last but certainly not least Miss Jean Dimick." Enough of the 1975 Summer Session however, planning for next years summer session begins in Oct. of this school year. Dr. McMahon will again be the director and he asks that any students who wish to request that any certain class be held next summer can start talking to him right now about those classes.

#### 'Freebies'

by Janet Frankel

Can you cook, sew, play guitar, or speak French? Would you be interested in sharing that skill with others? The Office of Student Life is attempting to initiate a program of workshops; informal class meetings held regularly in which a skill is taught.

Some suggested "Freebies" are exercise, sewing, French, embroidery, houseplant care, and horseback riding. If you are interested in joining a workshop listed, developing a new "Freebie," or have a thought to share about the program, please see Janet Frankel, Director of Student Life, in Wick. "Freebies" will be free (except for materials) and are open to the students, faculty, and staff of R.H.C.

#### Open House in Student Services

by Sister Maura

Who are we? Where are we? What do we do?

Because almost all of the offices that deal with student services have either changed personnel or location, an open house will be held in all student service offices on Tuesday Sept. 9, 1975 from 11:30 AM. to 2:00 PM.

The entire College Community is invited to stop for talk and refreshments in the following areas. Wick Center - Vice President and Student Life Office, Duns Scotus - 111-113 - Career Planning and Placement and the Counseling Office. Also in Duns Scotus - 234 & 228 - Campus Ministry and the Veterans Affairs Office, Duns Scotus 230.

#### Fall Weekend Scene



Sept. 11, 1975

8:00 PM. - Channel 5 Fall Weekend Special - in Wick Dining Room - Free Admission to R.H.C. students with I.D. - Beer Available.



Sept. 12, 1975

9:00 PM. - Coffee House - in Lourdes Lounge - Admission \$.50 - Wine & Cheese provided.



Sept. 13, 1975

9:00 PM. - Mixer - in Wick Dining Room - Admission Free to R.H.C. students with I.D. - others \$1.50 - Beer only \$.25.



Sept. 14, 1975

7:30 PM. - Movie ("The Sting" w/Robert Redford) - in Wick Social Room - Admission Free to R.H.C. Students with I.D. - others \$1.25.

# Ascent Editorial

Welcome Back is no longer necessary to say - it's being said enough by everyone else.

"The Ascent" is hoping for lots of new people and new ideas this coming year and so a welcome is being extended to everyone here at R.H.C. to let us know your ideas or to write them down yourself for "The Ascent."

If you don't want to write there will be a suggestion box for article suggestions at Wick Center starting the 9th of Sept. If you do want to write either come to our first meeting and become a staff member or contact Darryl Amato

or Janet Elmer. Our first meeting will be toward the beginning of Sept. and will be announced.

We are starting a system of columns this year. We hope to be publishing a column from each concentration, from the Academic Dean and from campus organizations such as the Fraternity and Student Associations. If there is any group at R.H.C. that we have not contacted about this idea please contact us before or at the first meeting.

Janet Susan Elmer - Co-Editor

# Free Concert/Mixer

Amherst Cable Vision will be sponsoring a concert and taping it on September 11th in the dining room at Wick Center. The concert will take on the form of a mixer and will be free to all Rosary Hill College students. Four different groups will be playing and beer will be available at some charge. The concert-mixer will begin at 8 p.m., Thursday, September 11th and last until about 1 or 2 o'clock.

The groups vary in size, type, and number. They are "Expression," "Axton-Cross," "Second Chants," and "Double Exposure." Expression, is a six-piece jazz and rock group formed in 1974. Its members are Jack Prybiski (flute), Tom Sorrento (bassist), Bikash Chatterjee (trombone and flute), Paul Siska (drums), Paul Ticco (keyboards and vocal), and Ken Weinzler (trumpet and flugelhorn). Axton-Cross, is a five-piece rock band. It is composed of a singer, Steve LeBlanc; two guitarists, Daye Fortuna and Larry Lopian; a drummer, Jason

Graff; and a bassist, Mike Pachraty. Axton-Cross has played in Canada at the Spirits, the Super Bar, and the Club Lakewood.

Second Chants, was formed in August of 1974. It now has five members in performance and one technician. The members are Ken Dewey, the lead singer; Glen Urquhart, the lead guitarist; Dave Marquart, back-up vocals and the bass guitar; Joe Freitus, rhythm guitarist; and Mike Lis, the drummer. The technician Tim Marquart has been with the group since its formation doing all the audio-visual work. Second Chants does mostly music of a popular and commercial style, focusing in on rock.

The last of the four groups, Double Exposure, consists of two members, both are full time teachers. They are Sid Krupkin and Bill Steel. They both sing and they both play amplified acoustic guitars. Where else can you get lots of space and lots of music for free, so why not come?

# ΦΒΓ News

by Larry Sams

On behalf of the fraternity I wish to first and foremost welcome the new incoming class at Rosary Hill College. As President of Phi Beta Gamma this year, I also wish to remind all new students and those in the student body who are not yet members of Phi Beta Gamma that we will be rushing and pledging during September. A column will be published from now on in every issue of the "Ascent" and the dates for pledging will be definitely established in one of the later columns.

We in the Fraternity feel that this is a very important year to us. In these times of financial crisis we feel it is our duty as a campus organization to try and provide the best and least expensive entertainment available. We are not funded as an organization by the college, however we have always managed to keep the admission prices to our mixers and other activities stable along with the price of beer at those functions. We hope to be able to maintain that same stability in the coming year and also to increase the number of functions we sponsor at Rosary Hill. This depends,

however, on your participation as a student body in our activities. The success of our endeavors to improve campus life depends on your involvement.

The quality of student life here at Rosary Hill is important to the fraternity. We are not a separate body and spend as much time at this campus as any other students do. We have always tried to co-operate with the other organizations on campus when it comes to the improvement of student life and we will continue this open, friendly, atmosphere into this coming school year.

One of our pet projects right now is an attempt to obtain a color T.V. set for the Rathskeller and to open it on Monday nights. The bar will also be open. This will enable the students to view the Monday night football games in color rather than on the old black and white set.

We'll keep you well informed of what we are doing through our articles in the Ascent and we hope you will participate in the activities we do sponsor this coming semester.

# Note From The Pres.

Welcome back! We have been busy all summer preparing for what is going to prove to be one of Rosary Hill's greatest years.

There have been a lot of changes (hopefully, all for the better) and I know some of them till take some getting used to. I am pleased with the revitalized spirit of the faculty and the administration and hope that this is contagious. Be serious in your studies, immerse yourself in your academics but don't forget to try and have a good time in the process.

Academic work, while difficult and challenging, should be one of the most pleasant experiences in your life. Cherish it!

Dr. Robert Marshall



# ΦΒΓ Elects New President

by Janet Susan Elmer

The 1975 fall semester has brought a new set of officers to the front in the gamma chapter of Phi Beta Gamma, here at Rosary Hill College. Larry Sams, is the new President of the fraternity, having taken the job over from the former President Russ Lupi last May. Larry has a great appreciation for student participation in the colleges' events and therefore can usually be found somewhere around campus at most times.

Larry started to attend R.H.C. in the spring of 1972 and will be entering his senior year this fall.

The fraternity means a lot to this new President, as you can tell by the way he looks when he talks about this coming year. You can hear the serious concern in his voice when he highlights what he would like the fraternity to become during his year as President. "I feel it's a challenge and it is something I have been working for ever since I became a member of the frat," says Larry. "I've

learned a lot from other peoples' mistakes and I think I can handle the job pretty well."

Excluding the day he became President, Larry feels that the thing he's like most while in the fraternity has been "to see all the guys working together at mixers or other activities the fraternity has sponsored." This year he's looking forward not only to the co-operation of his fraternity brothers; but also to co-operation from the general student body when it comes to participation in the fraternity sponsored events. Larry believes that student participation is the most important factor to the success of any organization, whether it be the fraternity or Rosary Hill itself.

"I think we've got the finest cabinet ever in all the fraternities' years of existence at Rosary Hill and I think it's important the fact that we have a young cabinet this year," Larry says. He feels that young blood in the fraternity will help get things moving this

coming semester. All the new officers have been active this summer and are enthused about the coming year and that is so that by the time school begins the fraternity can already be on the move.

The other new officers this year are Brian Wettlaufer, who now maintains the office of Vice President and Randy Gerlach the acting treasurer. Bob Martin will be filling the post of Secretary this year and Dennis Morely will be the Historian. Completing the list of officers will be Mike Ruiz, the Sergeant at Arms.



# Salute to Sloan Wilson

Sloan Wilson, the author of "The Man in the Grey Flannel Suit" and "A Summer Place", will be honored at a reception in Wick Center on September 10th. The "Salute to Sloan Wilson" is being sponsored by the Silver Circle of Rosary Hill College and the benefits from the evening will go to the Rosary Hill College Library.

The chairman of the evening is Mrs. Kurt Klein also an author and a close friend of Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson was born in 1920 in Norwalk, Connecticut. He re-

ceived his B.A. from Harvard University in 1942, and published the now classic "The Man in the Grey Flannel Suit" while teaching at the University of Buffalo. He has also worked for several newspapers as a reporter, and in 1969 published the book "Away From It All", based on the sea.

The reception at Wick Center will begin at 8 p.m. There will be refreshments, live music, and an art exhibit. The admission charge is \$2. So remember, that's September 10th at 8 p.m. in Wick Center.

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## R.H.C.'s Harness Racer

No, the Sociology and Social Work concentration here at Rosary Hill is not training their concentrations to be harness racers, but they must be doing something right. Virginia McKenzie Rich had never harness raced before she started training last spring to enter the Buffalo Raceway's first collegiate competition held last March. Virginia however, was the only one of the 1,128 applicants from 15 colleges in the area who continued on. On July 28th she went on to win the United States Championship held at Roosevelt Raceway in Long Island. On August 27th she will race at Greenwood Raceway, Toronto, in the World Collegiate Harness Racing Championship. By the time this paper comes out she may have already won the World Championship. In the race at Greenwood she will be up against riders from Canada, Sweden, Italy, Norway, Australia, West Germany, New Zealand, France and England.

When Virginia arrives in Toronto she along with each of the other riders will be individually greeted by a 100 piece band. She will spend about a week in

Toronto before the race training and attending the different festivities. Virginia is having a very exciting summer, but she will return back to Rosary Hill in the fall to enter her senior year in the Sociology and Social Work concentration. She does plan to finish college before she changes any of her ideas on a career goal. After this summer however, harness racing may take a prominent place in affecting some change in her former goals.

Before this summer Virginia Rich had been working as a baggage handler at the Buffalo International Airport in order to pay for boarding her hunter, I Mite. After this summer there will still be boarding expenses but they'll be a lot easier to bear up under, after all it's for a prize winner.

The staff, administration, and students here at Rosary Hill are excited about Virginia's success this summer and if Harness Racing turns out to be Virginia's career choice, the Ascent staff for one wishes her the most successful of careers.



## Ralph DeVito Executive Vice-President

Janet Susan Elmer

Ralph DeVito started to teach at Rosary Hill on a part time basis in 1971. Since that time he has become the chairman of the Business concentration and started our now active co-op program. Mr. DeVito gained his degree by going to night school while working as a marketing agent for several different companies, including Allstate. He also worked for 4 years on Long Island as a social worker, but he says, "I guess I've always leaned a little more toward education." His past, almost a co-op program in itself, Mr. DeVito claims "has

made me more sensitive." Sensitive to a student's need for "exposure to the real world."

Mr. DeVito was successful in raising about \$80,000 for the co-op program. His new job here at Rosary Hill focuses in on almost the same type of thing. Ralph DeVito says, "you might want to call it grantsmanship, but what it really is, is grant development." That is only part of Ralph DeVito's new job here at Rosary Hill, as the advisor to the President. He still has the controlling power when it comes to co-op. It

is his job to work for the development of ideas on continuing education with the President and the Academic Dean. The President may also call on him to do a number of things including acting for Dr. Marshall in the latter's absence.

Mr. DeVito claims "since we are small we can do a lot of things that other colleges can not" and adds "we can teach people to think about their total education including the career aspect." This idea stands in a prominent

place in Ralph DeVito's philosophy for his new office, but he says "I like to think of myself as someone who will sit down and think about the problems I have to solve."

Mr. DeVito feels the new administration is working well together thus far and that there is a greater openness now than there has ever been before. He also has to learn the different aspects of his office but Mr. DeVito says, "in a nutshell, I feel great. I've got an opportunity to do things now."

## Let's Talk About Today's Child

Mrs. Marion Elmer has been at work representing the Education Department here at Rosary Hill over the summer. She produced a 15 minute, 12 week program along with the Audio-Visual department here at Rosary Hill. The program "Let's Talk About Today's Child" was first shown on Amherst Cable Vision on Tuesday July 8th and later was picked up by two of the other Cable stations in the area.

Mrs. Elmer first joined the Rosary Hill staff in 1952 and prior to this time had been an associate professor at Buffalo State Teachers' College. She has written many children's stories herself, two of which have been transposed to braille, and has also written educational articles for different teacher and parent magazines. Her program this summer focused in on the problems of bringing up today's child.

# Pat Curtis Named Academic Dean

by Janet Susan Elmer

Pat Curtis first came to Rosary Hill in 1949, not as a teacher at that time and certainly not as the Dean of Academic Affairs, but as a freshman in the newly founded music concentration. "I think if there's one way to give away one's age, it's to go back and teach at the same place you went to school" says Miss Curtis, laughingly because actually she is rather proud of the fact that she was in the first graduating class at Rosary Hill. "I think I got a fine education at Rosary Hill and I'm proud of it" she added.

In her spacious office everything is in order and you can see many reminders of her music orientations. There are plenty of chairs, all of which look comfortable and thus the room has a very welcoming atmosphere. The job she now holds as compared to her former job as

chairman of the music concentration, a position now held by Mrs. Linda Boland, points up Pat Curtis's feelings toward a liberal arts education. "If you want proof that a liberal arts education is good and works, all you have to do is look at our President, a biochemist, or myself who trained in music," stated Miss Curtis. She feels her liberal arts education is very important to her, especially now.

Miss Curtis came back to Rosary Hill to teach in 1957 on a part time basis, and in 1958 taught on a full time basis and was named chairman of the music concentration. Until the present she has maintained the same position and through the years has been quite well liked by her students. In the spring of 1975 the faculty senate organized a search committee for a new

Dean, a job formally held by Sister Marita, O.S.F. The committee nominated Pat for the job and the nomination was then approved by Dr. Marshall.

Miss Curtis believes that the job of the academic Dean is to basically implement what the faculty wants." In other words," Pat Curtis says, "the buck stops here (the office of academic affairs) eventually."

Pat Curtis feels her job is an important one because "academics is the business we are all in here," and she hopes that during her administration R.H.C. can "maintain what quality we have." Miss Curtis feels that "anyone who doesn't believe we have weaknesses needs their head examined," but that those weaknesses are far out-weighted by our good points.

She feels good about her job, even though the thought of this first year as Dean, she claims, stifles her. However Pat Curtis's policy will remain that of an open door. Miss Curtis laughed, "my door is open and that's not just because the painters are here."

Miss Curtis hopes she can arouse at Rosary Hill an interest in the academics and has thoughts of instituting a "Deans Hour" once a month. It would run along the lines of a forum and its purpose would be to talk about and discuss the academic world outside and at R.H.C. "I feel I'm still part of the faculty," says Pat Curtis and her warm attitude makes you feel she is.



NOTE: The "Ascent" staff certainly wishes Miss Curtis the best of luck in this, her first year as Academic Dean.





# Conference

# The Planning

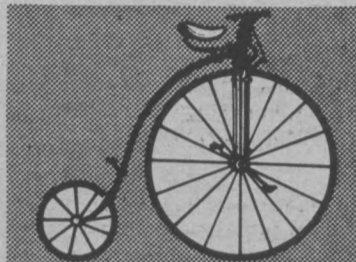


## Note !!!!!!!

R.H.C. will have a bowling team this year! They will be bowling most probably at Sheridan Lanes on Wednesday nights!  
A sign up meeting will be announced in Wick for sometime in September!  
Join us!

Watch for the Announcements!!!

## Poet's Corner



### Bicycle Poem No. 2

With a movement near floating,  
I experience the highway.  
Its most emphatic statement  
on the morning of damp mist  
is contained in the lumps of dead birds  
stuck rigid in their gore  
by the fast moving automobiles  
of an army of dead men  
entombed in a twenty-four hour workday.

The irony of flight  
interrupted so enviously  
makes me smile  
sadly.

PETER A. SIEDLECKI

## The Bicentennial Starts With You!

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

This corner of the paper in each issue will be designated to covering some part of the Buffalo areas history which relates to the 200th anniversary of America's founding. This issue we remind each member of the R.H.C. student body that what Freedom of the Press we have in America today will be clearly exemplified by the "Ascent" staff to the best of our capabilities.

In the letter reprinted below we can see that Freedom of religion really does exist in this country by looking at what is happening in other countries around the world. In this first issue we wish to remind the students of Rosary Hill that Freedom still does exist in America and that is what this bicentennial year is celebrating. If we can realize this freedom we can better celebrate and we must remember that the celebration of the bicentennial does start with us.

GLENDALE, Calif. — Their Children's Bible Notes Have Sent Russian Fathers To Prison.

This charge was made today by Dr. Richard Wurmbbrand, general director of Christian Missions to the Communist World, who spent 14 years in Romanian prison for teaching the Christian faith. He said the source was an underground church paper smuggled to him from the Soviet Union. Dr. Wurmbbrand, now an American citizen, translated the paper. It was titled, "Bulletin of the Council of Relatives of Evangelical - Baptist Christians in USSR, Issue 21-22 for 1975," he said.

Dr. Wurmbbrand claimed four residents of the town of Vinnitsa, Stanislav Ogorodnik, Anatolii Gontcharov, Alexander Tisiatchuk, and Ilya Mashinitskii were jailed for distributing religious hymn books. Used as proof against the accused, he said, were their children's handwritten thoughts on the scriptures.

"These men were sentenced to prison for worshipping their faith with the participation of children," he said.

Dr. Wurmbbrand reported that Stanislav Ogorodnik, one of the prisoners, has eight minor children.



"PARADES, REENACTMENTS — WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO PAINT THE HOUSE?"

