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# Ebb Tide

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## Sodality Entertains Children At Annual Christmas Party

As a fitting climax to the Mercy celebration, the students of Salve Regina performed one of the most enjoyable works of mercy—entertaining approximately thirty children from the Newport area at the annual Christmas party at Mercy Hall on December 12.

To share their Christmas with these little ones, six or seven girls adopted each child. In his pile of gifts, he found at least one toy and various articles of clothing. Scattered everywhere were such articles as trucks, automobiles, dolls, sweaters, blouses, shirts, pajamas, and dresses.

Christmas would not be Christmas without Santa Claus to hear the children's simple requests and to distribute toys to these happy boys and girls. Jolly Santa Claus in the person of Charlene Vitullo, president of the Freshman class, fulfilled every child's dream of spending part of a day with the wonderful lovable old man whose:

"Eyes how they twinkled,  
His dimples how merry,  
His cheeks were like roses,  
His nose like a cherry."

All were intrigued with his tales of Santa's Workshop and all were awed by his solemn warning, "My Elves are everywhere, and I want to hear a good report about you on Christmas Eve."

While sitting on Santa's knee, one little boy said, "I want a train, and some trucks, and a basketball, and a bike . . ."

To complete the program all played musical chairs and participated in a peanut hunt. With the serving of refreshments, Salve Regina's fitting climax to the Mercy Celebration ended.

## College Celebrates 125th Anniversary Of Mercy Order

Ten years is a comparatively short period in the life of an individual, but in this short time Catherine McAuley founded an order of nuns — dedicated to the works of Mercy — which grew from seven in 1832 to twenty-two thousand in 1956.

Despite many obstacles, Catherine as a young girl developed a very Catholic outlook on life which encouraged her to aid the destitute and to re-enthroned God in the hearts of those who had forsaken Him. Always her motto was "Do all you can for God for time is short."

On December 12, 1831, Catherine McAuley was professed and on the following day appointed Mother Superior of the Mercy Order. In this capacity she labored until her death on November 11, 1841.

We honor the great work of Mother McAuley with the celebration of the Feast of the Religious Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy on December 12.

## College President Caps Freshmen

Mother Mary Hilda, R.S.M., college president, officiated at the Freshman Investiture held on Sunday, December 2. Parents and friends watched 96 freshmen receive academic dress — black caps and gowns.

Very Reverend Irving A. Georges, O.P., S.T.M. gave the principal address entitled "The Significance of the Disciplined Mind". In it Father explained the need for good Christian women in this age of materialism. Father also asked that the cap and gown be worn with dignity as it symbolizes a life of higher education and discipline.

Miss Caroline Swetnam and Miss Barbara O'Gara congratulated the Freshmen in the name of the student body and the Junior class. Miss Charlene Vitullo, Freshman class president, responded with a pledge to live up to the ideals of Catholic learning.

Juniors and Freshmen concluded the ceremony with the college song, "College by the Ocean". Tea was then served in the dining room.

## Go One, Go All, Go "High Society"

With its theme of "High Society", the seniors are making preparations for their Christmas semi-formal which is being held at the Metacomet Country Club on December 28.

Marguerite Burns and Mary Elizabeth McAlice are the co-chairmen, assisted by Sheila Dugan and Joan Vaillancourt, in charge of orchestra arrangements; Lillian Igo, Maureen O'Rourke, and Eleanor Hall, publicity; Mary Jane Murphy, decorations; Eleanor Hall, Lillian Igo, and Maureen O'Rourke, tickets.

Open to guests as well as to the entire student body, "High Society" is non-floral and will feature the music of Gene Demers.

## College Gains Accreditation

S. R. C. received accreditation it was announced Dec. 7 at a dinner meeting of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

This accreditation means that S. R. C. has been evaluated by the regional association and has qualified for membership.

This evaluation is conceived in terms of the success with which the college's objectives are, in fact, fulfilled.

## Rev. V. Newton To Conduct Two Distinct Retreats

Reverend Vincent J. Newton, will conduct two separate retreats for members of the student body beginning on January 20 and 23 respectively. The first will accommodate the freshmen and sophomores and the second, the juniors and seniors.

Introducing this procedure for the first time this year, the college believes that it will enable all students to benefit more fully from the spiritual exercises. The schedule will consist of daily Mass, conferences, question periods, Benediction, as is traditional. The specific schedule will be announced at a later date.

This new schedule effects a change in the time of the perennial semester break. Having immediately followed retreat in previous years, this holiday will now be granted to the upperclassmen at the completion of their semester examinations. Members of the sophomore and freshman classes will continue to observe the Bishop's and President's holidays immediately after retreat.

Retreat master, Father Newton, a member of the Oblate Mission Fathers, conducts retreats for young people throughout the year and has garnered additional experience with youth by his assignment to the House of Studies of his order in Washington, D. C.

## Cantata, Dinner Spark Festivities

To commence the celebration of the Joyous Season and climax Community Anniversary Day at the college, all members of the student body rallied to the call of Christ's children. Feting thirty underprivileged children of Newport, the collegians brightened the spirits of these youngsters with presents of clothes, toys, and candy.

In further expression of the joy of Christmas the Queen's Choristers offered their annual Cantata on Sunday, December 16. Consisting of traditional hymns and carols, the cantata depicted the true Christmas story in its presentation.

After the lighting of the senior candle on the Advent Wreath, the students assembled for the culmination of the Yuletide festivities — the Holly Dinner. Traditionally, this was followed by community singing of carols and the Freshman serenade to the faculty. Members of the upper classes meanwhile returned to their residence halls for group celebrations.

## Give Lasting Gifts, Stimulating Books, At Christmas Time

Books are lasting Christmas gifts—gifts college girls delight in giving. Here are a few selections to help you in making worthwhile choices.

*UNICORN AND OTHER POEMS*, A. M. Lindberg . . . harvest of twenty years . . . profound . . . thought-provoking . . . melodious . . . themes—simple and universal . . . strong feminine appeal.

*CHRISTMAS AND SAINTS*, Hertha Pauli . . . interesting, charming account of development of Christmas celebration . . . perfect gift for your younger relatives, ages 11 - 14.

*PROFILES IN COURAGE*, John Kennedy . . . depicts men of greatness . . . shows extraordinary understanding of courage . . . dramatic and inspiring . . . new slant on politics.

*TRIBE THAT LOST ITS HEAD*, Nicholas Monsarrat . . . apt theme—West African island in revolt . . . suspense mounts to breathtaking climax.

*LITTLE BEE THAT COULDN'T BUZZ*, Rita Bryan . . . delightfully written . . . charmingly illustrated . . . ideally suited for your younger niece and nephew.

*WRY ON THE ROCKS*, Steve Allen . . . poems varied as their author . . . infused with a special tang . . . stamped with his trademark—wry humor!

*DAYS TO REMEMBER*, Gunther and Quint . . . dramatic story of the years 1945-55 . . . "creative masterpiece" . . . ideal for historic-minded parents.

*RIDE ON THE WIND*, Alice Dalgliesh . . . adaptation of Lindberg's *SPIRIT OF SAINT LOUIS* . . . brief but vivid . . . dramatic . . . poignant . . . teenagers' delight.

## Chaplain's Christmas Message

Just as the Lord Jesus became our flesh by being born of the Blessed Virginia Mary at Bethlehem, so we become part of His Body by being reborn at Christmastide. This is why we are members of Christ and

*THE EBB TIDE* Staff extends best wishes to the members of the administration, faculty, and the student body for a very Happy Holiday Season and a successful New Year!

## N. F. Pres. Urges Students To Help Rebels By Prayer

In accord with the message of Diarumid O'Scannlain, national president of the National Federation of Catholic College Students, all members of the organization are urged to assist the tortured Hungarian rebels. This aid must be more than food and clothing. It must be the aid of a community of prayer that the efforts—in some cases, death-provoking efforts—of these young people will not have been in vain.

Hence, in this season which should be joyous, *American Catholic* collegians are reminded of their most basic joys: liberty and religious faith. Their counterparts in Hungary and other oppressed nations would be denied these joys by their oppressors.

Their need for help is great. Our duty clear.

*NUN'S STORY*, Kathleen Hulme . . . true account of dedicated nun who felt she had failed . . . captivating . . . profoundly moving story!

*MERRY CHRISTMAS, MR. BAXTER*, Edward Streeter . . . rueful, hilarious account of pre-Christmas preparation to insure a peaceful Christmas . . . a woman's

the temples of the Holy Spirit. And for this reason our hearts sing with the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will." A Happy and a Holy Christmas to all.

Very Rev. Irving A. Georges, O.P.

## With Winds Comes Activity

Turbulent winds have brewed a storm of activities on the campus of Salve Regina College.

The Family Life Commission of N. F. C. C. S. held a workshop here on November 4. Marriage was discussed concerning the dignity of the husband, division of labor in the home, and materialism by Kathleen Sullivan, Patricia Smith, Bob Kellen, Mike Gleen with Tom Fitzgerald participating as chairman.

As part of the programs five students from Salve Regina held a panel on "Atomic Energy and Security". Panel members were Barbara O'Gara, chairman, Dorothy Mahler, Evelyn Davoren, Ann Rita Bryan and Patricia Dunigan. The need for security was debated and the atom was discussed with reference to legislative, business, and allies.

With the presentation of a check for one thousand dollars, by Caroline Swetnam to Sister Mary Rose,

## Christmas Feast Varies Somewhat In Other Lands

In many countries Christmas celebrations vary because of geography, local customs, or religious tradition.

Christmas in parts of France means a basket of fruit from the new-born Christ-Child for the children. To them gifts of toys and clothing are deposited by St. Nicholas on the eve of his feast day, while in other sections the younger set receive their presents on the feast of the Three Kings.

To Americans, the Holiday Season would seem strange without a tinsel evergreen gayly lighted by bubbling fluid candles. To the inhabitants of the Bahamas and of Belize, outdoor shrubbery provides a substitute. Painted cutouts of holly and pointsettia blooms, Santa Claus, and bells are pasted in windows and store fronts.

In these countries where a warm climate dominates the seasons, meadows lie bare. Village rooftops are exposed to the intense heat of a summer sun in contrast to the cold weather and snow of the North.

Although Christmas in all parts of the world varies, it has unity in its basic principle. It is the birthday of Christ. As long as all nations remember that the exchange of gifts recalls the Divine Birthday and that decoration symbolizes this joyous event, the holiday season will forever be the holyday season.

R.S.M., the candy drive was officially brought to a close. This check will cover the cost of the new chairs which now grace our auditorium. Barbara Balzano will receive a ten pound bar of chocolate for selling the most bars and Rydia Almy will receive a five pound bar as a second prize. The Senior class had the highest rating.

Dolores Matoes addressed a group at La Salle Academy in Providence on November 30, 1956 in regard to the lay apostolate in parish work found in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Inevitably sea winds always blow—sometimes as soft sea breezes and at other times as turbulent gale winds. Accompanying these winds is our bustle of activities and when they blow again whether calm or strong they will usher in others—ever new.

## "SNOW" Amends Nurse's Charter

Not much snow has graced Newport this year, yet we have had "snow" on campus! Don't be alarmed. "SNOW" is the new nickname of the Student Nurse's Association. Members are those student nurses who are on campus, and also those who are on affiliations.

The organization is functioning under its newly amended constitution. This has been the major achievement of "SNOW."

At the third official meeting, held on December 3, members elected officers for the 1956 - 1957 term. They are Carol Radcliffe '57, President; Kathleen Sullivan '58, Vice-president; Marie Lazlo '59, Secretary; and Ann Martin '60, Treasurer.

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CONGRATULATIONS to our graduate nurses, all of whom passed state board exams.

## Needy Sophomore Writes Her Letter To Santa Claus

DEAR SANTA:

Hi! I bet you're surprised that a sophisticated collegian would write. However, this is not a childish "gimme" letter. This is a friendly intelligent one.

How is the weather up there, Santa? It really must be cold cause it's freezing in Newport. Which reminds me, I know a needy Sophomore at Salve Regina College who would appreciate some warm clothes. So, if you happen to have a silver mink coat in your bag, size 12, just leave it with me. I'll see she gets it. How are your reindeer, Santa? You know, the way the ball bounces today, it's almost a necessity that one has an automobile to take one places. That poor needy Sophomore hasn't one, though. So, could you sort of give her one for Christmas? She's not fussy, anything will do, but well—she's rather partial to new red Thunderbirds, with a red steering wheel, white leather seats, and continental wheel.

Well, that was fun. I love friendly, intelligent letters, don't you? Take care and most of all Santa, have a merry Christmas.

Love 'n thanks,

A Needy Sophomore

### Money

Don't forget to support the money doll sponsored by the Student Nurse's Association. January 3 - 10.

## Father Larken Enthrones Sacred Heart At S. R. C.

Reverend Francis Larkin, SS.CC. officiated at a ceremony enthroning the Sacred Heart at Salve Regina, November 30.

Dressed in academic cap and gown, the students assembled in the Great Hall singing "Heart of Jesus Hear." Father blessed a statue and picture of the Sacred Heart.

After the recitation of each of the twelve promises of the Sacred Heart, a member of the student body presented a flower to Him.

In his sermon, Father told the student body that the mainstay of the uprising in Hungary was the youth of that country. We as the youth of America must also rise to the demands upon us particularly through the intercession of the Sacred Heart.

Benediction followed the singing of the enthronement hymn.

## Rosary Hall Catches Holiday Spirit; Girls Sponsor Projects At Meeting

Rosary Hall's Art Studio was the scene of the Christmas Exhibition presented by members of the art classes the week of December 10. The new studio was bright with decorations for the holiday season. Members of the painting and drawing classes put their best works on display. An added attraction this year was the exhibition of children's paintings supplied by the Saturday morning classes.

The outside of the building gained a festive air with the help of the Wednesday afternoon class who painted bright candles and greens on the windows of the enclosed porch. Inside, the jingling bells, the twinkling mobiles, the varied hues in the gay paints, and the attractive display of hand-painted china and gifts turned Rosary

Studio into a Christmas Wonderland.

Salve Regina art students did not stop with the decoration of their own buildings. In Touro Park, the setting for the Presentation Scene put on display by the Knights of Columbus, is still another of their many projects.

Newly-elected officers of the Art Club are Marsha Pettis, President; Patti Woods, Vice-president; Deanna Mannix, Secretary; and Dolores Matoes, Treasurer.

At the first meeting this year students were shown slides on making jewelry. Some of the students made etched and engraved trays and costume jewelry. Others decorated ceramics. A demonstration of copper enamelling, another craft skill, was given.

Fore

## Holy Cross - Boston Game Divides Sophomore Class

'n Aft

The Holy Cross-Boston College game shook the very foundations of the Sophomore class. There were two distinct groups, and one violent Boston College rooter, really got excited. Come now, "Goose," you know, the BEST team always wins!

Moore Hall was the scene of much intrigue a few weeks ago. Those closed curtains . . . . .

Memo to F. G. From: Madame Zanzebor. Subject: Dark Haired Woman. Question: Where is she? Hmm?

What Senior who frequently inhabits the couch in the smoker at McAuley is fond of walking the beach? I'll never tell, but here's a hint. Her last name rhymes with Malenkoy.

Charley My Boy is being revised at Mercy Hall these days. Those freshmen are simply wild over Charley!

Report from the Juniors:—McAl and Anne have a new hobby: 'Bird watching. (Bird watching! ! ? ? !)

Did you know that December is National Rabbit Shooting Month? Well, just ask any freshman for complete details. They should know, they invented it!

Question of the Month: What certain sophomore wrote what crazy letter to what certain person about sleigh rides and extra long restrictions? Although things looked a little dark for a while everything is all straightened out now. To

## Seven Nights Before

*Tw'as seven nights before Christmas  
and all thru the dorm*

*Not one Salve girl was stirring, all  
were too worn*

*For the rush was upon us, our funds  
were depleted*

*And the socks we were knitting:  
would they be completed?*

*My roommates were nestled all  
snug in their beds*

*While plans of vacation danced in  
their heads*

*And our bags were all packed, com-  
plete and just so*

*For the next day was Tuesday and  
away we would go.*

*When all of a sudden, there arose  
such a clatter*

*We sprang from our beds to see  
what was the matter*

*And then from the window we  
looked down below*

*And saw a strange sight on the new  
fallen snow.*

*For there in the moonlight was a  
fabulous scene*

*The like of which I never have seen  
For what should our wondering eyes  
behold*

*But a message for all, right there  
on the snow.*

*Who wrote the message for us, is  
anyone's guess*

*But I hope to you it brings hap-  
piness*

*And so I'll repeat it, and end all  
aggravation*

*Merry Christmas to all and a mar-  
velous vacation.*

— Anne Carpenter

## Do You Know

W. W. O. C. ?

(Who's Who On Campus?)

Pixie blond . . . vivacious . . .  
plaid bow ties . . . "flashy" Stude-  
baker . . . crazy notes on black-  
boards . . . Something need fixing?  
. . . terrific campaigner . . . pub-  
licity, anyone? knows all, sees all,  
hears all . . . Want to buy a candy  
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**Student Views**  
**Letters To**  
**The Editor**

In reading the last issue of the *Ebb Tide* I was particularly interested in the article "Why Bother". Judging from this one issue that I have seen I certainly feel that it is worth while to bother and that if you didn't the college would be losing something valuable.

Especially for the freshmen, I think the *Ebb Tide* is important. It gave us our first overall picture of life at Salve Regina.

In my opinion the results are worth the effort involved. Hope to see many more issues.

— Fran Claffey

DEAR EDITOR:

While thumbing through some issues of college newspaper, I happened to notice one column in particular which our paper was lacking. This column, of which I speak, was called a "Letters to the Editor" column. In my opinion this column would be quite an asset both to the editor and to us.

Very often we have ideas about the paper to offer. This would be the ideal column for our constructive criticisms, worth while opinions, and healthy suggestions. I know many of the girls have much to contribute. How about it?

— Inez Silva

Your word is our command . . .

**Sophomores Sponsor**  
**Annual Mission Bazaar**

Sophomore class held its annual Mission Bazaar on November 20, in Mercy Hall.

In the person of Anne Carpenter, an old Gypsy woman foretold the future through the magic of cards and a crystal ball.

To attract future homemakers, the sophomores filled a hope chest with linens and household utensils.

Congratulations are in order for Carol Fitzgerald and Maureen McCabe, co-chairmen for the event. Both worked zealously not only to insure its success, but also to make it a very enjoyable affair.

Mother Mary Hilda, R.S.M., will receive a check for \$300.65 netted by the bazaar which will aid missions throughout the world.

**A Lost Cause . . . . ?**

For five days the world watched Hungary strut and fret her hour upon the stage. It was a tale full of sound and fury signifying everything. Communism met its inherent weakness at the crossroads and lost in admitting that force alone could allow it "right of way". This power Russia effectively displayed in a concentrated mutilation that out Hitlered Hitler. Free Hungary was no more, but her dying voice raised in strike roused admiration round the world.

And we of freedom watched . . . . .  
 A hydrogen holocaust must be avoided if at all possible; but how long we can continue to let our acknowledged enemy creep by the cross roads is another tale.

**A Lasting Effect . . . . ?**

If the free world chose not to fight in Hungary it did the next best thing by pressuring the Soviet Union in a network of international condemnation simultaneously sending material relief to those Hungarians who were left to receive it.

Here in the U. S. students of the Nation vibrated in a sympathetic wave with the patriots. In late October a movement for a Free Hungary issued from Manhattanville College. Immediately following the Russian debauchery similar stirrings rose from Harvard and from the NFCCS. Salve Regina took her part. On November 19, the Campus Forum sponsored a day of prayer and the Student Council passed and sent to President Eisenhower a resolution calling upon the UN to withhold Russia, forcibly if necessary, from genocide; to allow free elections and to restore Imre Nagy. A Clothing drive was also organized for the refugees.

**Choristers Present**  
**Christmas Concert**

Under the direction of Mrs. Robert Heywood, the Queen's Choristers presented their annual Christmas Concert on December 16, at Mercy Hall.

The Program began with a processional of *Adeste Fidelis*. Opening numbers consisted of *Salve Regina, Lo! How a Rose Ere Blooming*, and *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*. Following this group, Miss Janet Rousseau of the Freshman class, presented two piano solos.

*Carol of the Bells, The Sleigh*, and *Good Day, Merry Christmas, Good Day*, brought a note of lightness to the program. Waring's arrangement of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* was sung by a small group of Choristers.

Selections from the *Britton* and the *Christmas Triptych* were also presented. The latter accompanied by the modern dance club, was under the direction of Miss Florinda Amado and concluded the program.

**Athletic Association**  
**Elects Officers,**  
**Plans New Year**

At the second meeting of the Athletic Association, members elected officers for the 1956-1957 season. Rydia Almy, Senior, is President for the second time, Sheila Murphy, Sophomore, Vice-president; and Deanna Mannix, Sophomore, Secretary-treasurer.

Miss Amado announced the official program in an open forum discussion. The members voted on the winter and spring activities, which include swimming, ice skating offered by St. George's, bowling, tennis, volleyball, and ping pong.

Varsity basketball practice began after Thanksgiving recess. A representative group of Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors were eager to begin the new season. Because such a large gathering showed an interest, varsity will offer two "strings" this year.

Cheerleading progresses as the weeks go by. Tryouts were held earlier in December, and the newly picked cheerleaders have begun practicing for the 1957 basketball games.

Miss Amado was pleased with the number of freshmen who joined the association and is very optimistic about the cheerleading squad. It is hoped that the student body will support their team at all the games.

**'I Promise Thee'**  
**Our Lord Opens**  
**Heart To World**

It was seventeenth century France and kneeling in the chapel of the Visitation convent was a young girl who from her youth had been known for her piety and her devoted love. When Margaret Mary was nine years old, because of this piety and simplicity the Bishop dispensed with the usual rule and allowed her to make her First Holy Communion.

Even as a child she suffered much for Christ. From her eleventh to her fifteenth years, she remained in bed with rheumatic fever. After her father's death, relatives took over her home and ruled it ruthlessly. Constantly Margaret reproached herself for her worldliness and inability to relieve her mother's hardships.

Our Lord appeared to Margaret for eighteen months. Often He was crowned with thorns and His pain pierced the heart of His loving child. On the feast of the Octave of Corpus Christi, Our Divine Lord asked for a feast of reparation on the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi, and He gave His twelve promises to all those who practice the devotion of making the nine First Fridays.

After overcoming some opposition, Margaret Mary with the help of Claude Columbiere, a Jesuit, spread this devotion and Our Holy Father established a feast of reparation.

Answer to W. W. O. C.  
 Rydia Almy

**French Slides Feature**  
**At Clubs First Meeting**

Heading the list of events at the first meeting of the French Club on November 13, 1956, at Mercy Hall was the presentation of slides with a commentary by Mrs. Ramos, moderator of the club.

Colorful slides depicted Paris and its surrounding territories. One felt that as if by magic she had left Salve Regina College to travel on the tiny streets of France, to visit the great cathedrals — Le Sacre Coeur, Notre Dame de Paris, Le Chartre — and to view Paris from the top of the Eiffel Tower.

Paula Cooper, president, conducted the business meeting at which members elected Frances Martin as chaitman of their annual Christmas party.

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