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An exhibition of drawings and photographs of historic Fort Adams, opens Sunday, August 12th at Salve Regina College, Newport, R.I.
The exhibit, scheduled through August 24, will be open to the public daily, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the coeducational college by the sea.

Sponsored and provided by the State Department of Natural Resources, Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission and the Fort Adams Foundation the exhibition will be set up in O'Hare Academic Center, on the 55 acre campus.

Professor Robert J. McKenna, Director of College and Community Relations and a member of the Salve Regina History and Politics Department, is a member of the Fort Adams Foundation.

Precise drawings illustrate the elevations, plans and details of the entire fort.

The exterior stone detail of an arch, the rosette on the ceiling in one of the Officers' Quarters, or a schedule of all the various types of embrasures are just a few of the drawings to be on display.

The measured drawings are a result of a two year summer project conducted at the fort by the Historical American Building Survey. HABS, as the program is generally known, is the public record of historic and archaeological sites, buildings and objects. This year's survey team of seven architectural students is directed by Roy Eugene Graham, an associate professor of architecture and architectural history at the University of Texas.

Two local residents on the project are Joseph Ruocco of 66 Kay Street and Peter Mueller of East Main Road, Portsmouth; both are students at Syracuse University. Other student architects
are Janice Fahey and John Fogg, Rhode Island School of Design graduates; Harry Hinderman, a graduate of the University of Michigan; Scott Spencer, a student at the University of Texas; and Stanley P. Tang, a student at the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to the architectural recording, a team of archaeologists have been digging at Fort Adams. The work, conducted by Professor John Serulis of the University of Rhode Island and Joseph Hall of Brown University, has unearthed 19th century breastworks north of the fort, structural details, and many artifacts. The archaeological discoveries will assist the Department of Natural Resources with an accurate restoration program.

The nine student archaeological interns are James Cottrell, Deborah Smith, Joseph Nicholson, and Michael Hienes all of Newport; Nancy Demytteraere of Middletown; Catherine McGreavy of Tiverton; Lisa Fiore and Mark Gutchen of South Kingstown; and Leonard Loparto of Pawtucket. Photographs of their excavations will also be on display.

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