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FOR RELEASE SATURDAY, DEC. 5

NEWPORT, R.I. Dec. 4-- Salve Regina College received approval for continued membership in the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools this afternoon at the Association's eighty-fifth annual meeting (Dec. 2-4) in Boston.

The approval, which means continued full accreditation for the women's college, was voted by the Association as a whole, on the recommendations of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education and the Association's Executive Committee.

The recommendations, in turn, were based on a self-study prepared by the College, and a reevaluation report submitted by a visiting committee of administrators and faculty from five other New England accredited colleges and universities.

In recommending Salve Regina for continued membership as a general purpose institution in the Association for the normal period of ten years, the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education has urged the College to reinforce immediately the gains it has achieved by giving particular attention to reassessment of curriculum, streamlining of administrative structure, and forestalling proliferation of courses and programs and other substantive changes.

During an intensive three-day visit at Salve Regina (Oct. 4-6), the five-member committee attended meetings with the College's board of trustees; president Sister Mary Christopher, R.S.M., and other administrators; the faculty senate, department chairmen, and other faculty members; and student leaders and other interested undergraduates. In addition to these scheduled meetings, the committee toured academic facilities and spoke at random with members of the college community.

The visiting committee included: Dr. William H. Conley, chairman, president, Sacred Heart University; Dr. Marguerite Bouvard, assistant professor of political science, Regis College; Mrs. Judith M. Isaacson, dean of women and associate dean of the college, Bates College; Mr. Robert Mattuck, co-ordinator of admissions and counselling, Goddard College; and Dr. Sidney P. Rollins, dean of the graduate school, Rhode Island College.

Chairman of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education is Miss Rosemary Pierrel, dean of Pembroke College.