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FRIDAY
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SALVE PRESIDENT RESIGNS

The Board of Trustees of Salve Regina College, Newport, R.I. today announced the resignation of Sister Mary Emily Shanley, R.S.M. as President of the College. The resignation, to become effective on June 15, was accepted with regret.

During her four-year tenure at Salve Regina, Sister Mary Emily has guided the expansion of the institution. The twenty-year old college (Salve Regina was established in 1947) has expanded its physical plant markedly since 1964 with the addition of two dormitories, Founders Hall and Ochre Lodge (the latter the gift of Mrs. Robert Young), Miley Hall, and the newly-opened O'Hare Academic Center. Growth in student enrollment and in faculty and staff has also been steady with increasing numbers of lay faculty being appointed. The first lay appointment to the college administration was made in September, 1967 with the creation of the post of executive assistant to the President.

Curriculum innovations have included the establishment of the Junior Year Abroad which was set up in 1965 in conjunction with Alma College, Alma, Michigan. Students in the program study for the year in Paris, France. Beginning in September, 1968 a similar program for Spanish students will operate in Madrid in conjunction with N.Y.U.

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Sister Mary Emily has spearheaded the increasing involvement of Salve Regina College in community activities. The creation of a Cultural Affairs Office which brings outstanding speakers, films, and other programs to the Newport area recognizes the responsibility the college has assumed in the cultural enrichment both of the college community and the larger Newport community as well.

In 1966 Salve Regina College undertook sponsorship of two Operation Headstart programs. One is located in St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth and the other is in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Newport. Headquarters for both are located on the Salve Regina campus. In recent years students and faculty members have regularly engaged in ecumenical discussion with groups from nearby communities and from Barrington College.

Prior to her appointment as president of Salve Regina College Sister Mary Emily served as superior of the Mercy Novitiate in Cumberland and later for three years as Treasurer of Salve Regina College. Last summer she studied at University College, Dublin, and plans for the immediate future include further study.

Sister Mary Emily is a sister of the Rev. Joseph D. Shanley of Holy Trinity Church, Central Falls and Sister Mary Marcella, R.S.M., of Salve Regina College.

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