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## DETAILS AND BACKGROUND STORY

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MILEY HALL DEDICATION

AT WILL

His Excellency, The Most Reverend

Russell J. McVinney, D.D., LL.D., L.H.D., Bishop of Providence, will preside at the dedication ceremonies of Miley Hall, Salve Regina College's new student residence and student center, Friday, April 30. The program will also include an Open House on Sunday, May 2.

On Friday, the exercises will begin

in the Great Hall, Ochre Court, at 4:00 p.m. Chairman of the program will be the Reverend J. T. Dittoe, O.P., Professor of Theology. The Invocation will be given by Bishop McVinney. Following the singing of The Star Spangled Banner, Sister Mary Emily, R.S.M., president of the College, will extend a welcome to the invited guests; the Honorable Charles A. Hambly, Mayor of Newport, will bring greetings from the City; and Dr. William C. Gaige, president of Rhode Island College, will extend greetings on behalf of the institutions of higher education in the State of Rhode Island. Bishop McVinney will address the group and, following the singing of "Salve Regina," the guests will adjourn to the foyer and lounge of Miley Hall, where Bishop McVinney will officiate at the formal blessing and dedication.

On Sunday afternoon, May 2, Open

House will be held in Miley Hall from one until five o'clock.

Ground was broken for Miley Hall,

October 2, 1963, and its cornerstone was laid May 22, 1964. Completed early this year, this building is the first step in the long-range physical development program of the College.

Named in honor of Sister Mary Hilda

Miley, R.S.M., president of the College from 1948 until 1964, Miley Hall is the culmination of years of dreams and hopes. While contemporary in design, its simple, conservative lines and masses harmonize beautifully with its Ochre Point surroundings. Salve Regina retains its original goals, traditions, and unique settings while simply adding a new and welcome dimension. Miley Hall was constructed at a cost of \$1,500,000 provided through an HHFA Government loan. Its furnishings cost in excess of \$120,000.

Miley Hall is the first step toward

helping the Sisters of Mercy of the Province of Providence to expand their work in educating young ladies in the liberal arts tradition in the first Catholic College for Women in Rhode Island, as well as preparing much needed teachers, nurses, and dieticians, and advancing their work in the field of the mentally retarded child.

The future development program of Salve Regina College includes: Construction of a Science-Academic Building; remodeling, alterations, and rehabilitation of present campus facilities; expansion of Library facilities; establishment of special funds for faculty salaries, scholarships and loans, and endowments; construction of a Fine Arts Center, and construction of a Chapel.

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