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SALVE REGINA COLLEGE

## Goodbye Costa Rica, Hello Ecuador



Sean Sheehan ('87) talks about his Peace Corps plans during an interview at Salve Regina College.

"Si, no and no gracias" were the three Spanish words which Sean Sheehan knew as he began a two-year Peace Corps commitment in Costa Rica. Now fluent in Spanish and home for a vacation, he searched for the exact English words as he talked about his experiences and of signing up again, this time for a two-year assignment in Ecuador.

Upon landing in Costa Rica, he dove into a 3-month training program, including a crash course in Spanish, while living with a host family of his choice. Once he was accepted in the village as an okay "gringo" he was referred from relative to relative in a tight community network until he found a suitable home.

His constant tutors were two preschool boys of the host family. They were around all the time and knew the basic words he needed to master. "It made them feel important to teach an adult what was easy for them, and I was less inhibited about stumbling over the new words in front of kids. We went around and I would ask "What is this? What is that?" in Spanish, the way a child learns a first language."

At the end of the training program, Sheehan was assigned to work in a vocational center for the disabled in Alajuela, the second largest city of Costa Rica. It had been 10 years since the last Corps volunteer had been there and he was the lone volunteer in the community. He worked as an advocate for the disabled, a job for which he was prepared by his volunteer work in

several Newport agencies while a social work major at Salve Regina.

One of his projects, the "Good Will Caravans," enabled 35 disabled members of the center and community to receive eye exams, eyeglasses and, if needed, eye operations at low cost.

In some ways the community reminded him of a middle-class neighborhood in the U.S. "There was running water and electricity." In its social programs it was more progressive than he had expected. "They had a first-rate social security system and socialized medicine which raised the quality of life for everyone."

The culture shock was probably most severe for him in the food differences between Costa Rica and the U.S. "Rice and beans, beans and rice, morning, noon and night," recalled the resident of South Dennis, Mass. "I thought I'd never survive the food, and now I actually miss it. At first I thought there just had to be a Seven-Eleven store, and how was I going to get along without M&M candies?" In time Sheehan lost 20 pounds, adjusted and gradually thrived on the native food and the custom of eating the main meal in the middle of the day.

Some of the Costa Rican values impressed Sheehan deeply. He learned that the family unit is a strong societal force and blood relative ties are very tight. "Seven

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## Reunion Weekend '90

The Salve Regina College campus will ring with the voices of alumni as they return for Reunion Weekend '90 on October 12, 13 and 14. The classes of '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, and '85 will be together again to meet former teachers, relive fond memories and participate in a variety of activities that are sure to make the weekend a hit.

The Reunion classes have made their own plans for a Friday night on the town at Newport restaurants and old haunting grounds. On Saturday, Reunion Weekend coincides with "Oktoberfest." There will be an array of events on campus, including a picnic luncheon in Miley Cafeteria, sports events, and an art exhibit at McKillop Gallery. The highlight of the weekend will be an "Evening in

Ochre Court" with an elegant dinner and a dance featuring the Duke Belaire Orchestra.

On Sunday, graduates will attend "Brunch with the President" at the Sheraton Islander, a perfect opportunity to hear about Salve Regina College and the advances made in academics and around the campus.

As old acquaintances become new friends and lost buddies promise to keep in touch, the graduates will depart the Salve Regina campus once again. They will take with them new memories to add to the old, updated phone numbers and addresses, and the knowledge that their Salve Regina family is doing quite well.

## Chemistry Laboratories Wing Dedicated to Sr. Mary Philemon Banigan



At the dedication of the Banigan Chemistry Laboratories, Sister Mary Philemon Banigan (second from right) accepts the warm wishes of Rob Walsh, Alumni Relations Coordinator and Kelli Squatrito, Special Projects Coordinator. At her side is Sister Mary Brenda Sullivan, Associate Professor of Biology.

A beloved faculty veteran was recently honored for her many years of distinguished service to Salve Regina College. On Sept. 12 the chemistry laboratories wing at O'Hare Academic Center was dedicated to Sr. Mary Philemon Banigan, a Salve Regina professor who for almost 40 years has been warmly cherished by colleagues and students alike.

Over 100 faculty members, staff, students and members of Sister Mary Philemon's family were on hand for the ceremonies in the Twombly-Burden Room at O'Hare Academic Center. After words of

praise by faculty colleagues, Dr. James Nugent and Dr. Ascanio DiPippo, College Provost Sr. Sheila Megley unveiled the dedication plaque which will adorn the entrance of the chemistry laboratories wing, now named Banigan Chemistry Laboratories.

Sister Mary Philemon came to Salve Regina in 1951, and she held many titles during the early years of the College. Dr. DiPippo recalled that, in addition to her duties as a chemistry instructor, Sister Mary Philemon also cheerfully served as

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## "Why Catholics Can't Sing"



Dr. Thomas C. Day, Chairman of the Music Department.

The title (and this headline) is catchy and prompts an immediate chuckle, but the text of Dr. Thomas Day's book shows that long and deep thinking paved the way for the publication which was released in August. Sitting in his office opposite a wall line-up of *New Yorker* magazine covers with illustrations depicting the music world, Dr. Day surmised that he had been working on the book all his life, 47 years, while also immersed in music and a career of teaching music.

Over the years the Chairman of the Music Department at Salve Regina has had articles published in scholarly journals and such publications as *America*, *Commonweal* and the *National*

*Catholic Reporter*. Using this collection of articles as a source, Dr. Day extracted and expanded the material until his recent book was born.

"Why Catholics Can't Sing" analyzes the types of music introduced into Catholic churches after the Second Vatican Council which took place in the 1960s, the decade which shook the timbers of many up-to-then inviolable institutions. Written in a humorous vein, the book delves into the reasons behind what Dr. Day calls "the weak, tepid singing" which is characteristic of Catholic churches.

Though some of the ideas expressed may border on the provocative, the book has received warm praise from representatives of both the liberal and conservative corners. Rev. Andrew M. Greeley, a novelist and a member of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, blessed the book as "brilliant, devastating, and long overdue." From wordsmith William F. Buckley, Jr. flowed, "He asks important questions, and gives beguiling answers. A spirited read."

Beyond the plaudits which have come its way from both the "right," and "left," the book seems to elude classification—it's difficult to pigeonhole. The Library of Congress classifies it as a book on Catholicism.

Dr. Day, Professor and Chairman of the Salve Regina Music Department, joined the College

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## Professional Staff Appointments

Dr. Lucille McKillop, R.S.M., President of Salve Regina College, recently appointed the following professional staff members.

Joining the Placement Office is **Edward A. Turilli**, Assistant Director of Placement. Ed holds a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in English. He taught 29 years in the Warwick school system, where he also served as a department head and guidance counselor. For the past two years, Ed has been an instructor at the Sawyer School.

**Deanna Marzocchi**, a graduate of Salve Regina, has been named Publishing Assistant in the Information Systems Department. She was formerly employed in the College Computer Labs.

**Maurice Michel** has been appointed Voice Technician in Telecommunications. He formerly worked in the Information Systems Department at the College.

**Timothy Nash** and **Megan Coffey** have joined the Admissions Office as Counselors. Tim was formerly employed as an account executive for Pitney Bowes. Megan graduated from Salve Regina this year with a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies.

**Kurt Bogdan, P. Christian Petrarca** and **Tara Reilly** joined the Computer Labs in various capacities. Tara is employed as an Office Support Coordinator, Christian is the LAN/Gateway Coordinator, and Kurt is a Work Station Support Coordinator. **Sergio Dosouto**, a former senior monitor in the

Academic Computer Lab, joins the professional administrative staff as Junior Systems Programmer.

**Daniel Titus** has been appointed Assistant Circulation Manager in the Library. He is an accounting and mathematics major at Salve Regina.

**Bernie Norman** has been appointed Head Women's Basketball Coach at Salve Regina. Bernie has been involved with coaching girls' basketball at the high school level for the past eight years. During his six-year stint at Griswold High School (Griswold, Conn.), Bernie guided his team to six consecutive state play-off appearances and three divisional championships. For the past two years, Bernie has coached the girls' basketball team at Narragansett High School where he is a physical education teacher.

**Patricia Cronin** joins the Athletic Department as Head Athletic Trainer. Patricia is a 1989 graduate of Kentucky State University. While in college, Patricia served two years as a student athletic trainer.

Assistant Soccer Coaches this fall include **Bob Boergesson**, who works with the men's soccer team, and **George Denney**, a 1990 graduate of Salve Regina. George assists Lynn Sheedy, Head Coach of the women's soccer team.

Look for other staff appointments in upcoming issues of the **News Bulletin**.

## Sailing Club Launches A Winning Fleet



Salve Regina's 10 new 420 Series Vanguard racing sailboats sparkle in the sunshine while Father Ray McNicholas, College Chaplain, blesses them.

Under sunny skies and a swift breeze, the Salve Regina College sailing club launched the new season with a Blessing of the Fleet ceremony, demonstration and sailing clinic on Sunday, Sept. 9 at Sail Newport, Fort Adams.

College Chaplain Rev. Ray McNicholas blessed the fleet of 10 new 420 Series Vanguard racing sailboats under the watchful eyes of College faculty, administrators and students. A sailing clinic for team members, emphasizing technical sailing starts, concluded the ceremonies.

The 14.5-foot sailboats with their gear are housed in a building constructed by Sail Newport for the team's use. Located at Fort Adams State Park, Sail Newport is a sailing center which offers sailing instruction and facilities for boat docking, launching and storage. It is host to many major sailing regattas held in Newport.

Dwight Webb, coach of the sailing club, is enthusiastic about the College's new boats, claiming that they "will enable us to expand the racing team and be able to more

broadly participate in intercollegiate team racing."

Webb and his assistant, Wade Aust, together with Club Advisor Sr. Esther Whalen, are already busy with the new season. The schedule includes racing competitions at the University of Rhode Island, Yale University, Massachusetts Maritime Academy and Connecticut College.

Salve Regina's sailing team is a member of the New England Intercollegiate Racing Association, Southern Series. This series links colleges and universities from Boston to New Haven, including Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Brandeis University, Roger Williams College, Brown University, Providence College and the University of Rhode Island.

Long-time sailor Sister Esther says that one important goal the team hopes to realize this year is to give every club member the chance to participate in a regatta this fall. Although the sailing program at Salve Regina is still growing, Sister is optimistic about a successful racing season.

She attributes the excellent spirit to the loyalty and dedication of veteran team members and alumni support. Victor Pinheiro, a 1986 graduate and second club president helped nurse the sailing program through its infancy and continues his

support of the program among alumni.

Now under the leadership of senior John Begg, club president for the past two years, the Salve Regina sailing team is eager to achieve a winning season with the help of their handsome, high performance racing fleet.



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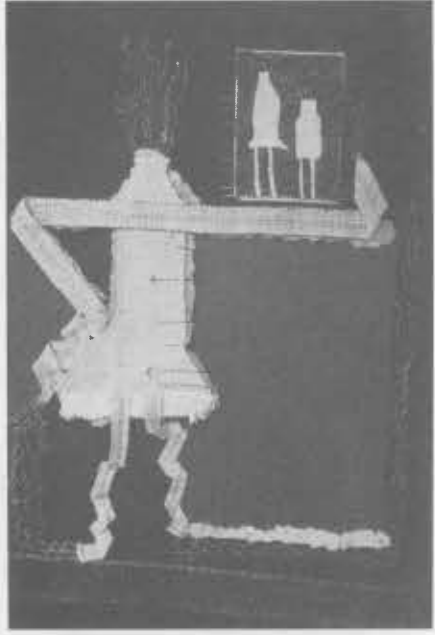
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## Textile Art Presented at McKillop Gallery



Marjorie Durko Puryear's "Untitled" 1990, weaving and embroidery.

Distinguished artists from Southeastern Massachusetts University are presenting their textile art at McKillop Gallery now through Oct. 24 in their show "Fabrications - Textile Art from SMU."

Barbara Eckhardt, Assistant Professor of Textiles, Barbara B. Goldberg, Assistant Professor of Textile Design, and Marjorie Durko Puryear, Associate Professor of Textile Design and Handweaving, are the featured artists.

Eckhardt employs in her work the use of pictorial imagery in a woven ground using both complex layered fabrics and simple linen plain weave. The forms of houses and boats are reoccurring images.

The work of Barbara Goldberg is a Japanese resist dyeing technique called shibori which involves manipulating and securing cloth into three dimensional shapes which produce patterns when the cloth is dyed.

A member of the National Surface Design Association, the Textile and Costume Society of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the Shibori Society, Goldberg's textile study and research trips have included Great Britain, the Soviet Union, Japan, India, Mexico, France, Italy and Switzerland.

The artistic vision of Marjorie Durko Puryear represents woven fragments and figural effigies from an imaginary time. Her abstract stick-figure forms and fragments are images conceptually linked to mummies, ritual effigies, and burial artifacts.

Puryear says "creating these pieces is similar . . . to writing a short story. Each piece is conceived as a small sketch on paper, the shapes or figures inspired by sometimes obscure historical reference."

Like her fellow exhibitors at McKillop Gallery, Puryear has shown

her work extensively throughout the country.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, and 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The show is free and open to the public.

### Sr. Philemon

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Director of Athletics, College Registrar, Dormitory Supervisor and Student Advisor at various stages of her long career at Salve Regina.

Dr. DiPippo's tribute to Sister Mary Philemon included a reminder of her professional and personal contributions to the College, her role in introducing advanced chemistry programs and state-of-the-art laboratory equipment and to her leadership in the construction of the Twombly-Burden Room, originally assigned for use as a chemistry lecture hall.

Sister Sheila summed up the profound influence of Sister Philemon as a "woman of all times," a woman loved by faculty, staff, students, alumni, her family, and her religious community at Salve Regina College.

## People in the News

**Dr. Louise Murdock**, Associate Professor of Nursing, gave a talk at R.I. Hospital to the pediatric nursing staff. Entitled "When the Patient Goes Home, What Now?", the lecture concentrated on children who have been hospitalized and discharged home in a cast.



**Mrs. Lorraine Robidoux**, Associate Professor of Accounting, recently attended the American Accounting Association conference held in Toronto. Educators and practitioners of accounting present at the conference focused on the presentation and discussion of research prepared by participants.



**Ms. Lynn Sheedy**, Director of Athletics, was recently elected to a two-year term as President of the R.I. Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, a state organization of athletic administrators whose aim is to promote girls' and women's athletics. She was also appointed Assistant Commissioner of the Commonwealth Coast Conference.

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The first day of classes is a mix of familiar and foreign experiences — making friends, asking directions, discovering special spots, searching for books and meeting professors.



## Sheehan

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brothers from one family lived side by side on the same street where they grew up even after reaching adulthood and starting their own families!"

Sandwiched between Nicaragua to the north and Panama to the south, Costa Rica has no army but lives in peace, according to Sheehan, a buffer in the hotbed of Central America. Sprawling coffee plantations are the heart of the Costa Rican economy with "ecotourism" (tourism to promote global ecology) pushing its way up as the second place revenue crop. Sheehan was awed by the country's lush and diverse terrain. "With a population of 3,000,000 in an area about the size of West Virginia and which can be crossed from coast to coast in just three hours, a big chunk of the country is national parks. There are tropical forests, rain forests and dry forests, each with its own plants, animals and birds. It's incredibly beautiful."

Sheehan feels "blessed and very lucky" that a Peace Corps recruiter at Salve Regina sparked his sense of adventure and that his social work background and desire to learn Spanish led him to Costa Rica. Seeing his own values and the U.S. culture from such a different vantage point made him take stock. After a while his basic needs became more basic—a spare bed and desk were all the furniture he needed. And upon returning to the U.S. he was appalled by the waste and overwhelmed by the number of selections in the marketplace.

Not many Peace Corps volunteers sign up for another two years at the end of their first tour of duty, but Sheehan doesn't seem to follow life's conventional routes. So, in August he headed out again, this time for Ecuador. He wanted to live and work in a Spanish-speaking country where he could continue to sharpen his new language skills and build on his social work foundation. Like Costa Rica, Ecuador is considered a "safe" country, with Colombia to the north and Peru to the south.

Sheehan will be helping other volunteers and as part of a team of specialists expects to work with the government of Ecuador in establishing vocational workshops which will employ the developmentally disabled. His grassroots experience in a Latin American country, strengthened by his social work background, have given him a headstart for the new assignment. As an itinerant consultant, he will criss-cross Ecuador from the lowlands to the Andean mountains, a challenge to his adaptability as he faces extremes of climate and altitude.

"Life in the Peace Corps has its ups and downs just like life in the States," reflected Sheehan. "You have your experiences and your goals which are still with you." When Sheehan is ready to return to the States, he will have a higher market value—social workers fluent in Spanish are in demand—and through the Peace Corps "immersion" method of learning language and culture he has discovered for himself that as the globe shrinks, the human spirit expands.



## Phonathons, Phonathons, Phonathons!!!

Calling all enthusiastic FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS — we would like you to join a winning team — **THE PHONATHON TEAM!** Phonathon volunteers have fun, make friends, win prizes — all for a good cause — the Salve Regina College Annual Fund.

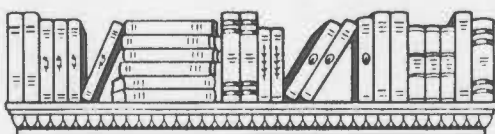
Last year over 200 volunteers were part of the Phonathon Team and helped to raise an amazing

\$80,000 in pledges! This year, we hope you can join the team and continue to make phonathons successful.

Phonathons begin October 9. Let your school spirit shine through. Call Kelli Squatrito, Special Projects Coordinator at ext. 2148 or Rob Walsh, Alumni Relations Coordinator at ext. 2152, and let us know we can count on you.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Pisano of East Greenwich (left), chairpersons of the 14th Salve Regina Governor's Ball, meet in Ochre Court with co-chairpersons Mr. and Mrs. Peter W. Rector of Portsmouth and other members of the Ball's planning committee.



## College Receives New Grants

During the last semester and spanning the summer months Salve Regina received several awards from both past and new donors.

A pilot sailing program at Salve Regina was made possible by an award of \$4,320 from the John E. Fogarty Foundation. The project is a cooperative venture with Shake-A-Leg, an organization helping those with spinal cord injuries. Using their specially designed boats and sailing instructors and student volunteers, the College offers developmentally disabled men and women in the Salve Regina Learning Unlimited program experiential learning through sailing.

Salve Regina College received an award of \$1,500 from the 12th annual Great Gatsby Ball in Newport, which also benefitted several other local organizations. The scholarship gift was presented to an education major who lives in Newport.

The College received a bequest for the purpose of establishing a scholarship fund for students in "Educational Theatre." The \$5,000 bequest is from the Estate of Franco P. Coli, a resident of Rhode Island.

Citizens Bank presented a scholarship grant to Salve Regina. The \$2,000 grant will be restricted for the College scholarship program. Citizens Bank has made an annual contribution to the College scholarship fund since 1985.

The John Clarke Trust, one of the oldest active trusts in the United States, presented a \$6,000 grant to the College for two nursing scholarships of \$3,000 each. Dr. John Clarke, a minister and one of the founders of the United Baptist Church in Portsmouth, R.I., established the trust in 1676.

New England Telephone gave Salve Regina a presidential grant of \$10,000 which is being used for the new library. The College received an additional \$1,350 from New England Telephone through their two-for-one matching gift program. A strong incentive for contributions, the company doubles each individual employee gift to the College.

## Aztec Two-Step Opens Noon Concert Series at Cecilia Hall



Rex Fowler and Neal Shulman, the Aztec Two-Step, opened the Noon Concert Series, displaying their dual guitar sound and distinctive vocal harmonies.

Folk rockers Rex Fowler and Neal Shulman, who make up the duo Aztec Two-Step, launched the 1990-1991 Noon Concert Series at Cecilia Hall with a repertoire of music to please everyone.

Aztec Two-Step burst upon the music scene in 1972 with their twin guitar sound and distinctive vocal harmonies that have become landmarks in the development of contemporary acoustic music.

Highly acclaimed by the critical world and listening public, Fowler and Shulman have led a prolific and successful songwriting and performing career.

Their 1986 release, "Living in America," was named in Billboard Magazine's year-end critics' poll and received the 1987 New York Music Award for Best Folk Album. Throughout the years they have performed thousands of concerts, including appearances with such diverse artists as Jackson Browne, Bruce Springsteen, Heart, the J. Geils Band, Loggins & Messina, Harry Chapin, Bette Midler and The Beach Boys.

Free concerts are held the first Wednesday of each month at Cecilia Hall. They begin promptly at noon and are open to the public.

## Dr. Day

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faculty in 1978. Last winter he served on a panel for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), reviewing grant proposals for the NEH's Younger Scholars Awards. He holds a Ph.D. in musicology from Columbia University and was a Fulbright scholar at the Goethe Institute in Blaubeuren, West Germany and the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitat, Munich, Germany.

And what does the author conclude about the music in today's Catholic churches? "It has never been better and never been worse," he states, gesturing toward opposite sides of an imaginary fence.

Published by The Crossroad Publishing Company of New York, a small religious publishing house, the non-fiction book is available at the Salve Regina Bookstore.