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SALVE REGINA COLLEGE

## Salve Regina Interns Try on Careers for Size

Most people wouldn't think of buying a pair of shoes without trying them on for size, but many students plan and prepare for careers without ever setting foot inside their chosen work environment until they're on the job. Then, if the career is a bad fit, it's not easy to switch. The Salve Regina internship program allows students to bring their dream jobs to life while they're still in school.

"We are in the process of creating a new awareness of the internship program," said Bernice Whitaker, Director of Placement, who came to Salve Regina in 1983 to head the department which Sister Sheila Megley, Provost, had developed. First, she produced a brochure, outlining the program guidelines. Next, she composed an internship agreement and evaluation form to record

the students' work experiences.

Most internships take place at the undergraduate level, with approval of appropriate department chairs. The Placement Office acts as a liaison for either on-campus or off-campus internships. Ed Turilli, Assistant Director of Placement, takes an active part in the search for a match between an employer and an intern. "The variety is limitless. If a student is set on a particular internship, we do all that we can to make it happen," declared Ms. Whitaker. She added that the student's initiative and "positive aggressiveness" spell success in the search.

Ms. Whitaker emphasized, "We assist the students in finding quality placements." The Academic Dean and appropriate Department Chairs review internships, awarding academic  
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Salve Regina senior Elise DePinto, a student intern at the Newport County Convention and Visitors Center, smiles a welcome to out-of-town visitors as she selects some brochures on local attractions.

## The Admissions Office: Service to the College through Service to the People



Members of the Admissions Office staff gather around Sister Roselina McKillop, Dean of Admissions, pausing from the constant criss-cross of activity and communication, including recruiting, interviewing, and phone calls.

An attitude of service permeates the walls of the Salve Regina College Admissions Office. "We're here to serve the high school students and parents," said Assistant Director of Admissions Judy Zeffiro. This attitude, the antithesis of all you've ever been led to believe about Admissions Counselors, pervades the atmosphere in the Admissions Office. Popular lore states that college interviewers are tough and impossible to please. But here at Salve Regina, the Admissions Office works for the students instead of the other way

around. Sister Roselina McKillop, Dean of Admissions, said that she has heard the statement, "Nobody cares like they do at Salve," more times than she can count.

This spirit of service is especially noteworthy considering the high level of activity in the office. "Imagine coming in in the morning and getting a cup of coffee and in the middle of pouring it, you get a phone call. So you put the coffee down and forget about it, because you have to start looking up files, but while looking up those files, you receive another

phone call. Then you meet parents, take more phone calls and learn about new policies. In between the files and the phone, you have to constantly meet the public," noted Judy Zeffiro.

Does that graphic illustration adequately describe the bustling activity of the Admissions Office? "We do just about everything," said Mark Dray, Assistant Dean of Admissions/Director of Graduate Admissions. "There's never a slow period," he emphasized. In the fall, they travel, recruit and interview students. From November to February, they read files as well as accept and reject students. In the spring, they're back out recruiting, and in the summertime, they're planning the fall recruitment. In the midst of this flurry of activity, the staff sends out over 150,000 pieces of mail, conducts telethons and processes between 3,000 and 3,500 applications a year.

The Admissions Counselors, the first people that anyone meets at Salve Regina, carry a big responsibility during that all-important first meeting, because, in that moment, they are the College. "You are Salve," emphasized Sister Roselina. The Admissions staff takes that responsibility seriously, and always present themselves and the College in an honest, sincere light.

Admissions Counselors travel ten weeks a year. An average day on the road consists of getting up early, visiting four to five high schools to meet  
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## Politics Student Awarded Fellowship



Lauren Kosinski, ('92) (center) shares good news with Sister Rosalind Ethier (left), Chairperson of the Politics Department and Sister Ann Nelson, Professor of Politics. In October, Lauren was a guest at the Twenty-First Annual Leadership Conference, an Eisenhower Centennial Program, sponsored by the Center for the Study of the Presidency, in Austin, Texas. Lauren and 24 other college students nationwide were selected by the Center from 800 participants in the Annual Student Symposium in Washington last spring for a fellowship award of \$2,500.

The Fellows are chosen on the basis of character, leadership, scholastic attainments and ability to prepare a major research paper. Lauren had submitted research papers in her freshman and sophomore years, receiving the Dr. Moses Leo Gitelson Award both years. G. Gordon  
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## The Resident Assistant — A Delicate Balance of Academics and Employment



At her desk, senior Marcia Campion sandwiches some time for study between her duties as a Resident Assistant in Miley Hall.

Ask college students to list some of the most influential people in their campus careers and the Resident Assistant will invariably appear near the top. The R.A.s here at Salve Regina College are certainly no exception. Their position is a vast conglomeration of roles. At the same time the R.A. must be both a student and College employee. Their successes lie in delicately balancing those two very important missions.

The Resident Assistants at Salve Regina are in the residence halls primarily to help create a positive atmosphere in which students are free to study, and to do and be all they ought to do and be. They arrange lectures and discussions, and organize activities for their resident students.

Constantly interchanging roles, the Resident Assistant is transformed from a student to a philosopher, teacher, nurse, or friend as the need arises. To help them gain this flexibility, Resident Assistants attend a two week summer training workshop. This past summer, for example, Resident Assistants met with Sister Lucille McKillop to consider the role of R.A. as teacher and with Sister Sheila Megley to discuss the R.A. as a professional. Administrator of College Health Services Joan Megley presented a program on health issues and the R.A. as a wellness promoter, Security Director Wayne Carlisle discussed safety, and Dean of Students John Rok addressed the issue of student expectations.

According to Director of Residence Frank Montecalvo, the entire training program is carefully designed to provide Resident Assistants with essential information they need to perform their duties. Additionally, Resident Assistants participate in freshman orientation programs throughout the summer.

Frank Montecalvo emphasizes that R.A.s on campus are not psychologists or police officers. Rather, they are supporting influences who safeguard against potential problems which might hinder academic or personal pursuits. Fundamentally, they are teachers who teach by example.

Trying to balance the role of stu-

dent and College employee is a delicate matter. Senior Marcia Campion, a first-year R.A. in Miley Hall, thinks that students appreciate the R.A.'s role in the residence halls. "They know I'm available if they need to talk, but they respect my privacy as well." Marcia makes sure to include time for herself each day, usually by strolling the Cliff Walk or running on the beach.

Junior Craig Austin, a first-year R.A. at Carey Mansion, empathizes with his fellow R.A.s who must balance dual roles. Dedication to his R.A. duties, juggling course work, and finding time for his friends are some of the daily challenges he faces. Both Marcia and Craig admit they spend many hours studying late at night, usually when the residence halls are the quietest.

Director Montecalvo is especially proud of his Resident Assistants this year, saying they're doing a superb job given the demanding nature of the R.A. responsibilities. "They are teachers in an informal classroom that is the residence hall. Together with the formal classroom instruction, they complete the educational setting."

R.A.s Marcia and Craig are quick to point out that they could not succeed in their jobs without the support of the entire residence staff. Other R.A.s this year include Karen Breen, Dawn Cable, Cathy Chace, Frank Darcy, Robert Deslauriers, Renee Dubrul, Mark Dauphiney, Alysa Fornarotto, Anne Gendron, Brian Holliday, Beth Hopkins, David Keeler, Lauren Kosinski, James Logan, Karen Marsocci, Elizabeth Messer, Paul Naughton, Vicki Richardson, Chris Samuels, Heather Schneider, Kristian Smith, Barbara Starkie, Jody Vaillancourt, Melissa Wagner and Tara Williams.

Together the R.A.s form a cohesive team dedicated to enriching the lives of resident students.



At a campus "water station" on Ochre Point Avenue, Salve Regina students refresh thirsty runners in the Delta Dental of Rhode Island Marathon held in the fall.

## Michael P. Metcalf Memorial Grants

The Rhode Island Foundation and the Rhode Island Community Foundation are accepting applications for the Michael P. Metcalf Memorial Grants. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for subsidizing an enrichment experience which broadens the student's perspective and enhances personal growth. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to selected college sophomore and junior applicants. Applicants must be legal residents of Rhode Island and show financial need for support in completing the project.

The enrichment experiences may include, but are not limited to, travel in this country and abroad and a variety of internship and public service programs. Acceptable programs do not include those that are a regular part of the student's curriculum or his/her institution's offerings. Plans

for the enrichment experience must either include an established program or be well constructed and have a clear purpose.

The first grants were awarded in 1990. One was awarded to a 46-year-old college junior who is a registered nurse intending to become a teacher of literature. She will use the grant for study of English literature at a British University. The other was awarded to a 20-year-old premedical student and poet who will travel to India to study application of Third World medical techniques of poor neighborhoods.

For more information or an application, contact Barbara Blazer, Assistant Dean of Students, ext. 2207.

Application deadline is Jan. 31, 1991.



Sister Esther Whalen, Director of Publications, accepts a bouquet from scene designer, Joseph O'Dea, at the reception following "The Heiress," while Dr. Bernard Masterson, Chairman of the Theatre Department, and Patricia Tulli-Hawkrigde, Assistant Professor of Theatre, applaud the moment. The 50th production of the Theatre Department was dedicated to Sister Esther for her support of College theatre.

## Fellowship

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Hoxie, President of the Center, stated that Lauren was the only person in the history of the organization to win the essay competition two years in a row. He also remarked that Salve Regina College was the only college to place in the essay competition every year.

As a Fellow, Lauren served at this fall's Leadership Conference and will participate on the Program Committee for the next Annual Student Symposium in the spring. At both meetings, the Fellows moderate the discussion groups and introduce the principal speakers. Speakers at this fall's conference included George E. Reedy, Jr., Press Secretary to President Johnson; The Honorable Herbert Brownell, Former Attorney General of the United States; David Allan Bromley, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology; David Eisenhower, Author and Pulitzer Prize Nominee; and Liz Carpenter, Assistant to President Carter.







Dr. Thomas Day  
Chairman of Music Department

assisted by 12 part-time teachers. The Department takes into consideration a broad educational spectrum, encompassing not only music courses but also endowing their students with a strong liberal arts background. Dr. Day stresses: "This is a liberal arts college, and we're offering the music programs in the context of a liberal arts degree."

With approximately 400 students taking music this semester alone, the Music Department is expanding at a swift pace. "People coming to the College are inquiring more and more about becoming music majors," said Brother James. Looking to the future, the Department is considering advancing into the high-tech field of computer and electronic music.

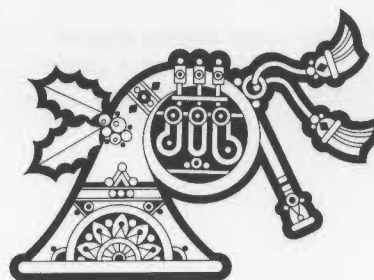
Practicality aside, studying music for purely aesthetic reasons is completely valid. The right brain, dealing with music, poetry and emotions, needs to be nourished just as much as the practical, analytical left brain. In fact, where would we be without music to stir the soul and revive warm memories?

Brother James has many warm memories of splendid past performances, yet he also looks to the future. Speaking enthusiastically about the five campus choruses he directs, he reflects that each year there is a magical freshness about them because of new songs they sing. He seems especially moved at the beauty of the music they will perform this year. He described a recent rehearsal that particularly pleased

him: "We had finished rehearsing a piece, and we all just looked at each other and said, 'Wow, did we just do that?' That makes it all worthwhile."

Many audiences find the chorus music popular as well. Dr. Day notes, "We no longer can advertise the Christmas concert off-campus because we can't accommodate the crowds that want to attend." The theme of this year's concert is "The Everlasting Journey." Created around the journey of the Magi, the theme represents the journey that everyone at Christmas makes in some way to Bethlehem — a place of new life, new hope, a place of comfort, a place of light, and a place of joy.

Both Dr. Day and Brother James feel privileged to have the strong support of the College in all of their musical projects. All their students benefit from this support. "Though they may enter other careers after graduation," reflected Dr. Day, "music is going to be a lifetime experience for them. In some way they are always going to be making music."



Music is the universal language of mankind. Learning to sing in a chorus or learning to play in a band promotes creative cooperation and a sense of togetherness, fundamental precepts to live by. Music Department Chair Dr. Thomas Day agrees, "If students study music at any level, this helps their abilities in other areas of their lives." Individually it promotes poise, confidence and discipline, equally significant virtues no matter what career they follow.

The Salve Regina Music Department promotes these advantages daily in educating their students. Three full-time faculty members, Dr. Day, Brother James Loxham, Chairman of Applied Music, and Mr. Peter Davis, Lecturer in Music, are

**Dr. Camille Allen**, Associate Professor of Education, and two elementary school educators presented a session at the 42nd Annual Conference of the New England Reading Association. The discussion centered on the Salve Regina/Sullivan School partnership and the cultural and academic benefits it provides both staff and students. Dr. Allen also participated in a panel discussion at the fall meeting of the Rhode Island Association of Teacher Educators. Entitled "A New Collegiality: College Faculty and Cooperating Teachers Working Together," the meeting was held at Rhode Island College.

**Mr. George L. "Andy" Andrade**, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, was unanimously voted president of the Middletown Town Council. As president, he plans to lead the town into an era of fiscal responsibility and heightened community involvement. His term will last two years.

**Mrs. Barbara Blazer**, Assistant Dean of Students, **Mrs. Jean Ginchereau**, Director of Academic Advising and **Mr. John Rok**, Dean of Students, recently presented a workshop at the Freshman Year Experience Conference held in Baltimore, Maryland. Entitled "We've Only Just Begun — Experiences in Establishing a New Student Seminar," the presentation was part of a conference examining freshman seminar programs at schools with under 3,000 students. Over 100 colleges and universities from 35 states were represented at the conference.

**Ms. Barbara Shamblin**, Assistant Professor of Art, will exhibit large-scale photographs in the Main Gallery of the Fine Arts Center at the University of Rhode Island. The exhibition, entitled "Excerpts and Misconceptions," presents landscape images depicting environmental concerns. This one-person show will take place from Nov. 27 through Dec. 21.



## ADJ Student Helps to Rewrite Domestic Assault Book



Susan Denoyelle ('91), administration of justice intern, confers with Cumberland Police Chief Leonard Ditano ('77) about the department's new domestic assault policy which she helped to rewrite.

Susan Denoyelle speaks in a soft voice, but she carries a big book. The book is the Cumberland Police Department's new domestic assault policy which the 28-year-old Salve Regina senior is helping to rewrite during her administration of justice practicum there. Janice Dubois, Director of the Domestic Violence Unit for the R.I. Department of the Attorney General, is assisting with the project. Cumberland Police Chief Leonard T. Ditano, a '77 graduate of

Salve Regina, claims, "It will be one of the most comprehensive procedures manuals in the state and a model for other departments." The policy will go into effect on Jan. 1, 1991.

According to Sue, "The most beneficial change in the domestic violence policy is the mandatory arrest." The mandatory arrest means that when a police officer responds to a domestic dispute and sees an injured victim, the officer must arrest the

person that he believes is the aggressor. This significant change reflects new state legislation. "What it means," explains Sue, "is that blame is shifted from the victim (most often the wife or girlfriend) to the police officer." In the past, victims often feared retaliation or had a change of heart about testifying against their aggressors in court. Knowing that they won't have to point a finger at their mates, persons feel freer to report abuse. "Now we'll have a lot more arrests and convictions," asserts Chief Ditano.

So, how did Sue, a gentle-natured, 28-year-old woman from Woonsocket, seek a career in law enforcement? She knew from the time that she was 17 that she wanted to go into police work. Nobody in her family was a cop. In fact, "they all tried to discourage me from going into the field." So, after high school, she managed a sporting goods store and spent three and a half years in computer work. "But the desire wasn't going away," said Sue. She learned from working in the real world what she didn't want to do the rest of her life. "I knew that I wanted to make a difference," she asserted. And that's when she enrolled at Salve Regina to pursue her true career goal.

The administration of justice internship program pivots around its director, Mr. Vincent Petrarca,

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## Interns

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credit on an individual basis. Just as internships may be for credit or not, they may also be for pay or not, at the discretion of the employer. Typically, a student works 8-10 hours a week and earns 3 credits per semester.

Credit and pay aside, in today's uncertain job market the experience a student builds is an investment that pays off when it's time to search for a job. A letter of recommendation from an internship supervisor adds worth to a resume. Potential employers look for "hands-on" experience in addition to academic performance when screening job applicants. "Some internships have turned into job offers," added Ms. Whitaker. On the other side of the coin, during the current economic recession, college interns can be a real boon to financially strained businesses. It's a two-way street.

The Placement Office's internship program skirts the departments of nursing, administration of justice and education which coordinate their own practicums as an integral part of their programs.

Amy Turner, a senior from South Hadley, Mass., talked enthusiastically about her current internship at WPRI, Channel 12 TV. An English major turned art major with a specialization in graphics and photography, Amy is torn between TV reporting and working with TV graphics, both of which fascinate her. "Every day is different, that's one of the things I really like," enthused Amy. She has helped design commercials and "over the shoulder" shots (the graphics seen on the screen behind the anchor person during newscasts). On other days, she has gone along with reporters on news assignments.

Elise DePinto, a senior from Waterbury, Conn. who is majoring in sociology, and Tara Brabazon of Bellport, N.Y., a senior politics major, are working at the Newport County Convention and Visitors Center for a full day each week. Speaking about her internship Elise said, "I love it — the people are so nice — it's a real learning experience." She is supervised by Anna Marie Strong, Director of Convention Sales, who favors internships from personal experience — while in college, she was an intern at a convention center in Valley Forge, Pa. A recent telemarketing project at the Center required that Elise talk to many different companies and persons in a "sales blitz" to secure donors for Newport's Winter Carnival. Elise would someday like to promote a city or state. "I'm open to moving, I like tourism, I love people, I couldn't be happier."

With other interns working in areas such as business, social agencies, theatre and public service, the internship program provides opportunities for students to combine their academic interests with their career interests by working with professionals in work settings. Internships help to expand and enrich College-community relationships, enable students to test their academic interests in the working world, develop professional contacts and provide opportunities for a smooth transition from graduation to employment.



(Top photo) There are no sour grapes here as sophomore Melissa White helps Nicky Szabo, 10, of Newport select from a cornucopia of fruit at the START-sponsored Thanksgiving dinner in Miley Hall.

(Bottom photo) Senior Melissa Wagner mixes food and fun with a pair of young friends from the Martin Luther King Center in Newport, for whom the dinner was held.

## Admissions

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with students, parents and guidance counselors, returning home around 4 p.m. only to take a short nap, freshen up and restart their day for a 6 p.m. college fair. An exhibition of anywhere from 30 to 300 colleges, a college fair usually takes place in a high school gym. Informational in content, the fairs permit Admissions Counselors to meet prospective students and give students a chance to learn about Salve Regina College.

Colleen Kelly, Assistant Director of Admissions, described the human side of the admissions process. She gets excited upon meeting a student she genuinely likes and has high hopes for, and when that person does get accepted, she confided that she feels exhilarated. On the flip side, however, she reflected that disappointment occasionally arrives when a hoped-for student doesn't get admitted. This personal investment in the admissions process clearly demonstrates the Admissions Counselors' dedication to their work.

Admissions Counselors work a lot of hours and sometimes have to work holidays because high school students' schedules differ from a college schedule. They often stay late and give tours of the College. "Nobody ever says 'this is too many hours,'" said Sister Roselina. "We don't complain," continued Judy Zefiro, "because we love our jobs. We love what we do."

Sister Roselina capsulized the helpful attitude in the Admissions Office succinctly: "We are absolutely, deeply committed to Salve Regina College, to service of the College through service to the people."

## ADJ

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Assistant to the Academic Dean for Off-Campus Programs, and is overseen by Department Chairman, Dr. James Farrington. From the beginning, the internships have provided a two-way benefit — the students give a service and receive experience in their academic areas. "After departments use our students they find out they're really competent, really beneficial, and they ask for more," explained Mr. Petrarca.

According to Mr. Petrarca, individual placements hinge on the initiative of the student. "The student says he or she would like to work in this or that setting. We go about finding the best spot available for him or her." Internship opportunities which are for credits include law enforcement, the courts, corrections, Office of the Attorney General, Public Defender's Office, private security and human services agencies. Although not mandatory, the director believes the practicums are invaluable for work experience and give students a marked advantage when they begin job-hunting. More than two dozen Salve Regina students

over the years have interned at the Newport Police Department, close to Salve Regina and where there is a lot of action. As Mr. Petrarca sees it, "Students pursuing a career in law enforcement want to do something. Deep down inside they're doers."

One of those doers, Chief Ditano, was named to his present position last January, and 1991 will mark the beginning of his 20th year with the Cumberland Police Department. "The internships," he pointed out, "are an opportunity for the students to see firsthand what they've been learning in classes. The classroom is one thing, but applying what is learned in class is crucial when they're dealing with an actual situation."

As for future interns from the College, Chief Ditano hopes Salve Regina will contact him. "If Susan is an example of the people that Salve would send, we can't wait! She's got initiative, enthusiasm and is a self-starter. She's a credit to the school."

## You Can Help Free Romania for Christmas

The College is once again demonstrating its mission to serve others through the donation of items to the Free Romania Foundation.

You can help. Items, appropriate for ages 3 to 18, needed most desperately now are: mattress or crib covers, dry laundry detergent, disposable diapers, blankets and sweatsuits. There will be several drop-off sites on campus, including Faculty Services on the first floor of O'Hare, Graduate Studies on the second floor of Ochre Court and

College Activities on the first floor of Wakehurst. Drop-off boxes will be available from Dec. 10 to Feb. 1.

The Free Romania Foundation, Inc. provides relief for the more than 125,000 orphaned and abandoned children in Romania. They offer assistance to Romanian orphanages and hospitals providing relief and supplies, medical volunteers, medicine and equipment.

For further information, please call College Activities at ext. 2915 or Graduate Studies at ext. 2338.



Lisa LeBlanc (center), treasurer of the Missing Children's Fund of Newport, accepts a check raised by the Economics/Finance Club in its first fundraiser, a concert ticket raffle. Representing the Salve Regina club are (left to right) Laurie Russo, treasurer; Ron Crawford, president; Dr. Harold Lawber, Assistant Professor of Economics, club advisor, and Donna Thibodeau, club member.