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# THE NEWS BULLETIN

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SALVE REGINA COLLEGE



## Politics Students in Washington Winner's Circle Twelve Years

Salve Regina College is making a name for itself in Washington political circles. Students in the Politics Department have sustained a winning streak for 12 years, from the first time that College representatives entered the essay competition of the Center for the Study of the Presidency. Each year Salve Regina students have either won or placed in this national contest or been selected for fellowships with the prestigious Center in Washington, D.C. This year, two Salve Regina students brought honors home and upheld that winning tradition.

Politics major Lauren Kosinski '92 served on the program committee and was a facilitator at the Annual Student Symposium of the Center for the Study of the Presidency, in the capital, attended by approximately 650 college students on the weekend of March 22-24.

After winning the Dr. Moses Leo Gitelson Award for research papers submitted to the Center competition in her freshman and sophomore years, Lauren was one of 24 college students nationwide selected from over 800 participants for a fellowship award of \$2,500 in last spring's symposium. Serving as a Fellow, Lauren moderated discussion groups and introduced speakers at last fall's Leadership Conference in the



(Top) Politics major and Center for the study of the Presidency Fellow Lauren Kosinski '92 (right) meets Chief Justice (Retired) Warren Burger. (Left) Juniors Craig Austin (left) and Daniel Daggett represented Salve Regina College at the spring symposium where Craig won second place in the Dr. Moses Leo Gitelson Award essay competition.

nation's capital.

Craig Austin '92 and Daniel Daggett '92 were selected from a field of 75 student essayists to represent Salve Regina at the recent spring symposium. Craig then won second place in the essay competition against more than 1,000 other entries from colleges nationwide and was also awarded a financial distinction. Susan Gitelson, President of the National Advisory Council for the Center, presented the awards. The judges are unaware of the originating writer or college — the essays are identified by number only. Salve Regina has been in the winner's circle every year from its first submission in 1980. Lauren pointed out, "At many schools nationwide the Center Fellow award is the most sought-after honor of the school."

Impressed and energized by seeing Washington VIPs closeup and in action, Lauren and other Center Fellows met in the White House Roosevelt Room (next to the Oval Office) where General Brent Scowcroft, National Security Advisor to the President, addressed them. "Unfolding Middle East events" kept President Bush from meeting with them as planned. The group of approximately 20 attended briefings at the Brookings Institute, the

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## Physical Education Offers Sports Smorgasbord



Riders on horseback feel the wind in their faces as they trace the water's edge at Sachuest Beach. The Salve Regina students are participating in a beginner's equestrian class, one of a selection of sports offered by the Physical Education program.

Ballroom dancing . . . sailing . . . fencing . . . horseback riding . . . Did you know that all of these activities and more are available at Salve Regina College? The Physical Education Department, headed by Mr. Andy Andrade, has quite an impressive roster of physical activities such as these available for Salve Regina students. "We're offering a diverse group of classes such as scuba-diving, golf, ballroom dance, aerobics and slimnastics. I don't want to offer just mainstream sports and fitness classes. I like to offer courses that would interest just about everyone."

And he has done that — the numbers speak for themselves; every year, classes are filled and new sections have to be added. This year alone, new sections in racquetball and sailing were introduced, and a new section in bowling will be added in the fall. Sophomore Jennifer

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Paul Diomedes '92 as Creon (left) heeds the words of Kim Diomedes '91 as Antigone in the spring theatre production of the College. Presented on two weekends in April, "Antigone" was directed by Patricia Hawkrigde of the Theatre Department.

## Twelve Months of Planning Equals One Shining Commencement

That final walk across the stage — it seems so triumphant and so simple. On the inside, however, it's a whole different story. Months of planning have gone into that walk, that handshake — according to Jan Steimer, Commencement Coordinator, planning for the following year's Commencement starts the day after the commencement ceremony and doesn't stop until the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" fill the air.

Jan said, "The day after Commencement, everyone congratulates me. They thank me and tell me that I did a super job. It's not just me though. It's everyone on this campus working hand-in-hand for a common goal," she said modestly. "Without that cooperation, Commencement wouldn't happen, and I can't think of any department on this campus that isn't affected in some way, shape or form by Commencement."

None of this, including the planning process, would be possible if not for the efforts of Sister Lucille and Sister Sheila. They orchestrate the event from beginning to end. Like playwrights penning their most important work, they write the script that everyone involved in Commencement follows. One of the leading players is Mr. Christopher Kiernan, Academic Dean, who ensures that the event proceeds as it should.

Throughout the entire planning process, Jan also works closely with the Registrar, Fred Promades, and his staff. This close working relationship makes Commencement possible. Fred keeps the lines of communication open, and his staff is a genuine asset to the event. He orders the diplomas, gives Jan updated information on who's graduating and who's not, and generally acts as her right-hand man. Jan herself has to send letters and Commencement information packets to all degree candidates as well as to the parents of undergraduate degree candidates, letters to dignitaries and corporations, memos to faculty and staff alerting them to Commencement times and events, and several mailings of printed materials to students and guests. And that's just to start — she also has to confirm photographers for the event, plan seating charts, print up directions and constantly meet with everyone involved in Commencement to ensure that all is proceeding as planned.

Everyone has his or her part — Security takes care of parking, Purchasing procures the tent, the Music Department plans and confirms the music with the Academic Dean, Public Information publicizes the event and Housekeeping, Grounds and Maintenance prepare the campus for visitors. Even Health Services is involved. Mary Kay Connell sets up first aid stations to take care of any problems that may arise with such a large number of people present in one place.

A system of checks and balances exists to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Seating arrangements are



Thomas Flanagan, Director of Administration, hoists his umbrella to keep dripping hailstones from dampening the high spirits of graduates as they ascend the stage for their diplomas on a memorable Commencement Day.

checked, double-checked and checked again. Diplomas are pulled at the last minute and scripts are changed when it's discovered that people won't be attending. And the final check is "Checkpoint Vinnie," Mr. Vincent Petrarca who stands unobtrusively behind the ascending ramp making sure the students are in the same order as the diplomas. He is the eye of the storm; he remains calm and tries to relax the students who are nervous.

Despite all this careful planning, however, there have been a few times when minor mishaps have occurred. Tom Flanagan, Director of Administration, can only recall a handful of incidents in all the years Salve Regina has had Commencement, and these were due to events beyond our control, such as natural disasters. In 1983, it rained for two weeks before Commencement, and the ground was so soft behind O'Hare that there was no way they could put up the tent. So, it's Satur-

day night, the day before graduation, and the rain didn't stop until six o'clock. The Salve Regina staff had a monumental task before them: set up 1200 chairs (which took until four a.m.), construct the stage, set up the lights, construct the two ramps ascending and descending from the stage, and camouflage the two dumpsters in the parking lot. While all of this setting up was going on, two tall poles on the tent snapped. Fortunately, they were repaired. The carpenters were still working on the stage at seven a.m., but graduation proceeded as planned with no one the wiser.

"One year," said Tom Flanagan, "just as the Bishop was doing the invocation, the black clouds came rolling in, the lightning struck and hailstones came down and struck the top of the tent." The stones collected at the junction of the poles and the tent and melted onto the ramp ascending onto the stage, so Mr. Flanagan gallantly held an umbrella over the ramp so students receiving their diploma wouldn't get soaking wet.

Even with glitches such as these, these troupers go all out to make sure everything runs smoothly for the students and their guests. According to Jan Steimer, "There's so much time and effort put into the students' education by the students themselves and through the dedication of the faculty and administration, that there should be just as much time put into celebrating their accomplishments and their achievements. The whole ceremony should run as well as the academics at the College." And it does at that — the students ascend the stage with dignity and pride to receive their diplomas, and looking about the audience, you can see an occasional tear in a proud parent's eye. Because of the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in Commencement, these people can sit back and enjoy one of the most triumphant moments of their lives.



Juniors Elyse Antine and Maureen Whalen leaf through reference materials in the newly opened College Library.

## Phonathons Conclude for 1990-91

Over \$75,000 was raised in unrestricted pledges for the 1990-91 Annual Fund. Faculty, staff, students and alumni placed approximately 7,000 calls to parents and alumni! The tremendous support from the Phonathon Team contributed to the overall success of the phonathons.

This year, gift certificates were given out at each phonathon to a team member who met the nightly goal. Some of the winners won pizzas, videos, brunch at the Greenhouse and lots more!

To honor and recognize phonathon volunteers, a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was held on Tuesday, April 30 in the Global Cafe's International Room.



Sister Paulette San Souci, Instructor in French, phones a Salve Regina alumna during a spring phonathon.

## Last Call for Trips to Ireland and French Wine Country

Reservations should be made now for any alumni interested in joining a group of students and faculty headed on separate trips to Ireland and the French wine country.

The first trip will tour the Shannon to the Thames, including stops in Eire, Wales, England and Scotland. Departing July 27 and returning Aug. 10, travelers will enjoy 15 days of sightseeing and first-class accommodations. The cost for this trip is \$2,100.

A tour of London, Normandy, Brittany and the French wine country departs Aug. 10 and returns Aug. 18. This trip costs \$928 and also includes deluxe accommodations.

For more information, please contact Sister Ann Nelson at Salve Regina College at (401) 847-6650, ext. 3143.



## People in the News

**Dr. Robin Hoffmann**, Assistant Professor of Administration of Justice, recently attended the National Conference on Juvenile Justice in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The program covered an array of topics from delinquency to child abuse and neglect.

**Mr. Christopher Kiernan**, Academic Dean, hosted a "Welcome Back" buffet supper for 25 students who studied abroad during 1990. The students recalled experiences and became acquainted with administrators whose efforts helped make their sojourn possible.

**Ms. Maureen Lareau**, Associate Professor of Nursing, will speak at the National Council on the Aging's (NCOA) annual conference. Her presentation is entitled "Developing Continuing Education and Training Programs for Families and Caregivers."

**Dr. Ann Nelson, R.S.M.**, Professor of Politics, recently made a slide presentation to the American Association of University Women (AAUW). The presentation focused on the Old Stone Mill ruin in Touro Park.

**Mrs. Kitty Rok**, Assistant Professor of Special Education, was the keynote speaker at a recent meeting of the Newport County Chapter for Retarded Citizens. She discussed the various programs Salve Regina offers to the developmentally disabled.

**Steve Soba**, a junior forward on the men's basketball team, was selected Commonwealth Coast Conference Men's Basketball player of the week for the second time this season. Scoring a total of 42 points, his playing propelled Salve Regina to a 2-0 week.

## On Your Mark, Get Set, Go! Spring Weekend Special Olympics



Student volunteers give hugs and squeezes of support to a young competitor in the East Bay Special Games hosted by the College on April 20.

A group of runners reach for the finish line, gulping in oxygen, grimacing with determination and stretching their strides to the limit. The winner's pounding chest touches the tape a fraction of a second ahead of the pack. Most of us have seen or felt this dramatic moment many times but, in this case, the runners are mentally or physically disabled persons who nonetheless enjoy testing their physical limits against others. The thrill of competition and the exhilaration of giving one's all is an integral part of the Special Olympics positive attitude.

Colorfully clad competitors and spectators spotted the track while striped tents fluttered on the practice field at Salve Regina on Saturday, April 20 where, for the 11th year in a row, the College hosted the East Bay Special Games, one of three state regional track and field qualifying competitions funneling to the Rhode Island Special Olympic Games.

The East Bay Area Games are patterned directly after the interna-

tional Olympic Games, right down to the winners' tiered platform and the presentation of gold, silver and bronze medals strung on red, white and blue striped ribbons. Following the opening ceremonies at 10:30 on April 20, events were scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Almost one dozen teams from Aquidneck Island, East Providence, Barrington, Warren, Bristol and Tiverton participated. The competitors ranged in age from youngsters through teenagers to adults, with all races and events among persons in the same age bracket. Some of the events were the 1500-meter combined, 25-meter wheelchair, 30-meter wheelchair slalom, 100-meter dash, 400-meter walk, high jump, shot put, running long jump, standing long jump and the softball throw.

A parents reception was held in the morning under the trees next to North Hall with donated doughnuts from Dunkin' Donuts, and this year there were campus tours for the special athletes' families and friends

throughout the day. The Seiler Corporation (Dining Services) contributed food for a hot dog and refreshment stand. An "Olympic Town" with a farm theme and a petting zoo for the participants occupied a corner of the playing field. Several area pet shops and an animal shelter supplied animals and food, while student volunteers from the Special Education Department staffed the "barnyard."

This year, Bridget Mulligan '92 was games director with four directors of her choice in charge of various aspects of the event. Mary Catherine Moan '92, director of support services, coordinated registration, equipment, volunteers, set-up and clean-up. Stephanie Brown '92 directed public relations activities such as photography, publicity to the media, hospitality to the families and printing a program. Karen Luchun '92, as director of special events, oversaw the opening and closing ceremonies, Olympic Town, awards, refreshments and contributions. Francis Jacovino '91 was in charge of all athletic events, including track and field events, senior games, clerking (checking in and out) for each event, and escorts for the competitors. Lynn Sheedy, Director of Athletics, and Vincent Petrarca, Assistant to the Academic Dean for Off-Campus Programs, were co-advisors.

Bridget has been involved with the Special Olympics as long as she can remember. While she was a young teenager in Vernon, Conn. she recalls tagging along to events with her dad, who serves on the Special Olympics board in that state. A nursing major, she is very enthusiastic about the student support for the East Bay games. "I've worked on a lot of committees — none like this. My phone rings off the wall with students volunteering," she exclaims. What makes everyone want to be a part of this event? According to Bridget, one of the factors is the tie-in of the event with Spring Weekend which assures that most students will be on the campus. Freshmen want to jump into whatever is going on and they find that it gives them a great sense of belonging, participation and the joy of helping others. With such good feelings, they come back to volunteer year after year and to take on leadership roles.

John Rok, Dean of Students, recalls the hatching of the idea which brought the East Bay Special Games to the Salve Regina campus. A student from Springfield, Mass. who had been involved with Special Olympics at her high school asked why Salve Regina couldn't host a similar program, and the next year the games took place at the College. The popularity of the event attracted student volunteers from the start, and participation has snowballed until upwards of 200 students, 200 spectators and several local businesses now contribute to the success of the event. "It was initiated by students at the grass roots level, and the value of the idea has been embraced by students year after year. Scheduled smack-dab in the middle of Spring Weekend, known for its emphasis on fun, students are doing something for others. It's here to stay," summed up Mr. Rok.

## SCR Receives United Way Employee Campaign Award

Thanks to us, it's working!

The United Way of Southeastern New England recently honored Salve Regina College as the recipient of the Education Division Outstanding Employee Campaign Award.

Salve Regina earned this divisional award for raising \$15,641 during the 1990 United Way of Southeastern New England fund drive. An impressive 75 percent of the College's employees made contributions to the campaign.

The United Way provides assistance to health services, family services, children's services, elderly services, women's services, and human rights and social justice organizations throughout the country.

Deserving special recognition for their dedicated efforts as College

campaign leaders are Cathy Ardito, Joyce Army, Denise Baxter, Katy Cabral, Joyce Cooper, Kathy Cordeiro, Carmel Dietrick, Sabrina DiMario, Brian Geer, William Hall, Kathy Willis, Michael Hunter, the late Brother John McNiff, Cathy Nash, Sister Ann Nelson, Owen O'Shaughnessey, Jacklyn Parsons, Lorraine Raposa, Tara Reilly, Clara Rosa, Steve Sanfilippo, Evelyn Souza, Mike Stahl, Ed Tessman, Rob Walsh, Dwight Webb, Gerry Willis and Kathy Zitano.

Conference Coordinator Karen Rajkumar, organizer of the campus campaign, accepted the award on behalf of the College at an April 25 awards reception at the Quidnessett Country Club in North Kingstown.



Determination helps push the wheelchair of a participant in one of several wheelchair races at the East Bay Special Games.





## Politics Students

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Heritage Foundation and the White House.

"The highlight of the symposium" recalled Lauren, "was meeting the retired Chief Justice Warren Burger, who gave the keynote address, "The Bill of Rights at 200 Years," Friday evening. At a reception following the opening speech, hosted by R. Gordon Hoxie, President of the Center for the Study of the Presidency, Lauren met and told Justice Burger of her aspiration to someday sit on the Supreme Court. He handed her his pocket copy of the Constitution, relating to her that a former Justice had given him his copy when he had expressed the same ambition as a young man. Then the retired Chief Justice added, "I hope your dream comes true, the good Lord willing."

Strong feelings surfaced when it came time to part on Sunday evening. Lauren recalled, "I have never felt such a strong bond with a group of people." Lauren may renew that bond — she has applied for a summer internship with R.I. Senator John Chafee's Washington office, and she knows of six other Fellows who will be working in the capital. Lauren also plans to apply in May for a councilship with the Center, and, if selected, will oversee next year's student symposium.

What future plans does Lauren have on her way to becoming a Supreme Court justice? After college she wants to earn a law degree and then work in criminal law, run for office or write legal theory. Or she may set her sights on a career which may yet come into focus when she gets a closer look at Washington.

Like all of this year's essay contestants, Craig wrote on the topic of the "U.S. Bill of Rights." He said that in addition to the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government, people generally refer to administration as the "fourth branch." In his paper, Craig asserted that the "fourth branch" was America and its use of the Bill of Rights, aligning amendments with illustrations of them in action. Appreciative of the guidance and support of Sister Rosamond Ethier and Sister Ann Nelson, Craig aspired to keep up the winning tradition set by Salve Regina and admitted feeling relief along with pride when he heard his name announced as second place winner.

With a double major in politics and administration of justice, and law school as a goal, Craig was both fascinated and impressed by the Washington scene. "Just going around the city seeing everything was great, but I also enjoyed meeting important people like Dr. Hoxsie and all the students and teachers who came from all over the country."

Making a name for Salve Regina today, politics students like Lauren, Craig and Daniel are poised to make a name for themselves and their alma mater tomorrow.



Wearing a bright smile and lacing up comfortable footwear, sophomore Keri Pearson prepares to "dance her feet off" at the annual dance marathon which raised \$1,500 for the benefit of the Island Hospice Association.



## Brother John McNiff Memorial Fund

At the time of Brother John McNiff's death, many of his students, colleagues and friends sought a way to express their respect for and gratitude to Brother John for the service he gave as teacher, scholar and friend. The Faculty Senate commissioned a committee to establish a suitable memorial.

In consultation with Brother John's family and friends, the committee decided to establish an endowed collection in the Salve Regina College Library. The new library was a project that Brother John thoroughly supported as evidenced by his choice of the history of libraries as a theme for the brochure for the 1991 Senior Thesis Presentations. The collection will allow for the annual purchase of books to develop

a substantial collection in women's and children's literature. Brother John spent his eight years at Salve Regina College developing courses in both areas, and he was constantly seeking new scholarly works in these fields to enhance his classes.

If you would like to contribute to the Brother John McNiff Memorial Fund, please send your check to Dr. James Farrington, Department of Administration of Justice, Salve Regina College, Newport, R.I. 02840. Checks should be made payable to Salve Regina Faculty Senate with a notation for Brother McNiff Memorial. We know many of you will want to contribute to recognize Brother John for his contributions to your life, and we thank you for your generosity.



A representative of EARTHWATCH hands out a brochure on one of its 135 world-wide projects to interested guests at an evening presentation at Ochre Court. The non-profit coalition of volunteers and scientists works to sustain the world's environment by sponsoring field research on endangered species and habitats, as well as world health and international cooperation.

## Physical Education

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Brady, a student in the horseback riding class, derives a great deal of satisfaction from it. "It's challenging and enjoyable," she said, "It's an individual sport focusing on your ability and agility, so you can push yourself as far as you want to go."

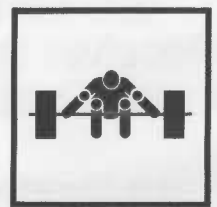
Andy Andrade concurs. He lets the students set their own pace, and tries to give them the fundamentals of a sport to pique their interest so that they'll continue it for many years.

More than that, though, he believes that it is important to be physically active. Physical activity is an outlet for students who face the normal pressures of college life — such as testing, relationships and being away from home. These courses give students a chance to learn about a sport, as well as giving them time to relax and escape from their concerns. Physical education courses can also round out a schedule — students may apply up to four one-credit courses toward their graduation requirements. In addition, many of the courses underscore the importance of nutrition and health.

For now, the department does not offer a major or minor, but the possibility of adding a concentration exists. And Mr. Andrade is the man to help it on the way to fruition. Having lived on the island his whole life, he has a clear idea of island resources and people available to teach various physical education courses.

Mr. Andrade enjoys his job as director of the department and as an instructor. "The classes are something the students are really enjoying, and they look forward to going to class. That's why I have one of the best jobs on campus — the students come to me, and they're eager to take part," said Mr. Andrade.

The courses offered are activities that can be participated in throughout your life — sports and skills that students can learn now and use later on. Mr. Andrade has many students come back and tell him that they've continued in sports and activities and enjoy what they're doing. "And that to me is what it's all about," said Mr. Andrade.



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