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**SALVE REGINA - THE NEWPORT COLLEGE ELECTED
NEW MEMBER IN NCAA DIVISION III**

Salve Regina - The Newport College, (Newport, R.I.) has been elected, effective September 1, to Division III membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). "We have reached the goal, set five years ago, to meet NCAA standards in men's athletics," notes Paul Cardoza, director of physical education/athletics.

In 1975, Salve had one men's varsity sport: basketball. Today they have four, basketball, tennis, soccer and baseball, and anticipate developing varsity squads in track & field and golf.

Twenty-two games are scheduled for this year's basketball season

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with 60% being NCAA teams. Among the NCAA teams scheduled for varsity competition with Salve during the '81-'82 academic year are: Barrington College, Roger Williams College, Rhode Island College, Bryant College, Nichols, Curry College, Bridgewater State, University of Massachusetts at Boston, Catholic University (D.C.) and St. Joseph's in Maine.

Cardoza said this NCAA status leads to the next level of development in the sophistication of men's varsity sports at Salve. Namely, "to be competitive on a Division III level" and "to prepare the College for membership in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC)."

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