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FIFTH YEAR FOR SALVE REGINA COLLEGE
GOVERNOR'S BALL; PLANNING UNDERWAY

This year marks the fifth anniversary for one of the state's most celebrated Christmas parties: the Salve Regina College Governor's Ball. The event, now a well-established tradition, will be held Saturday, December 5 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Ochre Court on Ochre Point Avenue in Newport.

Governor and Mrs. Garrahy, members of their family, friends of the College and the College community have traditionally attended the Ball. A black-tie affair at \$100 a couple, the event is a fundraiser for Salve Regina. Proceeds this year will directly

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benefit the financial aid program at the College.

Celebrated during this Fifth Anniversary Ball will be the meaning of tradition. Organizers are preparing a special commemorative booklet that reviews the "party tradition" that began in the 1890's with the Goelet family and continues, though by comparison on a modest scale, in Ochre Court today. Ochre Court is the main administration building of Salve Regina College and frequently is the site for many College and community special events. Also celebrated this year will be the traditional fifth year anniversary symbol, wood. Ochre Court's interior is decorated with finely detailed wood-sculptured doors and carvings. Their origins and history will be revealed and explored in the commemorative booklet.

The themes of tradition and wood will carry through in decorations for this year's Governor's Ball. Larger than life-size, hand-sculptured swans will accent the ballroom interior. These swans will be made of bleached "pampas grass," commonly found along the shore throughout the state. The young swan or "cygnet" is a much-used design in Ochre Court's interior, carved in iron, bronze, stone and wood. It is part of the Goelet family coat-of-arms and symbolizes poetry, grace, music and purity. Adorning the swan sculptures will be Victorian-style wreaths made of eucalyptus, wood roses and cork branch .

Centerpieces for guests' tables will be mounted on mirrored, silver bases and contain wood roses, baby's breath, dried lavender and carnations varying in color from mauve to pink to lavender.

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Continous dancing throughout the evening until 1 a.m. will be offered by the Ralph Stuart Orchestra. Refreshments include an open bar and hors d'oeuvres served by members of Sigma Phi Sigma, the College's honor society. At midnight, students will serve coffee and hot croissants for guests.

Governor and Mrs. J. Joseph Garrahy are honorary chairmen. General chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Caine of Portsmouth.

The Governor, chairmen and this year's Planning Committee note that the annual Salve Regina College Governor's Ball is open to all residents of Rhode Island and their guests. Anyone may receive an invitation by calling Sharon Caine in the Development Office at the College. Telephone is 847-6650, ext. 223, or write to Governor's Ball c/o Development Office. Salve Regina - The Newport College, Newport, R.I. 02840.

The General Planning Committee for the Fifth Annual Governor's Ball includes: Mr. and Mrs. Albert N. D'Amico, Mr. and Mrs. Antonio L. Giordano of North Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dugan of Middletown; Mr. and Mrs. A. Austin Ferland of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fournier, Mr. and Mrs. J. Joseph Kruse of Pawtucket; Mr. Michael A. Gammino of Providence; Mr. Ronald Heffernan of Cumberland; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Hunt of Barrington; Ms. Gloria Lincourt of East Greenwich; Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah C. Lynch, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James L. Maher, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Maher, Mr. Leonard D. Ossick, Dr. and Mrs. Alan Schaffer, Dr. and Mrs. Isadore G. Schaffer of Newport; Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Razza, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wilcox of Warwick; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Regine of Cranston.

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