1950

January

Statue of Our Lady of Grace erected outside Mercy Hall. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Paul San Souci and family, parents of Sister Madleine Augustine, RSM, and Sister M. Paulette, RSM.

February 3

Cap and gown investiture - Thirty-five Freshmen

June 26

Summer session - Two students arrive from Colombia, South America

September 10

Status of College stabilized to four classes numbering 140 students

September 26

Second annual Honors Convocation. First nurses capped.

November 2

Mother M. Hilda Miley, President, announced gift of the Gilbert Estate through the generosity of Cornelius Moore in memory of his parents. Now called Moore Hall.

November 25

Adult Education introduced

1951

January 2

Nursing program approved by Rhode Island State Committee on Nursing Education

March 7

School Committee in Newport approved contract with Salve Regina students participating in teacher training

June 4

The First Commencement

1. Class Day Exercises on Terrace. Planting of tree - turning of tassels - Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart.

2. Commencement Ball following dinner - Ochre Court

Baccalaureate Sunday

Mass at St. Mary's

Parents' Dinner

Regina Players

3. Alumnae Organization

4. Commencement on Terrace - Fifty-three graduates, Most Reverend Bishop Russell J. McVinney presiding Commencement Address - Honorable Edmund Flynn, Chief Justice of Supreme Court of the State of Rhode Island

June 25 - August 4

Summer session

July 23

First meeting of State Students' Nursing Association of Newport Hospital

August 15

Temporary accreditation for the above requested

August 28

Sister M. Donalda Kelly, director of Division of Nursing at Salve Regina; Sister M. Augustine San Souci, director of Nursing Services at St. Joseph Hospital

September 4

Ten seniors report to Newport schools for teacher training

November 13

Application for temporary accreditation sent by National League of Nursing

December 19

Party for underprivileged children

1952

March 29-30

First Chinese Convert, Alice (Yen-Chen) Djuh, baptized in St. Mary's Church, Newport. First Holy Communion in Salve Regina Chapel.

May 4

Talk of the Town presented by Regina Players in St. Joseph Auditorium

May 31

Baccalaureate Mass celebrated for first time in Salve Regina Chapel, followed by Parents' Dinner

June 1

Commencement - thirty-six graduates plus seventeen from extension classes

Very Reverend Monsignor Charles Lynch, Ph.D. LL.D. addressed the graduates.

June 14

Marjorie Ackroyd baptized in St. Mary's Church. First Holy Communion, Providence - Cathedral.

June 24

Fifth session of summer school - twenty-six Sisters, eighteen lay people. Twelve courses offered.

August 22

Sister M. Constance Landrigan, RSM assigned as Dean of Students, Sister M. Clarice Lomax RSM, part-time secretary

September 7

Six students begin practice teaching

September 14

Fifty-four students enter Salve Regina

September 22

Convocation - Address to students, Right Reverend Monsignor Thomas Cassidy

November 14

Investiture in caps and gowns - Parents' Tea

December 18

Sodality Christmas party for needy children 4 p.m.

Christmas Dinner 6 p.m. Pilgrimage to Crib, Glee Club Concert 7 p.m.

1953

April 9

Salve Regina approved for constituent membership in Department of Colleges and Universities of Catholic Educational Association

September 3

Sister M. Emeria Tobin, RSM appointed dean to replace Sister Mary James O'Hare, RSM, who was ill

December 4

Sister Mary James, RSM, first dean of Salve Regina, died at Mount Saint Rita

1954

May 26

Reverend David J. Coffey conducted annual day of recollection of the Senior Class. The day closed with final tribute to the seniors by the sophomores. This took the form of the traditional sophomore-senior dinner held at 6 p.m.

May 31

Fifty-two degrees were awarded at commencement exercises. The commencement speaker was Reverend John J. Dougherty S.T., S.S.D. of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N.J.

August 4

Mrs. Perle Mesta, former U.S. Minister to Luxemburg, addressed the summer school students and answered questions concerning her experiences including her visit to the Soviet Union

September 13

The College opened with its target enrollment in its seven-year history, a total of 175 students. Foreign student enrollment included students from Formosa, China, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and Central America.

October 8-10

Delegates of the Catholic Colleges throughout New England held the fall council of the National Federation of Catholic College students at the College under the direction of Rt. Reverend Monsignor Edward J. Murray

October 18

The Marian Year was officially opened with Mass on the terrace with students attending not only from the College but from all Catholic schools in Newport County

October 25

Bishop Thomas Wade, Society of Marists, serving on the Solomon Island, opened the Mission Bazaar and was presented with a check for his mission

December 7

At the close of the Marian Year, Reverend Hilary Ahern, OP of Providence College, gave an inspiring presentation of the theological aspects of Mary's Life

1955

September 9

Reverend Gerald F. Dillon, first chaplain at Salve Regina College, named pastor of a new parish in Coventry Saints John and Paul

December 22

"Vinland," the estate of Mrs. William Burden and formerly the Twombly estate, became part of Salve Regina College. It is now called McAuley Hall and together with the Gate House is used for Campus Ministry.

1956

January 27

Reverend Father Georges, OP, appointed chaplain

February 27

Sister M. Antonine Fitzgerald, RSM, appointed acting dean

September 14

McAuley Hall and Gate House blessed

November 12 and 13

The Accreditation committee from New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools visit Salve Regina

December 8

Board of the New England Association of College and Secondary Schools announce accreditation of Salve Regina College

December 10

Tablet given by Miss Dorothy West Moore in memory of her sisters Helen and Rosalind B. West to be placed in Circulation room of library. Miss Moore donated $3,600 to the library fund.

1957

January 27

Salve Regina now listed as being affiliated with the Association of American Colleges, the American Council of Education, and the National New England Association

April 28

Death of Chief Justice Edmund Flynn, member of Advisory Board and instrumental in introducing a request for the charter of the college in the General Assembly of Rhode Island

August 6

Sister M. Rosalia Flaherty, RSM appointed Dean

September 20

Salve Regina College received the amount of $20,000 from the will of the late Monsignor Peter Blessing

October 10-14

Course in Charm and Personality conducted by Miss Anne Culkin

1958

March 10

Members of nursing department attend meeting at Institute of the Living in Hartford, Connecticut, for a conference on curriculum for collegiate schools of nursing affiliating with the institute

November 11

Arrangements made for three retreat weekends on a selective basis for different classes

1959

May 8

The Moulton Estate at the corner of Ruggles and Bellevue Avenue purchased as a residence hall called Queen Hall

September 10

Three-day faculty workshop on the Guidance Program conducted by Dr. James J. Cribben of New York University

September 16

Blessing of Queen Hall

September 24

Testimonial given to Father John Shea as part of the Honors Convocation upon his leaving the college to assume the pastorate of St. Andrew's, Block Island

November 10

Mr. Herman Huffer contributed his share in the Redwood Library for the use of the College

1960

March 30

Advisory Board meeting

June 6

First Honorary degrees awarded to Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney and Cornelius Moore, Esquire

June 26

Mother Mary Hilda Miley receives an Honorary degree from Rhode Island College of Education

September 1

Reverend Paul Curran, OP assigned to teach philosophy and theology

October 25

The committee for re-accreditation of the College from New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools visited the college. Members from the National League of Nursing made a simultaneous visit to evaluate the Nursing Division.