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A Letter To The Seniors

Dear Seniors:

Grads-Yealy events have been crowding your last days at Edgell. You have had little time for study and it all adds up—goodbye.

The first was just the Junior-Senior prom in the Pavilion Car- park of the Hotel Netherland Plaza. The prom was a big affair and in your senior year it took on added importance. Noticeably, a carload of Hillary Ahem, The Mass was followed by a delicious breakfast given by the Home Economics class.

Your "little sisters" eagerly seized the festivities with the freshman-senior luncheon and the sophomores gave the tradi- tional Catholic Party. Baccalaureate Sunday was celebrated in the college chapel and on that day you were formally initiated into the Alumnae Association. The day's exercises featured reading of class history, unveiling of the class picture, passing of the symbolic dairy chain and planting of the rose bush as a remembrance of the class of '48.

The final event was the impressive candlelight exercises, climaxing the blessing of the candle, symbolic of the spirit of Edgell, to the student body. Those have been busy days during which you have heard many farewells and tributes. Perhaps you are tired of listening. But there are still a few things we should say.

It was nice knowing you. When you wrote a bes-sealer or win a prize for science we will be proud of you. But the degree to which you represent all that Edgell stands for is in your hands and in your success in our eyes.

Each of you has a challenge to face. As products of Catholic education you are ambassadors of Catholic thought to a material- istic world. Your greatest task is to live the Catholic religion and philosophy that you studied. May God help each of you to meet this challenge. Just as we looked to you for leadership in college so we shall expect you to show us the way in the larger field of the laity's apostolate.

Yours sincerely,
The Girls of Edgell

Democracy's Basis Truth
Speaker Says

"Our American democracy rests upon certain truths which are buried under the lies and subterfuges of our enemies," said Monsignor Carl J. Ryan, the newly elected Dominican of Education on the part of educators, at the opening of the 1940-41 academic year.

Monsignor Carl J. Ryan, diocesan director of parochial schools, to¬ night in his address at the 14th annual convocation of the Societies of Our Lady of Cincinnati College.

Basic Doctrine Forgotten

Monsignor Ryan continued, "In recent years, it has been the fashion on the part of educators and writers of textbooks to eliminate entirely, or pass over, the briefest of mentions, these basic doctrines on which our democracy rests." He pointed out the fact that the individual bene¬ fit of democracy are too often advanced as its main defense, rather than the principles which are its chief cause, the actual reasons why man is entitled to freedom.

A comparison was made be¬ tween the Communist system, in which there are thoroughly indoctrinated with Communist theories, and, for that reason, are willing to undergo any hardship for their cause; and our own sys¬ tem, in which we do not re¬ cept the very principles upon which our way of life rests. "In a country where the competition¬ ing systems, can we be sure of reaping our own?" Mag. Ryan asked.

Catholic College Convocation

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No Vacation From Principle

As the college year closes, all of us are pleased to have the vacation season. Although we work, travel, or remain at home, it is certain that most of us will be making new contacts with various types of people. This is an excellent time for putting Catholic Action to work.

Many of us are unaware of the great influence of Catholic doctrine on our faith and good works. We must realize that the Catholic philosophy we have been taught does not cease to exist during our vacation period. Certainly, in this in-terstitial age, there is a great necessity for the spreading of Catholic doctrine. Armed with a clear and definite knowledge of our faith and determined to put that faith into action, we can exercise a decided Christian influence upon others.

We should remember that by helping our fellow man to a happier life in this world, we can insure ourselves of a happier life in eternity. We have learned a way of life — now it is time to say eternity. We have learned a way of life — now it is time to accept an eternity. We have learned a way of life — now it is time to say "eternity." We have learned a way of life — now it is time to accept an eternity. We have learned a way of life — now it is time to say "eternity." We have learned a way of life — now it is time to accept an eternity.
Students march in formal procession for graduation ceremonies.

May Queen Helen Poland, crowns the Virgin's statue while guest speaker, Fr. Henry Neber, Fr. Hilary Ahern, Bishop C. Byrne, and her attendants look on.

Helen Joering, left, Edgecliff editor, and Helen Mary Elias, feature writer, were awarded Press Keys. The third winner was Mary Beth Ritter, shown in the group below at left.

Alice Fox, Fay Truss, and Marie Brown are pictured below with Fr. Alfred G. Stritch, admiring the cashmere sweater awarded to Miss Brown for her efforts in the Student War Relief campaign.

New members of Kappa Gamma Pi, the national Catholic honorary sorority, shown below, are Marjorie Winters, Mary Beth Ritter, Claire Reidell, and Dorothy Selzer.
Prom Queen Marguerite Doubling, attended by Art Schonenberger, left, above, is crowned by Suzanne Schimanski, junior class president. The Queen appears above, surrounded by attendants Helen Poland, Marjorie Winters, Fay Truss, Audrey Loeffler, and their escorts. The royal procession below, left, in the Pavilion Caprice is led by Mr. and Mrs. Franz Trefger.

Below is a scene from the winning one-act play, "Red Wax," given by the senior class, featuring Mary Beth Ritter, Mary Kief, Claire Reidell, Dorothy Selzer, and Margaret Mary Rock.

Above and below are two scenes from "Jenny Kissed Me," Edgecliff Players' spring production. The players shown are Walter Whalen, John Delaney, Suzanne Schimanski, Jean Nieman, and Anthony Binder.
The Class Of 1949

Margaret Bartlett, sociology major; daughter of Mr. W. J. Bartlett; alumna of Mother of Mercy Academy; Sociology Club, 1 year; president senior year; Pan American Club 1 year, secretary junior year.

Joyce Bath, Spanish major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bath; alumna of Plainville High School, Mariemont; Pan American Club, 4 years; Edgecliff Players, 3 years.

Rita Burke, chemistry major; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Burke; alumna of Ursuline Academy; Science Club, 1 year; Choral Club, 1 year; French Club, 1 year; Music Club, 1 year; Edgecliff staff, 3 years; Editor junior year; Class secretary, freshman year.

Jean Centner, sociology major; daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Wm. F. Centner; alumna of St. Bernardine’s High School, San Bernardino, California; Sociology Club, 2 years.

Jeanne Doman, mathematics major; daughter of Mrs. Marian Doress; alumna of Mother of Mercy Academy; C.S.M.C., 4 years; German Club, 1 year; treasurer in junior year; Edgecliff Players, 1 year; Science Club, 1 year; Choral Club, 1 year; Athlete Association, 2 years.

Marguerite Dowling, sociology major; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dowling; alumna of Louisville Girls High School; Science Club, 1 year; Home Economics Club, 1 year; Sociology Club, 2 years, Program Chairman in senior year.

Helen Mary Ellis, English major; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ellis; alumna of Mother of Mercy Academy; Latin Club, 4 years; International Relations Club, 5 years, secretary senior year; C.S.M.C., 4 years; treasurer senior year; Choral Club, 4 years; Edgecliff Players, 4 years, secretary junior year; president senior year; Choral Club, 3 years, president senior year; Pan-American Club, 1 year; Edgecliff staff, 3 years; Literary Annual staff, 2 years.

Mark Fitzpatrick, history major; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Fitzpatrick; alumna of Regina School; Science Club, 2 years; Choral Club, 4 years, Sociology Club, 3 years, French Club, 4 years, Secretary senior year; Music Club, 1 year; C.S.M.C. 1 year.

Rosemary Groff, Sociology major; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Groff; alumna of Piqua Catholic High School; Sociology Club, 2 years; Pan American Club, 2 years; International Relations Club, 2 years; Choral Club, 4 years.

Helen Haumesser, Sociology major; daughter of Mrs. Margaret Haumesser; alumna of St. Ursulak Academy; Sociology Club, 3 years; Science Club, 1 year; Pan American Club, 3 years; Edgecliff staff, 3 years.

Joan Hocks, Spanish major; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hocks alumna of Summit Country Day School; Pan American Club, 1 year.

Helen Jeer, English major; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Jeer; alumna of Regina High School; Edgecliff Players, 4 years, treasurer junior year; French Club, 1 year; Literary Guild, 2 years; member of the Edgecliff staff, 3 years; Editor senior year; Class secretary, freshman year.

Jeanne Kelling, chemistry major; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. (Continued on Page 6)
The traditional baseball game was started by Father George S. Pasick, a ping-pong tournament in which 25 girls participated, was won by Ruth Ball Annah. Following the play session, which was won by Father John D. Doan, Fay Truss and Ruth Willie, the annual "super-ate-the-grill" was held on the back campus.

Abolish Exams! Debaters Decide

Mary Lee Hirschberg and Lorretta Maloney were the winners of an essay contest by the National Catholic University of the Philippines, 2 years; International Relations Club, 4 years; Class treasurer, junior year; senior delegate senior year; Mary Theresa Duwel; Latin Club, Cecilia Dwyer; Choral Club, Mary Feldman; International Relations Club, Corinne Geers; Home Economics Club, Angela Castellino; French Club, Mary Feldman; C.S.M.C., Mary Theresa Dunwell, Music Club, Cecilia Dwyer; Choral Group, Shirley Halloran; Edgcliff De­baters, Jane Beck; Inter-American Commission, Carol Stageman.

Mary Claire Leis

New Club Prexies Elected For ’49-’50

Election results in the various clubs will be announced at the last convocation of the entire student body for this school year.

The following girls were elected as presidents of their respective clubs by the National Catholic University of the Philippines, their classes, and the cooperation of all the members of our region.

There is, however, even more intensive work to be accomplished next year. I am fully confident that our region can be the best in the country. I very much appreciate the opportunity of being a member of the National Catholic University.

Mary Leis succeeds Jerome Conrey of Vici­via as regional delegate.

Since her return from the Na­tional Catholic University, May 4 to 6, Miss Leis has said, "The progress of our region this past year and I am full­ly confident that our region can be the best in the country. I very much appreciate the opportunity of being a member of our region, a true Lay Apostles." The theme of the Chicago con­gregation was introduced in the words of John Julian Ryan, con­gregational president of the National Catholic University, that we are called to lead out in the work of Christ, who will lead us.

The Edgcliff student who attended the congress were Mary Jo McConnor, Corinne Geers, Carol Stageman, Mary Kiel, Dolores Kreis, Maggie Klug, Barbara Tuke, and Paul Winter.

Mary Claire Leis

Regional President

Bishop Byrne Attends May Day Ceremony

The unexpected presence of Most Rev. C. E. Byrne, Bishop of Galveston, Texas, added a special note to the May Day devotions held here at Edgcliff on the afternoon of Sunday, May 12. The Bishop was introduced to the Cincin­nati area as supreme spiritual director of the Catholic National Council of the Catholi­c Knights of America which was founded in 1887.

The distinguished visitor was introduced to Edgcliff by Father John D. Doan, who, prior to the Bishop had planned to stop for a visit at the Shakespearean Festival at Cincin­nati. By a fortunate chance, the Bishop arrived immediately before the May Day cere­mony was to begin, a happy am­bassadoress to the tradition of the Book of the Bil­l of Rights of this issue of the Edgcliff.

The traditional baseball game, which was won by Father Eugene Koenig, Fay Truss and Ruth Willie, the annual "super-ate-the-grill" was held on the back campus.

The Last Waltz To Be Played Tomorrow Night

The annual Senior Ball will be held tomorrow night in the Marie Antoinette Ballroom, Hotel Almas, Delco, Miss Truss, chairman, has announced.

This, the final social event of the school year, is a formal dance to which the juniors and seniors may bring guests of the senior class. Music for dancing will be supplied by a complete orchestra, from 9 until 1 o'clock.