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Our Lady of Cincinnati College Expands

Here's how the campus of Our Lady of Cincinnati college will look in the not too distant future.

The architect's "aerial view" is based from Cypress avenue and Victory parkway.

Today's ground breaking launches immediate construction of the Science building, to be followed shortly by the Theater-Art Studios and Speech building. Other additions will follow in the next several years.

Key to the campus, upper left corner, is as follows:
1. Emery Hall, residence. 2. McAuley Hall, music. 3. Administration building. 4. Future lecture rooms. 5. Future Student Union. 6. Future addition to Brennan Memorial Library. 7. Science building which will be under construction by late 1960. 8, 9, 10, Theater, art studios and speech building which will be begun in 1961. 11. Future multi-story parking levels.

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"Grace and Truth"

In the beginning was the word... just the word that the Religious Sisters of Mercy were to start a woman's college.

Today, June 26, 1960, a quarter of a century after the event, marks another advance in the history of Our Lady of Cincinnati College which has become a very vital reality. For this ground breaking, that occurs appropriately during the school's Silver Jubilee Year, actually signals the blossoming of a physical maturity on the expanding campus.

In the mid 20's, very few of what the world refers to as realists would have wagered on the success of a women's college in suburban Cincinnati. The pans of the nation's most severe economic depression still were being felt sharply. Anyone's hope for anything material was dimmed with understandable apprehension. And from Europe there were ramblings of a disturbance that more percipient persons were sure would set off a global explosion.

But the Sisters were building with two priceless ingrediants that always are the hallmarks of genuine success: Devotion to God's Will and Devotion to His Providence. It is characteristic of the Sisters that they usually are able to persuade everyone associated with them that this is the sort of devotion that really matters.

Consider then that in 1935, Our Lady of Cincinnati College came onto a more center of the local scene, and in scholastic circles was an unknown quantity with a shaky present and a questionable future. Around the quiet dignity of Edgcleif Point, a plan that now is synonymous with the name of the college, the Sisters with a loyal cadre of priests and laity willingly and joyously laid the first stone and new mission.

A lot has been said about the scholastic character of Our Lady of Cincinnati College, how it has become notably accredited. It has taken the proper places among ranking institutions of higher learning, how its campus has expanded. But in proper perspective, all these admirable achievements are basically secondary to the real purpose of the school. Consider in this connection the college's "Statement of Aims."

They are put this way, "Our Lady of Cincinnati College aims to develop Christian Women of Strong Moral Character and Discriminating Intelligence."

Say what you will about the physical expansion of Our Lady of Cincinnati College, and you could not say too much that would be commensurate with the devotion, toil, sacrifice and generosity of the Sisters and their aides. But there remains a basic truth that it is what a college teaches that makes it great. Buildings, classrooms, laboratories, studios and libraries are but the scaffolding over the scholastic top of the United States What is taught in some of these seriously measures up to the aims of Our Lady of Cincinnati College.

Consider also that part of all realists have with the Religious Sisters of Mercy on this occasion of a ceremony that launches a giant step forward along the path of amazing achievement.

In all these buildings and in those that today are just plans, Our Lady of Cincinnati shall never cease to nurture the minds and characters of students who, like the Sisters themselves and the school's alumnas, are truly Ladies of Cincinnati and of the world.

Spanning Centuries

In this year of Silver Jubilee, Our Lady of Cincinnati College contemplates a campus that spans the centuries.

Its development program includes an outdoor theater that follows the ancient Greek tradition. The multi-storied parking levels of concrete with exterior ramps. While many colleges have outdoor theaters, it is believed that Our Lady of Cincinnati is the first in Cincinnati. Students on larger campuses often must walk a half-mile from parked car to outdoor student center. Edgccliff students will be only a short distance from their classrooms.

The parking levels will accommodate 200 cars, and will be located over the tennis court area. Because of the topography, two levels will be entered from Ashland Avenue. Access to two others will be from the existing parking area behind the administration building which now accommodates about fifty automobiles. Outdoor ramps were chosen because every interior ramp would necessitate a space that could be occupied by twenty cars.

Although the open-air theater is not indicated in the key to the aerial view, it can be spotted just below the Emery estate. Since Edgcliffe is the first with a deck garage. Students and faculty will be able to enter the theater from the top of the garage, and will not have to go through the street to enter the theater. This is that the Emery estate will be the first with a deck garage.

The theater will be set against the natural hillside for the aerial view, it can be spotted just below the Emery estate. The stage area will be approxi­mately forty feet deep by eighty feet wide.

Physical, the college consti­nates the old with the new, the traditional splendor of stone and marble with the functional beauty of the modern. From two buildings the college has grown to fourteen, with four more to be erected by 1965, on a campus that now encompasses approximately 30 acres.

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Dr. Idzerda
To Address Faculty Meet

Guest speaker and consultant of the Fall Faculty Conference Fri­day, Sept. 9, will be Dr. Stanley Idzerda, director of the Honors college, Michigan State University.

Born in New York City in 1920, Dr. Idzerda received his B.S. de­gree in mechanical engineering at Notre Dame, 1946; B.A. degree in social science at Baldwin-Wallace in 1947; M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Western Reserve university in 1951. Before coming to Michi­gan State, he was an assistant pro­fessor at Western Michigan college, 1951-52.

He is a member of the Committee for Documentary Reproduction of the American Historical Association, regional secretary of the American Society for Aesthetics, a member of the American Association of University Profes­sors and the Michigan Academy of Sciences.

The college well in orbit since "Nuclear" Beginning of 1935

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The original 15 faculty mem­bers in 1935, eight still remain on the present faculty. These are: Mother Mary Grace, president; Sister Mary Virginia; Sister Mary Hildegard, drama; Father Alfred Britich, history; Father Joseph Irvin, French; Father John Dillon, religion; Mrs. Esther Bottenfield, business economics; and Miss Frances Loehs, music.

Six college alumnas also are members of the present faculty, which now totals 62 members.

The Edgcliffe campus is dedicated 25 years to the fulfillment of her primary purpose— the Christian formation of young women to follow many phases of God-In­terested service.

WE EARNESTLY PRAY, THAT WHAT WE BUILD...
The Edgcliff Observer

Alumnae Express Loyalty in Jubilee Fund Giving

Good Luck! Now's L. P. Cotter & Assoc.

The new firm of Laurens P. Cotter, A.I.A., becomes the successor to Manhattan's influential firm, whom Mr. Cotter has been associated with. He is a member of the college's Lay Advisory board.

Chapel Gets New Mosaic

The beautiful Madonna del Soccorso mosaic in the Chapel is about to be joined by its companion piece, a mosaic of St. Joseph by the same artist, Giulio Ciamfani, Lucas, Italy.

In the first mosaic, the red robes of Our Lady frame the picture. The idea of the Seat of Mercy is spelled out in their motiff. "My Life and our hopes." The soul of the college, at its feet, in a salutary office. The educational work to her. The interlocked while the circles of the interlocked circles themselves further the idea of the interlocking relationship of the members of the Mystical Body which are nourished from the same sacramental source.

The Madonna mosaic was the gift of the Rev. Carl Steinlechner in memory of his parent, Bernhard Joseph and Frau Henrietta Steinlechner.

The new mosaic will depict St. Joseph, the Worker, an original concept by the same mosaicist. The work is in soft, youthful. The inscription has the invocation: "Joseph, Mystic and Worker, and Guardian, guard us." Matching the rose border of the other piece, this mosaic has a border of lilies. Its two medallions show St. Joseph and his son, the Sacred Heart, and Edgcliff's McAlvey Hall, symbolizing the other half of the Church, is also the guardian of Our Lady of Cincinnati College.

The mosaic is the gift of Mary Alice Costello, in honor of her parents, Joseph and Lucille Costello.

Work on the St. Joseph mosaic has been delayed because of the artist and college's joint concern to do an immense one of St. Maria Goretti, about the life of the one in St. Peter in Chains, cathedral for the cathedral near Lucay, Italy.

MISS LOFTUS CHOOSES ALL-FRENCH PROGRAM

An all-French program will be given by Miss Frances Loftus, head of Edgcliff's piano department, for the Jubilee Fund Recital, Wednesday, July 13, at 11 a.m. in McAulay Hall. Miss Loftus has been chairman of the music department at Our Lady of Cincinnati College since its opening.

Her program is as follows:

- Gavotte and Pavane, Fauré
- Prélude, Chromatic and Fugue, Brahms
- French Preludes, from the Ten of Compiègne
- Nocettar No. 1, Poul
-Sources Francesco da Chieti

Dr. Showers Plans Health 'Workshop'

Local and state health and education officials will participate in a Workshop in Health Education, at Our Lady of Cincinnati college, Aug. 25-28. Dr. Mary Jane Showers, assistant superintendent of buildings, will head the college, is coordinative.

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"Workshop activities are designed for elementary teachers of grades four to eight," she explained. "Conferences will deal with such topics as nutrition, posture and body metabolism, dental health, mental health, physical development, and sex education and vision."

Fathers Organize

Edgar Bederman and Robert Otto are co-chairmen of a Fathers Committee organized last week. Members include: Joseph Bartlett, Arthur Krust, John Haile, George Vonderlack, George Noad, Charles Russell and Joseph Schulte.

Husbands Speak, Alumnae Listen

The Edgcliff Husband's committee came into existence Oct. 11. At the meeting at the home of its president, Mrs. Robert Otto, Thursday evening, the husband group admitted it "would like to sit down with each club in the group of the masculine gender (husbands of alumnae, of course), and listen to wives and business leaders of buildings, and to add the male viewpoint to college development plans."

Fifth Daughter of the Duwel family was last year's president of the Mothers' Club of Our Lady of Cincinnati College. Pat's sisters include Elaine, seated; Jane, Mary Theresa and Margaret Ann, standing.

Fifteenth Daughter

Mrs. Fred Duwel was last year's president of the Mothers' Club of Cincinnati College.

In the toddler year of Our Lady of Cincinnati college—1917—the college Alumnae Association was formed. A committee consisting of Adele Pohl, Rosemary Blake, Margaret Birney, Alice Riesenberg and Jean Wingerter organized the total of eight graduates into an association which today numbers more than 1,000.

With the aid of Sister Mary Virginia, P.S.M., dean who was selected as moderator, and Miss Mary Unruwicz, parliamentarian and regent of City Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, the new group drew up its first constitution. Thus affiliated with I.P.C.A., Edgcliff alumae have continued an active program of benefits, social activities, cultural retreats and social service.

The loyalty and appreciation of the alumnae for Our Lady of Cincinnati college has been significantly expressed in the "Silver Jubilee Fund." Realizing a goal of $25,000 in the past five years, the alumnae fund has raised the distinction of placing ninth of all women's colleges in the United States in the percentage of alumnae contributing. The success of the fund attests to the persistence of its past and present chairmen, Betty Kutter and Margaretta Huff Christian.

Ever since 1943, the association has awarded an annual scholarship to a high school graduate in memory of Mother Mary Hilda Bogen, foundress and first president of Edgcliff.

On April 22, 1943, a10-year-old group of mothers and alumnae attended the first Baby Day sponsored by the Alumnae Association. With the growth of Our Lady of Cincinnati, Baby Day has been replaced by an annual Family Day, a garden supper party in the encampus.

Of the 27 alumnae who followed the voice of Our Lord join religious life, 23 have become Sisters of Mercy. Two of these are members of the college faculty—Sister Mary Dolores, serving as an advisor of the Alumnae annual giving and director of student activities, and Sister Mary Judith, associate professor, education, music.

Another alumna, Sally Sue Thompson, has been a family member of the English department since 1940. Other alumnae of the faculty are Helen Maas Fedeler Sherman, Ellen Diane Lummert and Jane Ann Lummert, physical education, and Dorothy Brodhuck, Kennedy art.

Through its 23 years of growth, the alumnae group has been under the direction of three presidents: Adele Pohl Corbett, Rosemary Blake Richter, Marie Heinlein Ratcliffe, Louise Meyer Toering, Mary Lee Fahlkamp Javer, Ann Mae Garbus, Jane Schrader Rohlen, Martha Wieland Hochman, Sally Sue Thompson, Miriam Stoughton Splawn, Rosemary McCarthy Greaves, Mary Eth Bitter Putnick and the newly-elected Mary Joyce Bublik.

Having endured the years of infancy and formation, our Our Lady of Cincinnati College Alumnae Association proves today in pleasant retrospect, but looks tomorrow to a future of new growth, new talent, and new and greater achievements.

Good Habits Here

Good habits galore are in evidence at the college these days. Edgcliff's summer sessions have attracted our from fifteen different religious communities. These include the Sisters of Providence, the Ursulines of Brown County, the Sisters of St. Vincent, Sisters of Good Shepherd, Sisters of St. Joseph, Glenmary Sisters, Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, the Franciscan Nuns from Sophia, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Sisters of Notre Dame, Covington, Visitat Sisters, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor and the Sisters of Mercy.

Lay Advisory Board

Re-Elects Officers

The newest officers of the college's Lay Advisory board, organized in January, 1957, are serving their second term. They are: Augustine L. Long, president; Frank Van Lahr, vice-president; and William Demmelmair, secretary.

Since the death of Thomas M. Geoghegan several weeks ago, his position on the board has been filled by his son, Thomas Geoghegan, Jr. Another recently-elected member is Raymond L. Blume, Jr. 

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Miniature UN Assembly At Edgecliff

The United Nations will hold Assembly at Our Lady of Cincinnati college next October—an innovation.

The history department of the college, attempting to promote a better understanding of the organization and function of the United Nations, is inaugurating a miniature United Nations Assembly for the parochial and private high school students of this area.

The response from school principals to letters suggesting such an assembly has been gratifying," said W. Vincent Delaney, assistant professor of history at Edgecliff. He has set up the Edgecliff United Nations Assembly (EUNA) for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28 and 29.

Each school is asked to send at least one delegation of three students to represent a country that is currently a member of the UN.

"It follows then," Mr. Delaney said, "that the delegates would be expected to know the policies of their country! would be acquainted with the United Nations charter and Jews and would possess a good and working knowledge of parliamentary procedures."

By establishing a reproduction of the United Nations Assembly as it operates in New York, Mr. Delaney explained, "we hope to orient young men and women as to the ideas, policies and customs of foreign countries in relation to the rest of the world. At the same time, they will be familiarized with the fact that world affairs are stimulating and exciting the world, and toward the goal of universal peace."

Mothers Aid In College Improvements

Mrs. Joseph H. Schulte is the new president of the Mothers' club of Our Lady of Cincinnati college. Other recently elected officers include Mrs. Robert L. Otto, vice-president; Mrs. William Pumphord, recording secretary; Mrs. Hermen Gieseling, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Leonida J. Gruber, secretary, and Mrs. Carl Probst, treasurer.

The Mothers' club, responsible for many college improvements, lately provided the modern decor in the foyer of the administration building.

First president of the Mothers' club, organized in 1928, was the late Mrs. George Overbeck. Assisting her in organizing the club and writing its constitution were Mrs. Oliver Creed, who served as vice-president; Mrs. Hilary Everro, secretary, and Mrs. Fred Meyer, treasurer. These three still take an active interest in the affairs of the club and college.

Summer Courses Enroll Over 450

More than 450 have registered for the summer session at Edgecliff. French, English, chemistry and biology began June 13; other courses opened June 30. Fifty-nine courses are being offered.

M. J. Ryan, the college’s representative of archdiocesan schools, will speak at the June 22 assembly. The purpose of teacher education and certification for the State of Ohio, is scheduled to address the July 31 assembly.

Science Council Offers Suggestions

Seventy-two auxiliary group at Our Lady of Cincinnati college is its Science Advisory council, organized last month.

Its members have offered suggestions to college officials as to the architect regarding the new science building.

On the council are Dr. William King, Edward C. Pander, Dr. Joseph P. Ewanski, J. L. Trauth and Charles L. Stahl.

New Buildings

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The first floor will be for the Home Economics department. Reading clockwise from the lower left hand corner will be the following rooms: textile lab, laundry, ironing, fitting, clothing, four offices, nutrition, lecture, service core, general home economics, food lab and patio.

The second floor will be for the biology department—biostatistics, anthropology, botany, zoology, plant science and genetics, lecture, library and offices, biology and natural science lecture room.

Science, quantitative and qualitative analysis, physical chemistry, library and seminar, research offices, stock rooms and demonstration lecture rooms.

The third floor will be for the chemistry department which will have: laboratories for general chemistry, organic chemistry, quantitative and qualitative analysis, physical chemistry, library and seminar, research offices, stock rooms and demonstration lecture rooms.

Work on the proposed theater, art studios and speech building is expected to begin in 1960.

Facilities will be as follows:

For the theater: lobby, check rooms, ree rooms, orchestra seating for 1500 plus, balcony seating for 2000 people, a large gallery for exhibitions, stage shop, property storage, rehearsal room, orchestra room, costume shop, green room and several dressing rooms.

For the art studios, which will be adjacent to the stage, there will be studios for sculpture, faculty sculpture, silver, graphica, ceramics, painting, faculty painting, drawing, weaving, art education, children's art, woodwork, art history, library and offices.

For speech and for several class rooms, practice rooms, radio and TV studio, offices and a laboratory theatre seating about 180 persons.