

Nazareth College Marks Fortieth Year



BISHOP JOHN FRANCIS O'HERN, Rochester's third bishop, is shown with early graduates of Nazareth, the Class of 1922. They include: (front) Ruth Slavin, Grace Murray, Margaret Gardner; (back) Mary Leary, Rosemary Schifferell, Mary Feeney and Mary Moran.

The chimes of Nazareth College will peal "Happy Birthday" throughout the day Thursday, Sept. 24, as part of a day-long celebration of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the local college for women.

Two huge birthday cakes, ample to feed 1,300 celebrators, will be sliced at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. birthday luncheon and a birthday dinner.

Day students will join faculty members at the luncheon while resident students will receive their cake and ice cream in the evening.

A President's Convocation at 3:30 p.m. and a 4:30 p.m. Mass are also scheduled.

TWO MEMBERS of the original faculty, Sisters Raphael and Agnes Patricia will be honored guests at the birthday celebration.

They were present when Nazareth College opened its doors in the fall of 1924 in what was known as the "Glass House" on the grounds of Nazareth Academy on Lake Avenue.

Four years later the student body had outgrown this house and the college moved to Augustine Street to the former motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph, where there were resident accommodations for a small number of students. There, the college remained for 15 years.

A new era began in February, 1942, when the college moved to its present campus on East Avenue. Original facilities included a residence hall for 70 students, a class-room and administration building and a combination cafeteria-gymnasium building.

As the number of resident students increased, the college opened residence halls in houses on campus: Santa Maria (1945), St. Joseph's (1946), purchased LePuy Hall adjoining the campus for senior residents (1949), and opened the fourth floor of Medaille, the large residence hall in 1956.

The new library was completed in 1957 and the old library rooms in the basement of the administration building were converted into freshmen dormitories, pending the completion of Lourdes Hall in February, 1958. With the completion of Lourdes Hall, Nazareth had accommodations for 275 resident students.

Residence facilities were almost doubled with the completion of the latest construction project, Kearney Hall this spring. This complex includes accommodations for 250 students, a faculty house for 30 Sisters, a new dining hall and enlarged kitchen serving all three dining rooms, lounge and health center.

When the new campus was opened in 1942, registration had increased to about 200, only 60 of whom were classified as resident students. This year over 55% of the freshmen class will live on campus.

Another major change has been the increasingly broad geographical area from which resident students have been attracted.

In 1942 the great majority of residents were from western and central New York. In 1963, on the other hand, 40% were from the metropolitan area, 19% from Buffalo, 10% from Syracuse, 8% from the North Country, 5% from the Albany area, 15% from the Rochester Diocese and 25% from Rochester and suburbs.

In the last ten years there has been a continual strengthening of the curriculum and a sound core of liberal studies included in the program.



SECOND GENERATION at Nazareth College is represented by student Joan McLaughlin, daughter of Elsie Strebler McLaughlin, Class of 1932, shown talking to president Sister Helena Daniel.



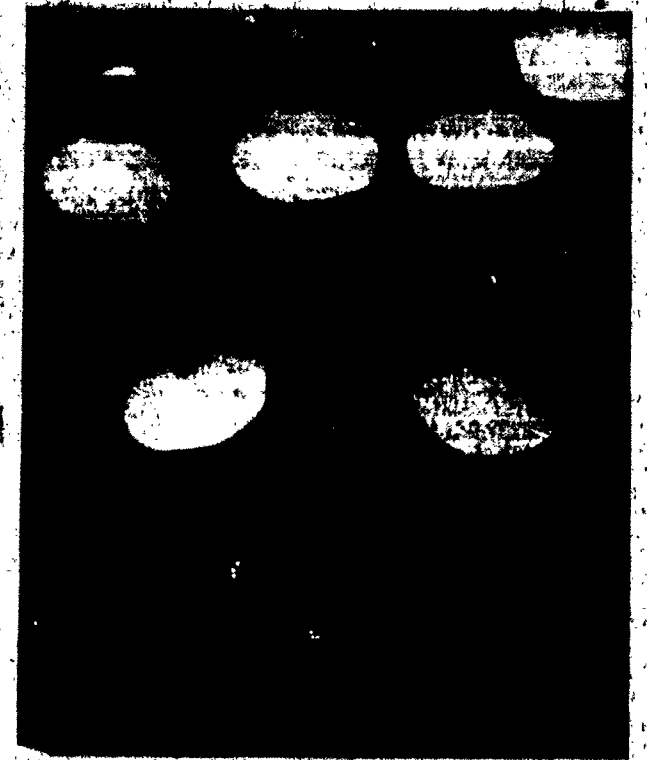
THE GLASS HOUSE was Nazareth College's first home from September 1924 to June 1928. Prior to being razed, the well-known landmark was used for Nazareth Academy classrooms.



EAST AVENUE CAMPUS in a 1964 air view of Nazareth College shows the new dormitory complex, upper left, which includes faculty house and health center.



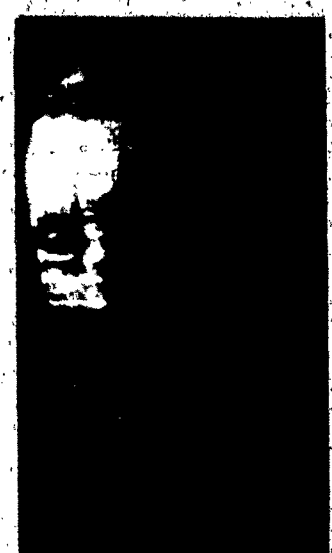
AUGUSTINE STREET college house housed Nazareth from September 1928 to December 1941. It is now the residence of the Basilian Fathers who teach at Aquinas Institute.



ORIGINAL FACULTY of Sisters at Nazareth College included: (seated) Sister Teresa Marie, dean; Sister Rose Marie, registrar; (standing) Mother Rose Miriam, Sister Raphael and Sister Agnes Patricia.

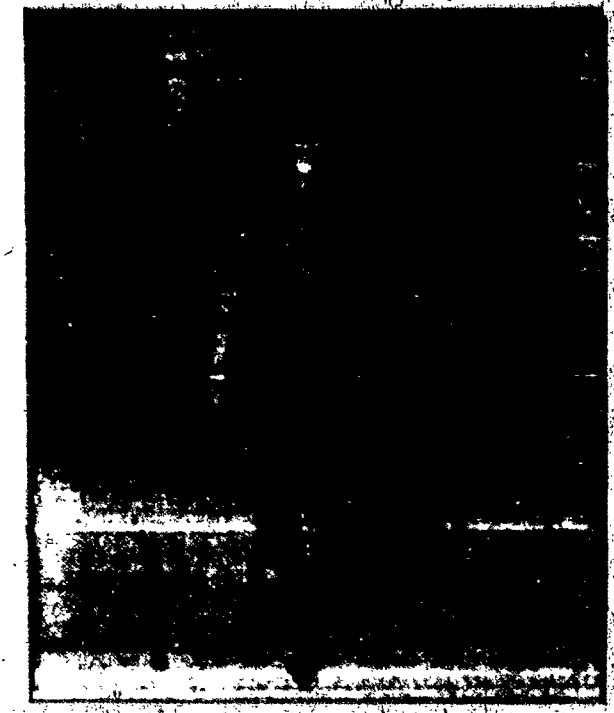


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MONSIGNOR EDELMAN

First priest members of Nazareth College staff.



Nazareth student Mary Barrett leaves college library.



Typical scenes in the Nazareth College library.

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