



Father Charles Lavery, president of St. John Fisher College welcomes co-eds: (l-r) Gloria Pucci, Carol Tascione and Judy Magro. He feels the girls aren't really "freshmen" so calls them "freshettes" instead.

Coeds Not the Only First

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

There are lots of firsts happening at St. John Fisher College this year.

Most noticeable, of course, are the women. Not Nazareth College students over for a class or two, but Fisher women.

A total of 65 women commuter students, 30 in the freshmen class, have been admitted to the college this fall, following a unanimous vote by St. John Fisher trustees last January to make the college co-ed.

Father Charles J. Lavery, college president, noted that the move followed months of study and "recognition of the current trend for high school seniors to favor a coeducational environment."

Father Lavery said that next year girls will be able to live on campus. Girls have transferred from University of Vermont, Monroe Community College and Geneseo.

The students learned of another first when Father Lavery gave his address to the freshmen Sept. 7. "You happen to be the biggest class which has entered here since the opening day in 1951," he said. A total undergraduate enrollment of 1,365 is anticipated, an increase

of 40 students over last year.

A calendar change also is being initiated this year. Classes began Tuesday, Sept. 9, the earliest opening date in the school's history, and for the first time the fall semester will end before Christmas.

According to Dr. Clarence Heininger, dean of the faculty: "The first semester will give students and faculty an experience with an uninterrupted academic program. In addition, the early closing date—examinations will end May 12 — will allow students to plan for extra summer work experience."

Three co-eds from East Irondequoit, Gloria Pucci, a graduate of Eastridge High; Judith Magro, a graduate of Bishop Kearney; and Carol Tascione, a transfer from Geneseo, agreed that it is exciting to be part of the changing school.

Miss Magro, who is a mathematics major, admitted to feeling conspicuous, but Miss Tascione said, "I don't think about being conspicuous, I just want equality." Miss Tascione is studying psychology. Miss Pucci, who is looking forward to studying economics, added that "Everyone is helpful and friendly."

Pilgrimage Set For Auriesville

Horseheads — Charter buses bound for Auriesville this Sunday, Sept. 19, will leave at 8 a.m. from St. Mary Our Mother Church.

They will arrive at noon for the 33rd annual Knights of Columbus pilgrimage to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs.

Cardinal Terence Cooke, archbishop of New York, will be principal celebrant of a Mass at 4:15 p.m. The program, sponsored by the state council K of C, will begin at 2 with a living rosary.

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