

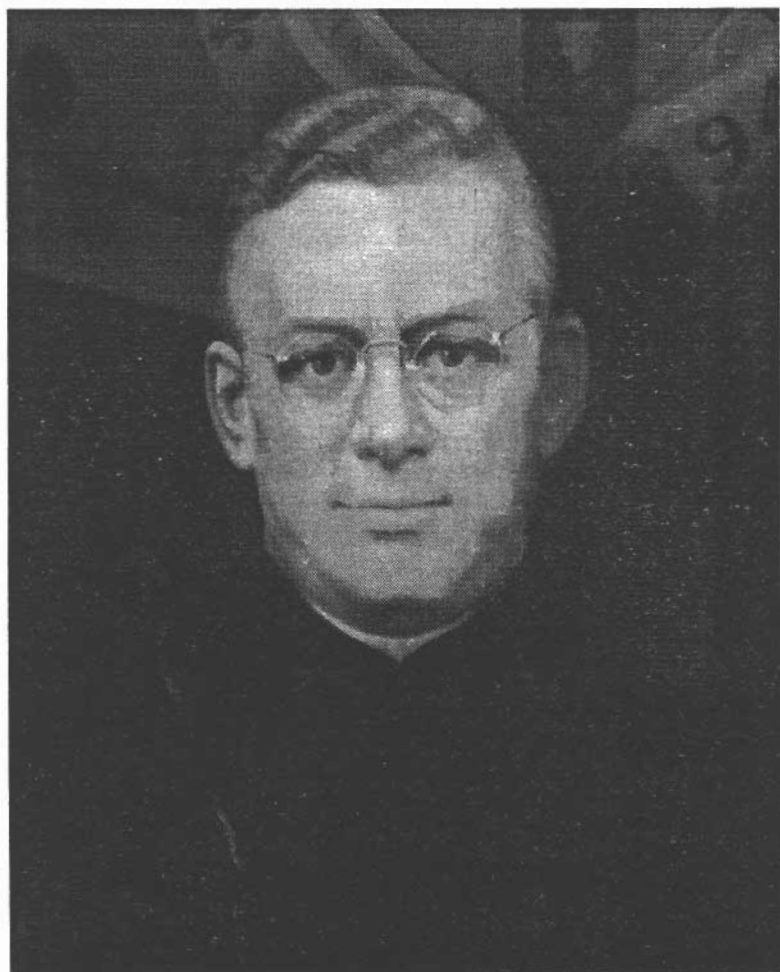
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ARCHIVE NEWS

PRESERVING THE PAST AND PRESENT FOR THE FUTURE



Rev. Anthony J. Bleicher, S.J.

First president of Le Moyne College, 1946-1947

"NOW GIVE WE THANKS"

Alumni continue to be generous in their donations to the archives. **David White '71**, besides doing an oral history on the late '60s and early '70s from the official conservative viewpoint, provided playbills and radio scripts from that era. **Frank Osinski '66** supplied a black robe, beanie and P.T. shorts.

Our faithful administrators have continued to send over their non-current records. **Diane Litteer**, from Institutional Research, has updated our holding of the HEGIS report. **Barb Karper** donated the records of the Student Life Council, predecessor of the Student Senate, and of the Student Union, the predecessor of L.S.P.B. She also gave us some T-shirts from student events. **Johnnie Hill-Marsh** contributed a photo album and articles concerning HEPP. **Inga Barnello** furnished a floppy disk containing research on photos residing on campus. **Edmund Ryan, S.J.**, shortly before his death, gave his full set of minutes and notes from the Administrative Council, 1993-2000.

Among other items, the President's office sent two reference books and a file on athletics in regard to the proposals for Division I and football.

Faculty donations came from **Carmen Giunta**, who supplied four boxes of material from chemistry and the Curriculum Committee, and **Cliff Dunn**, who presented us with issues of the Industrial Relations Newsletter and IR News.

The largest contribution came from **Fr. Michael Siconolfi, S.J.**, the new minister of the Le Moyne Jesuit Community. His "new broom" swept to us the Jesuit Community archives; the records of Frank Fingerhut, S.J., long time college treasurer; and the files of J. Donald Clark, S.J., beloved classics teacher. Finally, he provided seven boxes of material from Fr. Richard McKeon, S.J. This will become a separate collection which will shed light on the vital role of Industrial Relations in the founding of the college as well as the Jesuit emphasis on Social Justice Institutes in the post World War II era.

FROM THE PAST

October, 1967

Dear Le Moyne Co-ed,

Summarized below are the existing rules regarding dress on campus.

WEEK DAYS (i.e. Monday through Friday)

1. Slacks may be worn to the snack bar after eight o'clock.
2. They may be worn to cross campus during the day, but not into the academic and dining hall buildings. They may be worn in the athletic center in connection with physical fitness, W.A.A. programs, and to basketball games.
3. Slacks may not be worn to student meetings or to the library.

WEEKENDS

1. Slacks may be worn to meals on Saturday. The usual dress for Sunday brunch following Mass remains in effect. Slacks may be worn to Sunday night supper and to the library both days.
2. Slacks may be worn to Speak Easies following basketball games, but not to Speak Easies or on-campus dances held as individual events. They may be worn to Sunday evening movies.

At a recent meeting of the Women's Dress Committee the following suggestions were approved by Miss Dwyer and are to be tried on an experimental basis.

1. Slacks may be worn to the Friday night meal in the dining hall.
2. Slacks may be worn in the library and at the snack bar during the week only after seven o'clock. It must be noted, however, that slacks will not be allowed at meetings, lectures, plays, etc.

We would also like to comment on the present fashion trends seen on our campus. It is hoped that all co-eds will exercise discretion and good taste in choosing the fit and length of their outfits. Culottes and pant dresses are acceptable as long as they do not resemble play suits or bermuda shorts. Please remember to sit properly at all times regardless of whether you are wearing slacks or skirts.

You are asked to use good judgement when special events are being held on campus such as Parents Weekend, College Night, etc. On these occasions the permission to wear slacks to the dining hall and the library is suspended out of courtesy to the visitors and faculty.

If any question arises as to the proper attire for any occasion, do not hesitate to ask a member of the committee. Freshmen representatives for the committee will be chosen at the end of the trial period which is from the time you receive this letter until the end of the third week in November. Keep in mind that only through your co-operation will the dress regulations be altered. The next meeting of the committee will be held on Monday, November 20. Anyone who wishes to attend or who wishes to make suggestions is asked to contact a member of the committee.

Sincerely,

Ann Bergold '70, Judy Raineri '69, Ellen Cavanagh '68, Sue Brennan '70, Ellen McFarland '69
Marionne Dekker '68, Linda Piekarski '70, Kathy Casey '70, Carol Redden '68

LETTERS TO THE ARCHIVIST

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Letter to the Archivist

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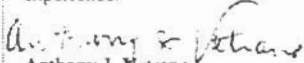
Dear Fr. Bosch —

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to you for the gracious assistance that you provided me in my recent search through the College Archives.



In accepting the kind invitation of Hopeton Smalling (Information Technology) to participate in his production of a video focusing on past Inaugurations of Le Moyne's Presidents on the occasion of Fr. Beirne's Inauguration, my thoughts immediately turned to the College's Archives. In order to refresh my "institutional memory" regarding the chronology and some of the more memorable events associated with the Inauguration ceremonies of Le Moyne's Presidents over the past four decades, it was most helpful and gratifying for me to be able to revisit (or read for the first time) various clippings of past Inaugurations which had appeared in the local press. Above all, I vividly recall the Inauguration of Fr. Frank Haig (President 1981-87) and the fanfare associated with it because he was the brother of Secretary of State Alexander Haig (the helicopters hovering over the Athletic Center and the ubiquitous Secret Service Agents present to provide tight security protection, as well as the protesters of the Syracuse Peace Council outside demanding of Secretary Haig that the U.S. military get out of El Salvador). However, what I still recall most vividly is the following: the very colorful robe in the College's green and gold that Fr. Haig had had tailor-made for this special occasion, as well as the wearing of a large gold medallion, and particularly, his bursting into song in the middle of his Inaugural Address with a rendition of "Swinging on a Star," the tune made famous by Bing Crosby in the movie, *Going My Way* (incidentally, one of the many very popular songs written by the native Syracusan, Jimmy Van Heusen); and, Fr. Haig's directing of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra in the playing of the Le Moyne "Alma Mater." As I reveled in the reading in the Archives of items related to Fr. Haig's Inauguration, it was especially interesting to read a personal letter of the Secretary of State on this special occasion. In it he congratulates his brother warmly, and says: "The day has finally come when my little brother outranks me in title!"

Fr. Bosch, I want to commend you for the excellent work that you are doing on behalf of the College to preserve its history since its founding in 1946. And, I would like to strongly encourage all members of the Le Moyne Community to peruse the veritable treasure of Le Moyne's past which you have so thoroughly and meticulously catalogued for posterity. I can assure anyone who chooses to do so that it will prove to be a most interesting and pleasurable experience.


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June 9, 2000



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Dear Fr. Bosch,

I saw in the Le Moyne magazine that you are collecting items of historical interest for Le Moyne archives. I think this is a wonderful idea. Ironically, after majoring in English at Le Moyne (class of 61) and teaching English for a few years, I eventually majored in history and taught that also. Actually, I earned both a master's and doctorate in history and taught at the college level before becoming a college administrator. So, as you can see, I recognize the importance of preserving the artifacts of the past. As I come across old photos, I will forward them to you.

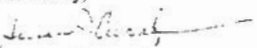
Enclosed you will find my freshman beanie, badge and ID card. We were required to wear the beanies anytime we were on campus for what seemed like the entire freshman year. While passing in the halls, we were supposed to tip our beanies to any seniors we passed. They were, of course, recognizable by their black robes. If a frosh failed to tip his/her beanie, there was usually some good-natured ribbing about it. In the rosy glow of a hazy memory, it seems that the whole frosh initiation thing was carried out with a friendly, welcoming tone. We were assigned a "big sister" or "big brother" from the sophomore class who helped us find our textbooks, learn the ropes, and attend social events.

I don't remember what the punches on the ID card represented, although I do recall that our attendance at the "open" weekend retreat freshman year was mandatory, and we had some kind of card that had to be punched at each session.

I delight in telling my students stories about those years at Le Moyne prior to the women's movement of the sixties. Young women today are shocked to hear that we had a Dean of Women (rather than a Dean of Students) who had the authority to stop by our off-campus housing to be sure we were keeping our curfew hours. (Yes, we actually did arrive home by midnight, even off-campus.) The Dean of Women sent each of the incoming freshman girls a list of clothing to bring. We were not allowed to wear pants or shorts on campus at any time - not even evenings or weekends while using the library. It was made very clear to us that we were not to wear anything that would distract the men from their studies !!

Well, I could go on and on, but I'll spare you. Good luck with this wonderful project.

Sincerely,


Susan J. Cunningham
(Susan Cowburn, Class of '61)

"THE GOLDEN FOUR"

TOPICS + TRIVIA

You can research in the archives

- The Decline of Community at Le Moyne
- Men and Women at Le Moyne: change in numbers, interaction, and culture
- The history of Student Government at Le Moyne
- The history of the Le Moyne faculty's role in college governance

Did You Know....

- Bishop Foery declared that Le Moyne was started by "the German Jesuits—Bouwhuis, Bleicher, Schlaerth, Kolmeirer, Grewen."
- In 1948, Le Moyne student elections were followed extensively by the Syracuse papers, with articles and photos detailing the campaigns. There were 15 candidates and 5 political parties. The Popular Party and Equality Party candidates tied with 113 votes each.
- The first athletic awards for the Le Moyne trophy case were won at the city skating carnival at Onondaga Park in 1949.
- In January of 1950, out of 840 Le Moyne students, 6 obtained a 4.0 or straight A; 22 had B+ or better. In 2000, out of 2399 students, 588 received a B+ or better.





I was distressed to learn from Carol Cussen in Purchasing that a number of offices were ordering file cabinets. Why my concern? Because one of the benefits an institution hopes to achieve by an archives-record management program is better management of office space. If non-current materials are held in individual offices, paper piles up; with it comes a continual demand for more file cabinets and more space.

The archives are supposed to help eliminate this problem. I have found that the average department office has 3 or 4 file drawers filled with materials that have not been used — perhaps not even looked at — in the last six months or year. Faculty files tell the same story. Two faculty members who have died in the past year or so, Jim Welter and Bea Robinson, had 7 or 8 drawers of items. The archives acquired this rich trove of material because these teachers did not have a chance to decide what to throw out and what to save. Please remember that appraisal is the job of the archivist. Don't sort; send everything that is non-current. Gain freed-up space in your office files and a deserved sense of efficiency. The important materials you send will be readily available to you...only a phone call away.

Help the archives! Help yourself!

The **long** and the **short** of it is...



You give us
your non-current
records, photos,
etc., we'll
give you the
Le Moyne
information
and photos
that you need...

...and the
Le Moyne
past can light
up its present
and future.

Together, we can make it happen!

Send all inquiries and materials to:

William J. Bosch, S.J.

Le Moyne College Archive

Archive Hours: 8:30 a.m. – noon/1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

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