

THE ARCHIVIST'S CREED:

*Honor the Past, Enrich the Present, Protect the Future*



**SNO-DUST MAN.** Members of the Sodality of Our Lady of Le Moyne College add the finishing touches to their snow man in the backyard of 930 James St., reminding the students of the closed "Sno-Dust Prom" tomorrow night at Drumlins. They are, left to right, Joe Carroll, Dick Giblin, Nancy Feeney, Sam DiPaola, Jim Hughes, Jack Neu, Rosie McMahan and Mary Condiloro. This event will be the first semi-formal dance sponsored at the new Le Moyne College.

*Syracuse Herald-Journal, January 16, 1948*

# THE TALK NOT GIVEN:

## A PERSONAL NOTE

Back in 1947, when I entered the Jesuit novitiate, we had no shower or clean clothes for 10 days. The reason given was that “because of the number” [there were 34 who entered September 7th], we had to wait until all clothing had been stamped with a laundry number. On September 27, 2006, “because of the number” of Bene Merenti, the Fall Convocation had to be streamlined. So the recipient of the Loyola Medal for 40 years at Le Moyne did not give a talk, as had been delivered in the past. Here is what I would have said.

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“Whenever I have attended the orientation sessions for accepted students, the keynote speaker, whether administrator or faculty member, has always used the theme of ‘the fit.’ The point is that Le Moyne is not for everyone. If one wants a relatively small, liberal arts college in the Jesuit tradi-

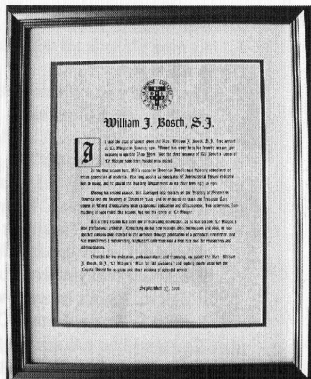


tion, then Le Moyne fits your need. If you want a large university atmosphere, or majors such as Egyptology and cosmetology, Le Moyne doesn’t fit. During the past 40 years, I personally have found Le Moyne an excellent fit.... and that for three reasons.

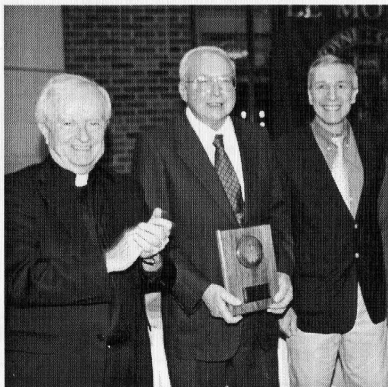
“**First:** the history department. In my biased, prejudiced opinion, it is the best department at Le Moyne. During my 30 years of teaching, I found each and every member academically top-notch, enthusiastic, and dedicated to the students. They were models, inspirations and great comrades.

“**Second:** Within a month of when I came—in the blizzard of ’66—the International House students bamboozled me into becoming their moderator. They had to get a warm body or they would lose their residence. As live-in moderator, through 30 years I had the blessing of working with some of the best and brightest students in our history—models of the college’s dedication to learning and

service. At one time, nine I.H. residents were presidents of 13 campus organizations. At the 35th anniversary, alumni were asked to indicate in what I.H. type service activities they were engaged. Among the dozens of responses, there were such as from tonight's honored guests: Peg Kennedy, who volunteers countless hours as the psychologist for the local Head Start program; John Sroka, who taught the blind throughout the world for the Helen Keller Institute and is now doing prison counseling; Mike Pasquale, who is helping the unemployable in Syracuse to be employable; and Aileen Jackowsky who puts the TLC into Transitional Living Service. Then there is Renee Gadoua, who as religion editor of *The Post-Standard* keeps Syracuse spiritually informed; there is also Ginny Donohue with her fabulously successful "On Point for College." I.H. alumni include many of those who have become priests and alumnae who have become remarkable sisters, such as Chris Pologa.



"Finally, being the college archivist has been a great fit. I enthusiastically enjoy recording the lights and shadows, the successes and failures of Le Moyne ... and some have been dramatic. What college, in 60 years, could survive having five out of its 11 presidents whose competence has been questioned? On the other hand, there is the glory of able presidents and of many, many graduates who have become part of



the solution rather than part of the problem. It was my privilege to have taught many of these students.

"Yes, for 40 years, Le Moyne has been a great 'fit' for me. For this, I thank you, my confreres; the very special alumni; the Society of Jesus; and God. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart." ■

# "DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?"

ORIENTATION WEEK == SEPT. 11 -15, 1950

## Monday, Sept. 11

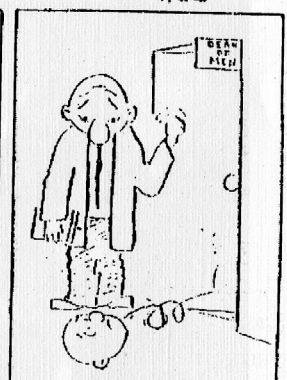
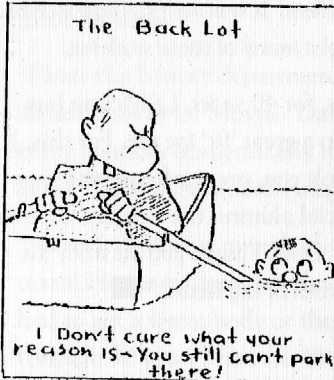
1. At nine o'clock all new students assemble in College Auditorium.
2. The Dean will preside at the assembly. Short addresses will be made by the following:
  - a. Reverend William J. Schlaerth, President
  - b. Reverend Francis Fallon, Dean
  - c. Reverend Theodore J. Clarkson, Assistant Dean
  - d. Reverend Vincent J. Ryan, Dean of Men
  - e. Leonard Frolic, President of Student Council
3. About ten minutes after the assembly [about 10 A. M.] the Freshmen will gather into classrooms to take a diagnostic test in religion. Father Murray will be in charge. Assisting him will be Father T. Brady, Father Cox, Mr. Davitt, Mr. Mitchell.
4. There will be a Social in the Auditorium from 8 to 11 P.M. All new students are invited to attend.

## Tuesday, Sep. 12

1. Assembly at 9 A.M. in the Auditorium, as on Monday.
2. About ten minutes after the assembly, the Freshmen will gather into classrooms to take the Psychological Examination. Father Clarkson will be in charge. Assisting him will be Messers Mitchell, Davit, Kenny, and McCarthy.

Do you think you could pass the tests?

## The Poet's Corner



# LETTER OF NOTE

Father Vincent Ryan, S.J., displays his ways with words as he censures rowdy fans.

## the Gold Wave

Supporting Dolphin Athletics At LeMoyné College

19 January 1986

The Editor  
Le Moyné College Dolphin

Sir:

In comments in the local newspaper AD Tom Niland lauded the kazooming support of the student body in December home games. He hoped for its continuance; he did not anticipate some of the dubious, even unacceptable expressions, devised by the center student section at the St. Michael's game.

Within categories every game, performance or exhibition has its own rules for participants and viewers. Spectators are not accorded liberties not extended to those who struggle in the area or on stage. Bench-clearing brawls are not tolerated; not every soccer match ends in murder.

In the heat of the game one of the handicaps that a player must suffer is the monitoring of his language by a zebra's ears. The fan, anonymous and faceless [odd, not mouthless] practices a risk less liberty to orbit obscenities that on field or floor would merit a well-deserved punch in the mouth.

Unmonitored, the hometown advantage can become the on-campus disgrace. All of us, player upwards, in the athletic department ask that kazooos [5 letters] be employed and all lesser-lettered words be abandoned as out of tune with a "class act."



Sincerely,

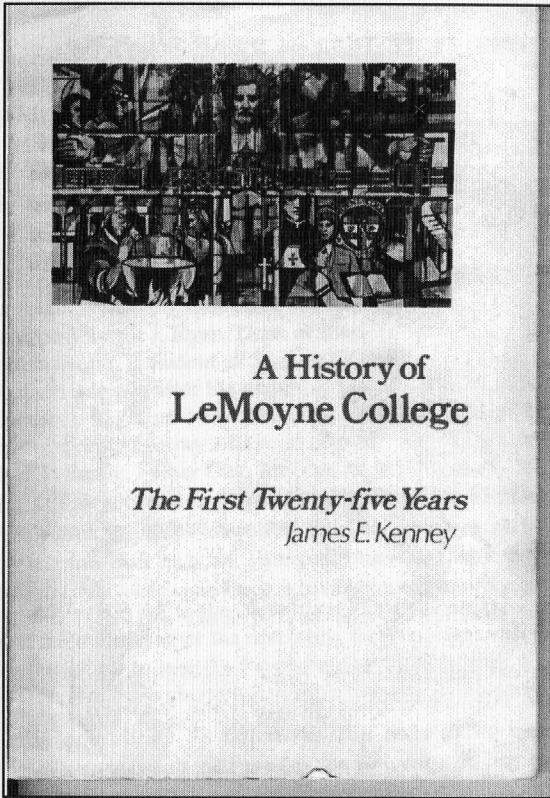
*Father Ryan*

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# VOICE FROM THE PAST

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**A**s we approach the College's 60th anniversary and await Professor John Langdon's update to his exceptionally fine history, "Against the Sky," it might be interesting to learn of how the first formal effort, "The History of Le Moyne College: The First Twenty-Five Years," by Professor James Kenney, came into being. This is his account from his oral history interview.

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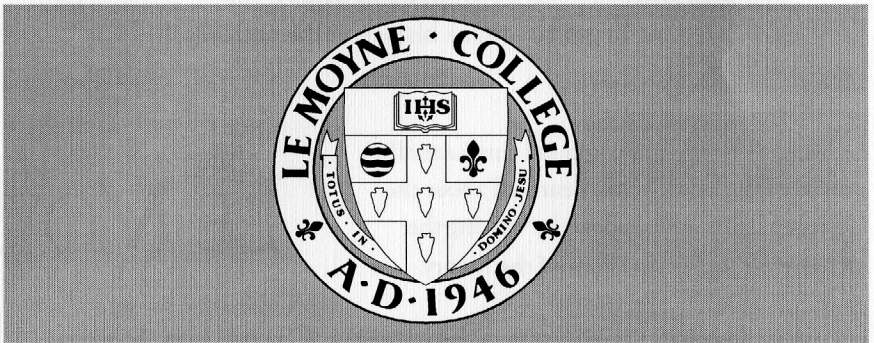
**Bosch:** Why did you undertake the history of Le Moyne College?

**Kenny:** Well, let me go through the sequence of events. I wanted to be as precise as possible. This project actually started on Monday, December 6, 1971. I have that date in my diary. Prior to that—the month before that, November 11—I attended the Founders' Day dinner at the Hotel Syracuse. At that dinner, the president announced the start of the silver anniversary year.... After the dinner

I started to think about what should we do, and what should the college do during this silver anniversary? The idea occurred to me we should certainly have a book, some sort of a document, (in) which we would bring together all the events that had happened since the fall of 1947.

So I made an appointment with Father William Reilly—he was president at that time—in his office, in what was then called the administration building. I explained to him why I thought it would be appropriate for the college to have a book, a history, of that first quarter century. Without any hesitation he said, “I agree with you; I like the idea.” He said, “Do you think you could write the manuscript?” I was not quite prepared for that particular part of it. That was his natural next step, to say to me, “It was your idea, so would you do it?” I could not think of any reason to say no, so I said, “Yes, I would be happy to do that.”

He then went down to the office of his secretary, Gen Saya, and he said, “I want you to help Jim Kenney go through my files.” He never said at any time, “You cannot look at this,” “Do not show him this,” “Hide that,” or anything like this. He said, “There are my files; she will help you go through the files.” ■



“To bring together the records of the past and to house them in a building where they will be preserved for the use of men and women in the future, a nation must believe in three things.

It must believe in the past.

It must believe in the future.

It must, above all, believe in the capacity of its own people so to learn from the past that they can gain in judgment in creating their own future.”

— President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who in 1934 signed the legislation to establish the National Archives.



– Photo from *The Dolphin*, Nov. 7, 1996

**“I don’t claim that they are all running to get to the archives, but I hope that their intensity and determination inspire you to come to give or to get Le Moyne history at the archives.”**

Le Moyne’s happy times and sad times are all preserved in the archives. Learn all about the College’s lights and shadows by visiting the archives on the second floor of the library.



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