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**FOR THE FUTURE**

## *“Election Edition”*



*Dancers applaud newly elected class officers*

### *Voting Average High in Class Elections; Richard A'Hearn Senior Class President*

Eighty-seven per cent of the student body voted in the recent class elections, the heaviest voting in the history of Le Moyne Collège. The announcement of the winners at the Chaumonot Dance on October 20th brought to a close an exciting and feverish campaign week of slogans and speeches.

Dolphin. Oct. 26, 1956

# MAJOR POLITICIANS COME TO LE MOYNE

Granted the Le Moyne community is not a “must-visit” place for major politicians; however the campus has been visited by well-known candidates. These occasions have been, by turns, both peaceful and confrontational. Four such visits stand out: two Republican, two Democratic.

The first Republican was George H. W. Bush. As vice-president he appeared on October 30, 1986 to promote Congressman George Wortley’s reelection campaign. Outside the rally, Le Moyne College Students for a Responsible U.S. Foreign Policy vociferously protested the Reagan-Bush Latin America and Nuclear Arms programs.

In 2000, Republican Senator John McCain brought his “Straight Talk Express” to the Heights. The Le Moyne Magazine reported that the rally “drew about 1,500 people, many of them LOUD... McCain proceeded to deliver a fire-and-brimstone oratory that showed why his long-shot campaign had captured the fancy of voters throughout the country.”

An early Democratic appearance on campus occurred on February 10, 1976, when Senator Edmund S. Muskie addressed a crowd of 500 students and faculty members. The senator suggested liberal remedies for the then current recession. Muskie also stressed the traditional populist theme that it was the people’s responsibility to get the government moving.



*Sen. John McCain in 2000*



*Sen. Edmund Muskie in 1977*

## ELECTORAL RIVALRY— EARLY LE MOYNE POLITICS

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**N**ovember's presidential political frenzy recalls the College's early years when campus elections were big time affairs. In fact, in the 1940s, local newspapers printed articles complete with photos on the Le Moyne Student Council campaigns.

On campus, political parties were a factor adding to the heightened interest. Le Moyne's parties were not as bitterly divided as modern supporters of Bush or Kerry, but they did supply rallying points for enthusiastic partisans. In Le Moyne's first election, four parties vied for votes—Popular, Equality, Ideal, and Student Action. The *Dolphin* reporter judged that personality decided many a vote; the contest consisted of “vigorous and exuberant nominees whose party platforms were not exceptionally controversial or essentially different in any respect.” For example, Len Fralick's 1949 platform proposed senior activities, cafeteria improvements, establishment of a part-time employment bureau, and betterment of student recreation facilities. The other candidates championed the same issues. However, one party platform did reflect an issue of the time. Jack Parkinson of the Student Action Party pledged that his administration would be anti-communist. There is no record on what this meant on the Le Moyne campus.

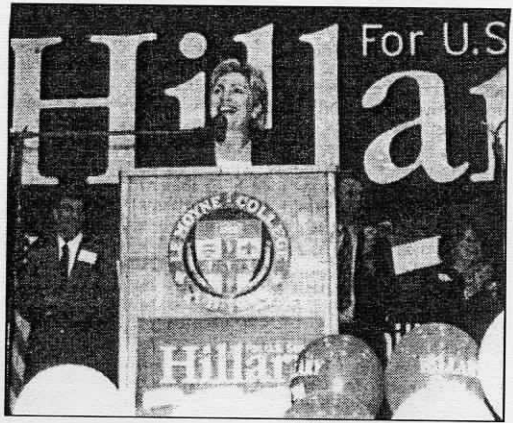
Colorful party names from later years indicate that Le Moyne's Student Council political divisions were not taken too seriously. In 1954, the electoral battle was between the Bob-Cat and the Blue-Plate Special parties. In 1956, the Shirt-Sleeve and the all female Hen party vied. Later, it seems that the administration banned political parties apparently from an apprehension that such groups might become unwanted powers because of their continuity.

Early student leaders campaigned intensely because they felt that they were starting from a “blank slate” with almost unlimited potential. With no history of frustration and apathy, they seemed to think all things were possible and therefore early platforms promised great undertakings. In fact, Student Council activities were mostly limited to running Winter Weekend and orientation week. It also determined activities' budgets. Still students strove mightily to get elected because the Student Council was the ‘only game in town’ for aspiring student politicians. There were few student organizations and they had been organized only recently.

Eventually newer organizations—such as the Student Life Council, which lessened the Student Council's areas of control—led to a decline in early Le Moyne political activities. The troubles and turmoil of the late 1960s brought a renewed interest in student government leadership, but this energy was soon spent. Within two decades, Le Moyne's early era of zealous student politics was over. ■

## MAJOR POLITICIANS COME TO LE MOYNE (cont.)

In 2002, First Lady Hillary Clinton told 1000 people, who had waited four hours for her arrival, her plan of improving the economy of upstate New York. Pitching to her audience, Clinton proposed making college tuition tax deductible, creating National Teachers' Corps, and improving health care. Conflict arose when non-disruptive Republican student dissenters were asked to leave.



*Hillary Clinton in 2002*

They argued that a rally advertised as open to the public was turned into an event for Democrats only.

In 2004, no major candidate accepted Le Moyne's invitation to speak on campus. However, the college remains open to divergent political statements. As former Le Moyne President Frank Haig, S.J. said, "We like to have people who are the movers and the shakers of society present so that our students can have a chance to listen to them...and that's what ought to happen at a college." ■

	<b>Sue McClusky - Vice-Pres.</b>	
<b>Dick Sheehan - President</b>	<b>TRIPLE Action achievement advancement PARTY</b>	<b>Peg Cassidy - Secretary</b>
	<b>John Vita - Treasurer</b>	

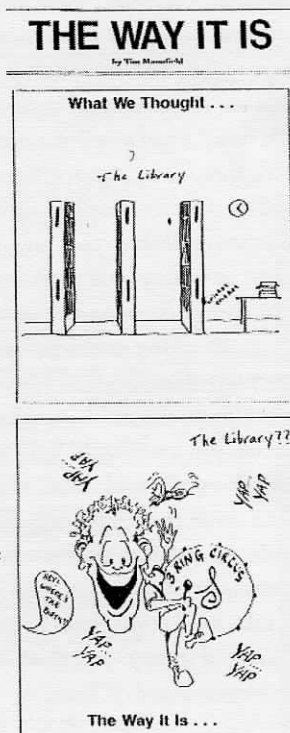
## "NOW THANK WE ALL..."

The archives especially appreciates and is dependent upon those supporters who constantly supply the archives with the essentials necessary for a full and true history of Le Moyne. In 2003-2004, these contributors were many. The **President's office** has donated both old and current documents. **Dianne Litteer**, Institutional Research, sent over 15 binders of reports, as well as recent HEGIS reports. **Jeanne Darby**, Academic Dean's office, delivered 10 banker boxes of former dean's files. **Lisa Buchovecky**, Alumni & Parents, contributed reunion photos and memorabilia. **Cheryl Berardi**, Communications, and **Patri Welch**, Institutional Advancement, repeatedly gave current printed materials. **Barbara Stinson**, treasurer's office, furnished 4 boxes of financial records. **Karen Alexander**, Enrollment Management, supplied documents on the Values Program.

The great contributors of photographs were **Mike Donlin** and **John Healy**. From the director of sports information we received 5 banker boxes of athletic photos; the Moderator of the yearbook sent thousands of photos.

Moderators and chairs donated valuable documents. **Sr. Joan Kerley** sent over P.I.C. records and memorabilia. **Marcia Ruwe** supplied the files of Alpha Sigma Lambda. **Tom Brockelman** presented the archives with 3 boxes of philosophy department material; **Jeff Chin**, items from sociology. **Raquel Romeu** delivered the Modern Language correspondence and publicity about the Festival of Nations. **Fiona Blom** sent over the Performing Arts financial records. **Beth Mitchell** supplied blueprints and other documents relating to the science building renovation. **Susan Bastable**, the director of nursing, donated the original document concerning the creation of the new program. Finally, **Michael Pasquale** has constantly donated International House material.

Former students have not forgotten the archives. **Kathleen Elliott '51** sent early college publications; **Kathleen Casey** gave Rev. J. J. O'Brien, S.J. memorabilia. **Dan Smith '83** brought in a complete set of Dolphin newspapers from his undergraduate years. The most unusual donation came from **Howard Code '74**: a stool from the Library Bar, a former favorite 'watering hole' of Le Moyne students. The name provided truth-worrying students with an excellent excuse; they could tell their parents, "I spend all my evenings in the Library. ■"



## A VOICE FROM THE PAST

# FIRST FEMALE CPA BREAKS BIAS

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Interview of Frank Fernandez. Professor of Accounting, 1950-1988.



We were outstanding in turning out CPAs. The first two CPAs—I was very proud of them. The male was Robert Dermody in the first class; he was my first male CPA. My first female was Ann Endries. She became the first female CPA. Matter of fact, I had a very difficult time because they discriminated against girls very much. Every other year we'd have a girl or two. And in her case, Ann, her name was Ann... she is Ann Endries now but... Ann Jones. Ann graduated top of the class.

Of course I used to do my own placement. I knew who was good for the government, who was good for a CPA, who was good at private accounting. I placed my own kids. And, in the case of Ann, public accounting firms were very discriminatory. They wouldn't have girls. I talked to them about the girls. They said, "Well, you know they got to meet the clients." I said, "Gees, you know, you forget that more than half of the capital in this country comes from women, you know... and you had a lot of women owners and there are women that are presidents and comptrollers and you have to have women deal with them, not men." I had a hell of a time with Price Waterhouse. I had very good relations with them in accounting terms. But little by little they start becoming national and we were too small for them to visit at Le Moyne. But I had an agreement with almost any of them that anytime I saw a prospective student, they would either come around or send them to their office in New York. Invariably they hired them. The case of Ann was very interesting because the local partner came up and said he wasn't taking anybody that year. I said to them, "What's the matter with Ann? She's top of her class, an A student." "Ah, she's a girl." "You can't consider that." It was discriminatory! I could have brought them up on charges. But I said, "Well let me tell you something. You are not going to be allowed on this campus unless you take this girl!" I said, "She's that good; you people are slow learners, you know. I don't think that faculty should have to dictate to accounting firms about the abuse of discrimination. This is very bad policy because Ann will do great." Well, he interviewed Ann again. Ann came over to see me and she says, "Well, they're going to take me!" A year later he came up to me and said, "You got any more girls like that, send them to me?" And Ann never forgot that. She became president of the Le Moyne Board of Trustees.

On November 5, 2004, Father Vincent Ryan, S.J., will celebrate his 90th birthday. As Dean of Men in Le Moynes' early years, his notices were memorable. Here are two examples.

Office of the Dean of Men

Dec. 12, 1950

## PARKING

Ordinarily, no parking is permitted in the 'Maintenance Area'—i.e. the space between the garage and the cafeteria.

Yesterday, on account of the snow conditions, cars were allowed to park there.

Today, the snow has been removed; the cars are there again.

Tomorrow, if they are there again, like the snow, they will be removed.

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THE SKELETON THAT ISN'T IN A CLOSET . . . .

WILL MOST LIKELY BE FOUND  
IN THE LADIES' ROOM

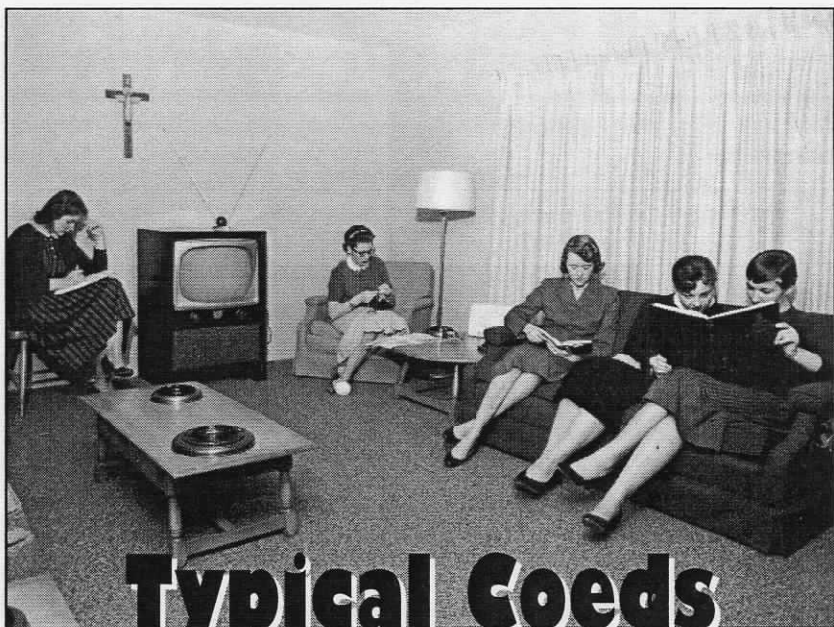
Shall we say - for lack of a more socially acceptable expression - that this room has progressively assumed the contours and philosophical notes of a junkyard. This is hardly a fair tribute to fair ladies, for oomph goes out the window when you look in at the door.

I suppose that this is a problem for which your mothers have been trying to find a solution for years and years. And they are armed with much more practical correctives, like cutting down your allowance or your nights out.

However, this will no longer continue to fulfil the function of sub-cellar and annex No. 1 to everybody's attic. If you have any personal property here, you have until this afternoon to get it out.

Come Monday, every last book, boot, bandanna, and bobby pin will have been removed, to be redeemed for a slight fee after a personal interview with me. And I mean all that stuffing in the drawers below the bench in the first room, too.

*V. Ryan*



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