

Mater Dei College Fared Well In 1983

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The year 1983 saw a great deal of growth and development at Mater Dei College in Ogdensburg. Not only did the college enjoy the highest enrollment in its history, but it also entered the information processing age through the installation of computers, expanded its extension site in Massena, established a new extension site at the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, and constructed a new TV studio at the Washington School. Mater Dei began its 24th academic year in August with a record enrollment of 356 full-time equivalent students. The previous year's enrollment at the beginning of the fall term was 327. The number of resident students living on campus in Avila Hall was 98, also a record for the college. College officials attribute the increase in enrollment to the fact that the college is becoming better known each year and to the fact that it is continually expanding and developing its various programs and services.

The increased number of students residing in the college dormitory is due to the fact that more and more of Mater Dei's students are coming from further away. Students come predominantly from New York State; however, incoming students this past year have come from as far distant as Massachusetts, Guam, and the Philippines.

3 Computers Installed
Excitement ran high at the college this past year when computers were installed for the first time. A unique plan was devised whereby small business computers were placed in the hands of faculty members in exchange for office space. The plan was designed to solve an office space problem and, at the same time, to bring the faculty into the information processing age. Faculty members participating in the voluntary program have created offices in their homes and are communicating with a host business computer on campus via telephone. Vacated offices have become confer-

ence rooms for consultation with individual students, and the faculty lounge continues to be available to the faculty as a common room. Fifteen out of 21 full-time eligible faculty members opted for the voluntary program. As an incentive for them to participate in the program, the business computer will become the property of the respective faculty members if they are still employed by the college at the end of five years. It is expected that the new computer plan will result in more time for interaction with students and more effective planning and class preparation on the part of the faculty.

While degrees are not offered directly through the Massena Extension, students can coordinate their studies with courses offered at the branch campus in Hoganburg or the main campus in Ogdensburg in pursuit of the many degree programs which Mater Dei offers. Furthermore, the classes, held at the Harrowgate School Building, are small in size, offer individualized attention, and are close to home for Massena residents. Courses range from liberal arts to technical business management. One of the more unique fields of study is the alcohol and chemical dependence studies program.

In June, an agreement was signed between Mater Dei College and the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility allowing the college to offer courses within the prison facility to the prisoners. During a summer session, there were 48 registrations for the four courses which were offered. Several courses were also offered during the fall semester and others in the spring semester now in progress.

Computers have also been placed in the administrative offices, and it is anticipated that such computerization will streamline administrative procedures, admissions, financial aid, and student registration at the college. Several in-service training sessions have been provided for those who will be utilizing the computers. In computerizing the college, the students and area residents have not been forgotten. Forty additional computers have been purchased, 20 of which have been placed in a classroom on campus and 20 in a classroom at the Massena Extension Site. These computers are used for instruction both in college-credit courses and in non-credit personal enrichment courses offered through the adult continuing education program at Mater Dei.

The implementation of the new computer program for the college is being coordinated by H. Raymond Johnson, registrar and planning officer. Besides its main campus and the Washington School in downtown Ogdensburg where its business school is located, Mater Dei also operates a branch campus on the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation and extension sites in Gouverneur, Massena, Tupper Lake, and at the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility. Enrollment at the branch campus and extension sites has been steadily increasing and especially in Massena where a special effort was launched this year to expand and develop the extension. To that end, Mrs. Catherine Steele was hired as a full-time coordinator and advisor and maintains an office in the Harrowgate Building.

A major informational campaign on the college was conducted in the Massena area through the local newspaper, radio stations, and cable channel 8. As a result, the enrollment at the extension has more than doubled for the spring term.

Robert M. Ichihana serves as coordinator for the academic program at the Correctional Facility. Another "boost" for the college during the past year was the construction of a video production studio in a former classroom at the Washington School. To create the studio, a new room was added as control room, sound proofing was supplied, the ceiling was lowered, a lighting grid was installed, windows were replaced with an acoustical wall, and the entire area was rewired.

Donna Reichard, Manager of the new TV studio, looks upon the new construction as a first step toward more professional and better-quality TV productions. Last year, a telecourse series in religious education was produced by the college, and another series of telecourses is currently in production this year. In addition, plans are in the works for expanding into other productions and into cable programming.

With the opening of the fall semester, Mater Dei welcomed several new members to its faculty and staff. Joining the administrative staff were Robert M. Ichihana as coordinator of the academic program at the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility; Mark J. Dougherty as director of admissions and associate dean of students; Sister Mary Louise Fiedler, SSJ, as admissions counselor; and William D. Nelson as food service manager. Added to the full-time faculty were Sister M. Aquinas Hagan, SSJ, in-

structor of religious studies, and Marc A. Hurteau and Mrs. Sandra S. Cranker, both instructors in the business program. Joining the college staff were Miss Christine L. Matt as resident assistant in the dormitory, and Miss Laura J. Brown as coordinator of the family catechesis program and part-time college recruiter. New to the maintenance staff was Carl S. Murphy. At commencement exercises on May 15, Mater Dei conferred 73 associate degrees on graduating seniors — the largest class in its 23-year history. Ten students were named to Phi Theta Kappa, a national scholastic honorary fraternity, and 11 students were nominated and accepted for inclusion in the 1983 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges." The commencement address was given by Msgr. Joseph G. Bailey, pastor of St. Raphael's Church, Heuvelton. Citations for outstanding contributions to the College were posthumously awarded to Florence Dowd and Mary Plunkett, both of whom left sizeable bequests to Mater Dei from their respective estates.

The college campus buzzed with activity and excitement for a week again this past summer when 47 senior citizens invaded the campus for an Elderhostel college experience. A total living-learning experience for men and women 60 years of age and older, Elderhostel offers low-cost vacations in the form of one-week academic and residential programs to "older students." The 47 Elderhostelers came from Rhode Island, Texas, Florida, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. For many of them it was their first time on a college campus, for others it was a time to share new ideas and to meet new people. The program was coordinated by sister M. Patricia Burke, SSJ. Because Elderhostel is so popular, the College is planning to offer two one-week sessions this coming summer.

Elected to the chairmanship of the Local Advisory Council of Mater Dei College during the past year was John Alan Phillips, president of the North Country Savings Bank, replacing Richard E. Winter whose second term had expired. Elected as vice-chairperson of the council was Malaky Winter, and John C. Crapser of Watertown was chosen as secretary. New members chosen to serve for three-year terms were Sister M. Victorine, SSJ, Mort Backus, Mark

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Past Year Saw The Expansion Of A City Tradition: Hackett's

The year 1983 saw the oldest continuing retail business in St. Lawrence County — the Patrick Hackett Hardware Company in Ogdensburg — try something new. Hackett's expanded both their physical plant and their product lines considerably in 1983, adding a second franchise of the True Value line that they had previously carried known as V&S Variety Stores.

With the help of an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) loan of \$150,000 from the city of Ogdensburg, Hackett's demolished several older wood-frame structures on their lot, rearranged existing merchandise and rental and repair space and added some 17,000 square feet of space through new construction. They also added a 5,000 square foot building to house offices and storage space.

Besides expanding the lines of merchandise they already carried, the addition of the V&S line brought to the store such departments as health and beauty aids, linens for bed and bath, sports clothing, toys, knitting supplies, arts and crafts items, stationery supplies and greeting cards. The expansion and renovation also resulted in having the location of the store's front entrance and parking lot switched from facing Fine Street to Pickering Street.

Good Sales
The store's popularity would seem to have benefited from the project, as reports from officials at the Christmas shopping season indicated that in the week following Thanksgiving, the store had "the best day" in terms of sales it has had since the opening of the original store. The expansion has also resulted in an increase in the number of people employed at Hackett's, as well as construction jobs created during the construction phase.

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True Value HARDWARE VS Variety



A MEMORABLE MOMENT — Family, officials, and friends gathered at Hackett's Hardware in 1983, for a grand opening of the new, expanded store. The company expanded not only the store itself, but also the lines it carries.



HACKETT'S HARDWARE This picture was taken in 1940 at 317 North Water Street, Hackett's location for 142 years. Pictured from L-R, Eva Dake, George Hackett, Herb Hackett, James Bell and Emmet Hackett. From this setting, Hackett's has progressed to a most unusual hardware store featuring 10 major departments.

- COMPLETE PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENTS with everything you would expect and more.
- HARDWARE DEPARTMENT for farmers, 'do-it-yourselfers' and contractors
- LAWN & GARDEN DEPARTMENT
- POWER EQUIPMENT - mowers, tillers, chainsaws and generators
- SPORTS DEPARTMENT - for winter, spring, summer and fall activities
- ELECTRONICS DEPARTMENT - phones, stereos, radios and televisions
- GIFT DEPARTMENT
- VARIETY DEPARTMENT - infantwear, crafts, office supplies, Nike, Carhartt work clothes and Hallmark
- HOUSEWARES - infant furniture, Hoover, Johanna Window Shades, and Wilton
- TRU-TEST PAINT - wallpaper and Duro Art Supplies
- RENTAL & REPAIR - Small Gas Engine Repairs, Homelite, Stihl, Briggs & Stratton, Tecumseh, and Kohler, and Rentals for any handy man.

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