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LYNN UNIVERSITY: 60 YEARS IN 30 MINUTES

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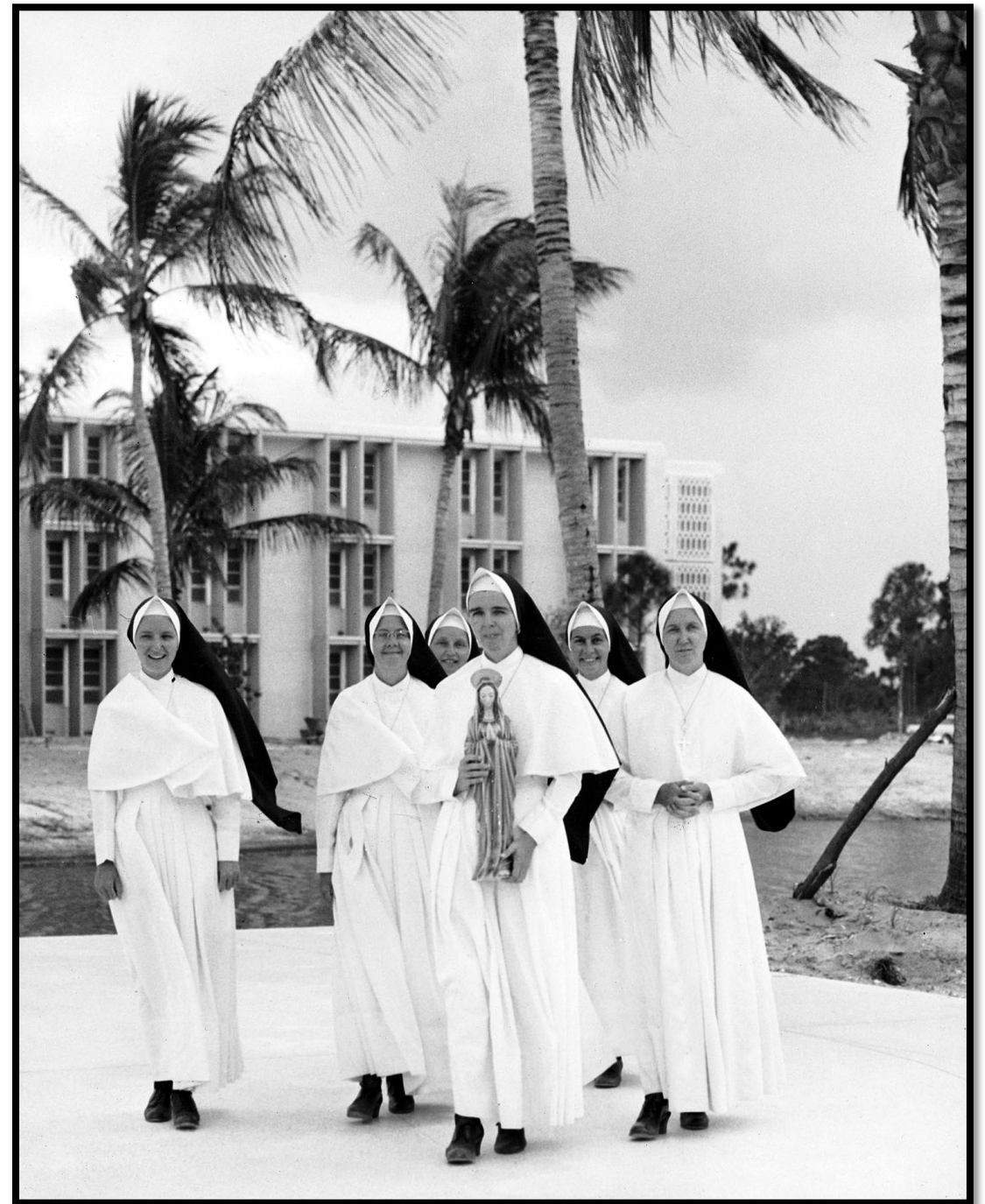
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Marymount College

1962-1975

Marymount College was founded by a group of progressive nuns from the Religious Order of the Sacred Heart of Mary.



Broke ground on June 9, 1962 as the first two-year Catholic junior college for women in Florida and the 5th Marymount College in the country.





(Top) August 1963: Founding RSHM nuns

(Right) August 1963: Two nuns departing
Miami for Boca Raton.

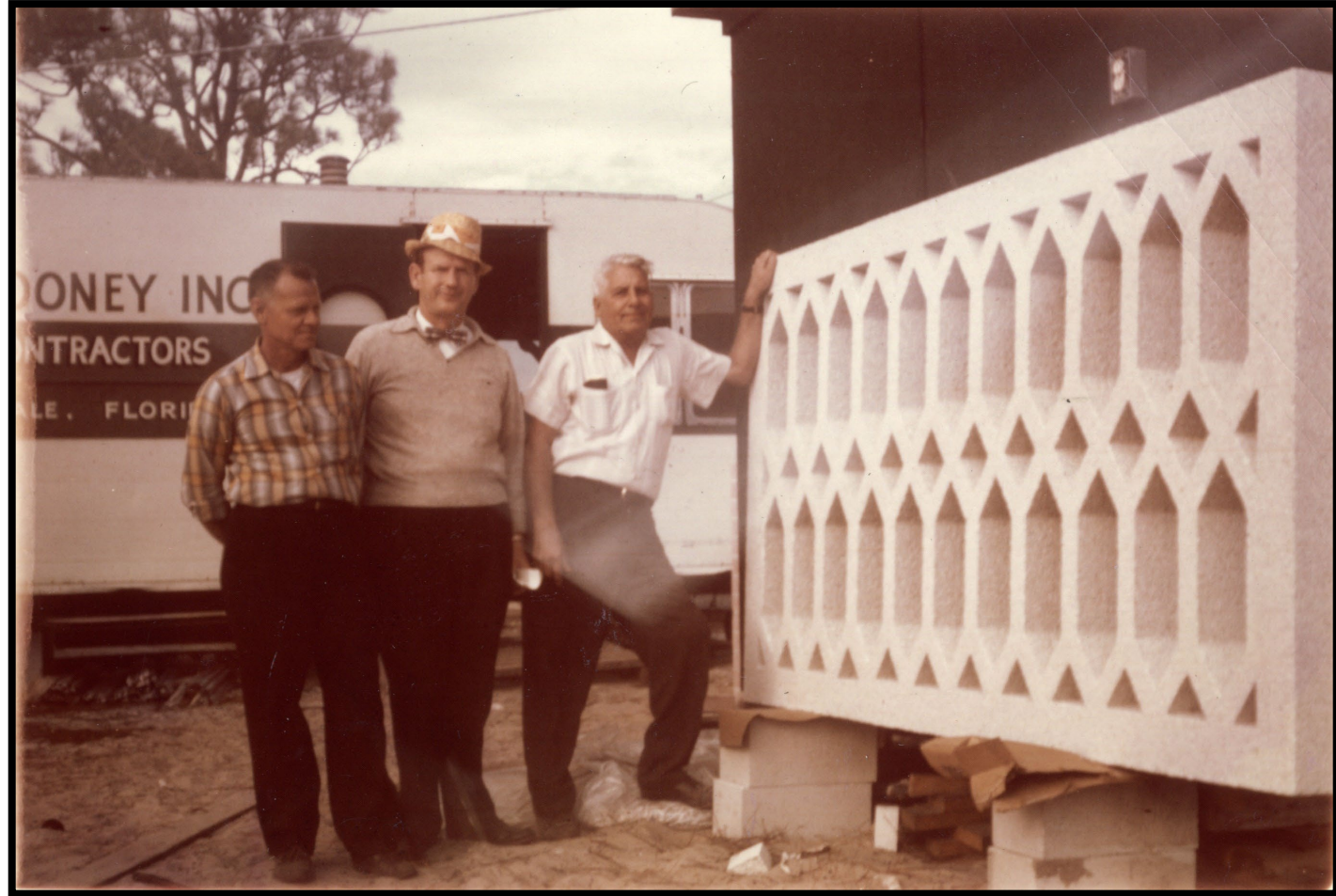




(Left) Nuns on campus (under construction)

(TOP) Nuns, students, and alligators





Left: Construction at the future site of Marymount College
Right: Frank J. Rooney contractors

Marymount College was dedicated on December 14, 1963. There were four original buildings: Founders' Hall (two-story student center, chapel, Rowley Library, dining room, auditorium, bookstore), Trinity Residence Hall (first dormitory), Carroll Hall (academic building), and St. Joseph's Hall (utility building).

The New York architectural and engineering firm, Evans and Delehanty, designed the buildings, and Frank J. Rooney, Inc. was the general contractor.

Four original buildings (Clockwise): Founders Hall, Trinity Hall, Carroll Hall (April 1963), St. Joseph's Hall (under construction, Feb. 1963)



The first class had only 98 students. Reportedly, women came from 18 states and four foreign countries. There were also 12 local students.



Marymount College students organized the 1st civil rights march in Boca Raton.





1965: First summer migrant program

Summer 1969: Child Enrichment Program & Project Upward Bound

SUMMER ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS



CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT PROGRAM — 200 boys and girls from low-income families participated in an educational-recreational experience conducted by six members of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary and College students. All were volunteer workers. The six week program, directed by Sister Simone, R.S.H.M., was filmed by a CBS-TV crew for national viewing in September. Funded entirely by donations received from private sources, the children benefitted from remedial academics, field trips, swimming, music, art and a good lunch each day.

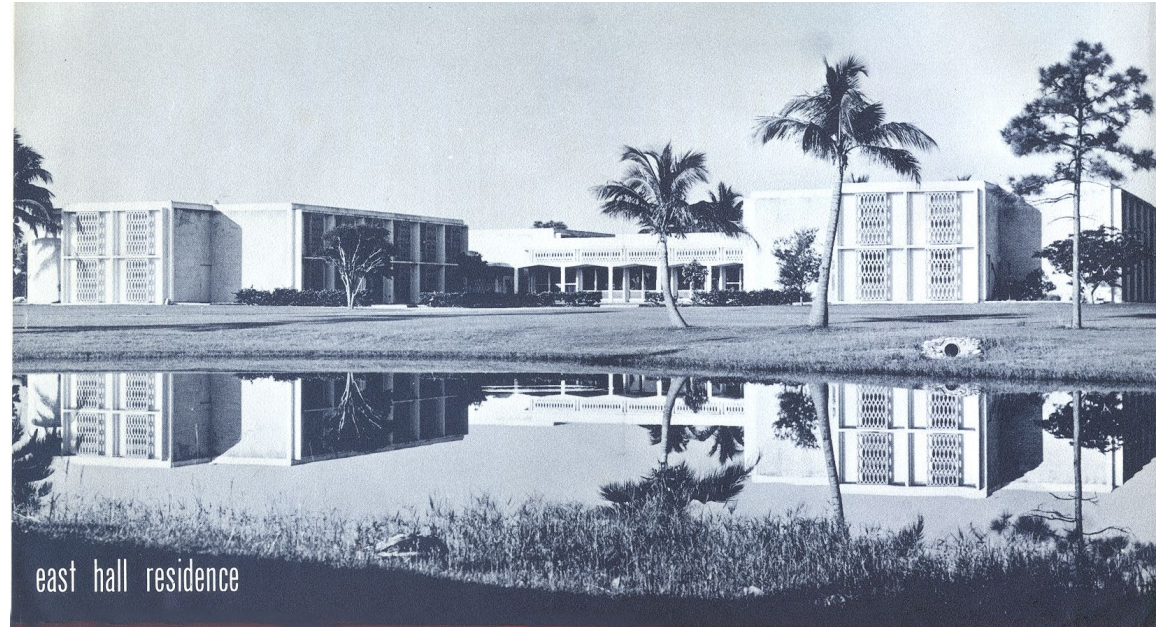
UPWARD BOUND — 50 girls with college potential from low-income families were enrolled in the 2nd summer of UB at Marymount. Twenty of these girls will now go on to their freshman year at college better prepared to undertake the scholarly and social challenge of higher education.



“Marymount has always seen its mission not only as an educational one but as one of service to the community.”

- Mother de la Croix, Second President of Marymount College

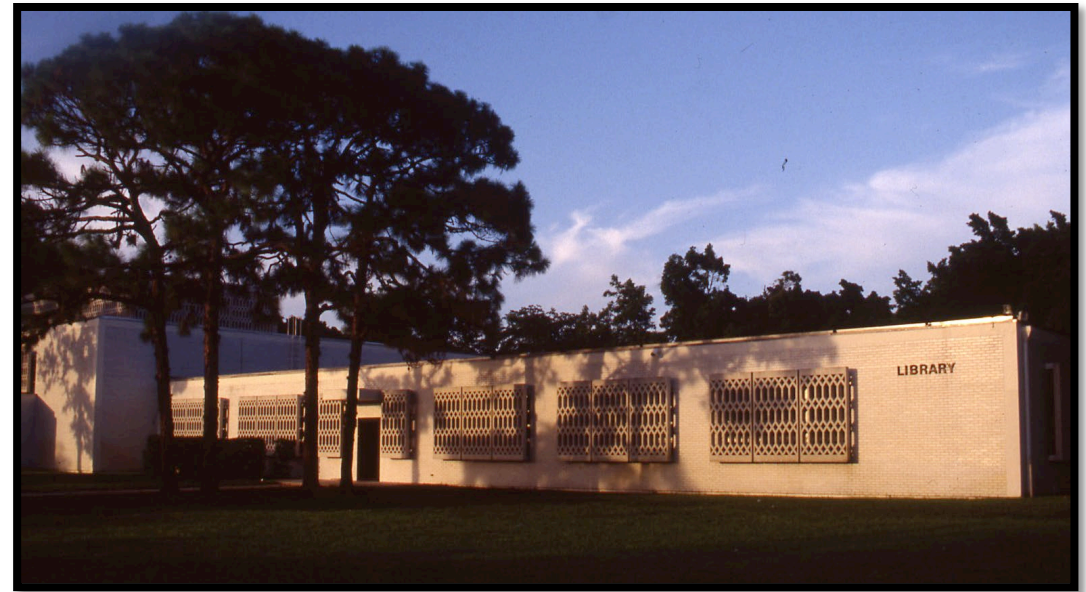
In 1964, Marymount opens a second dormitory – East Hall – later known as Wixted Hall, now known as Freiburger Hall.





In 1967, Marymount opened a third dormitory – West Hall – later known as Patton Hall, now known as the de Hoernle Residence Hall.

On February 22, 1970, the Milton F. Lewis and Rita C. Lewis Library opened.




Men weren't allow to enter Marymount College as full-time degree candidates until 1967.

Fall 1971 marked the first time in Marymount's history that men are allowed to reside on campus.

YOUNG MEN AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships awarded five young men will usher in a co-educational era at Marymount. The first males to enter as degree candidates, they will be day students in the liberal arts curriculum. Although the college has enrolled males as part-time and special students in the past, this is the first group of men to be registered full-time.



George R. Beck
Miami Springs High School

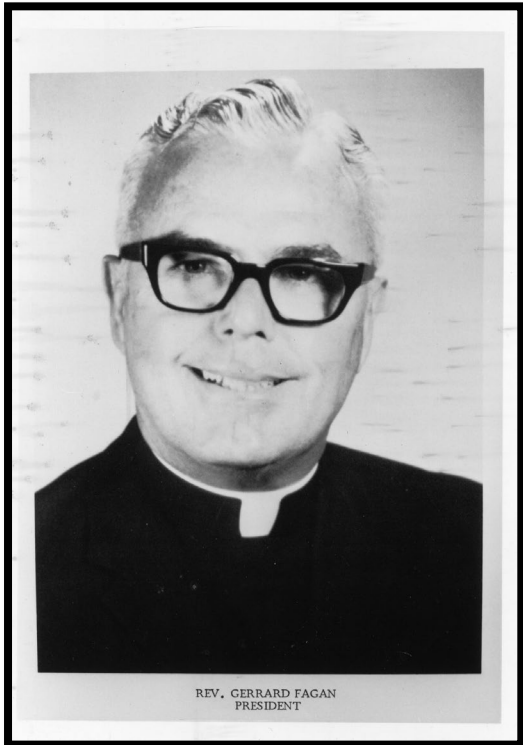
John H. Ditmansen
Palm Cove Beach High

Dana L. Dodge
Boca Raton High School

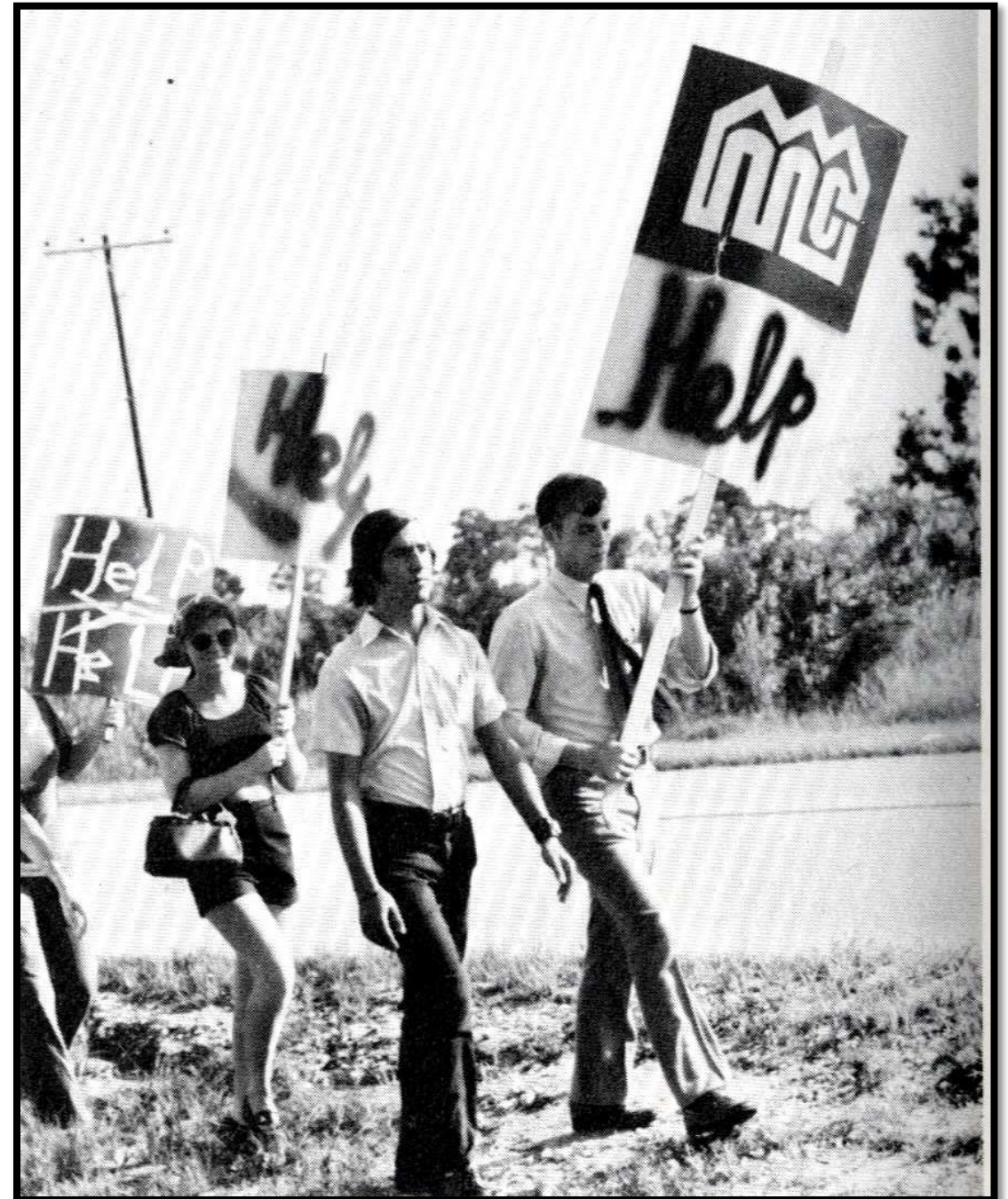
David B. Hale
Miami Springs High School

Dennis L. Lalli
Boca Raton High School

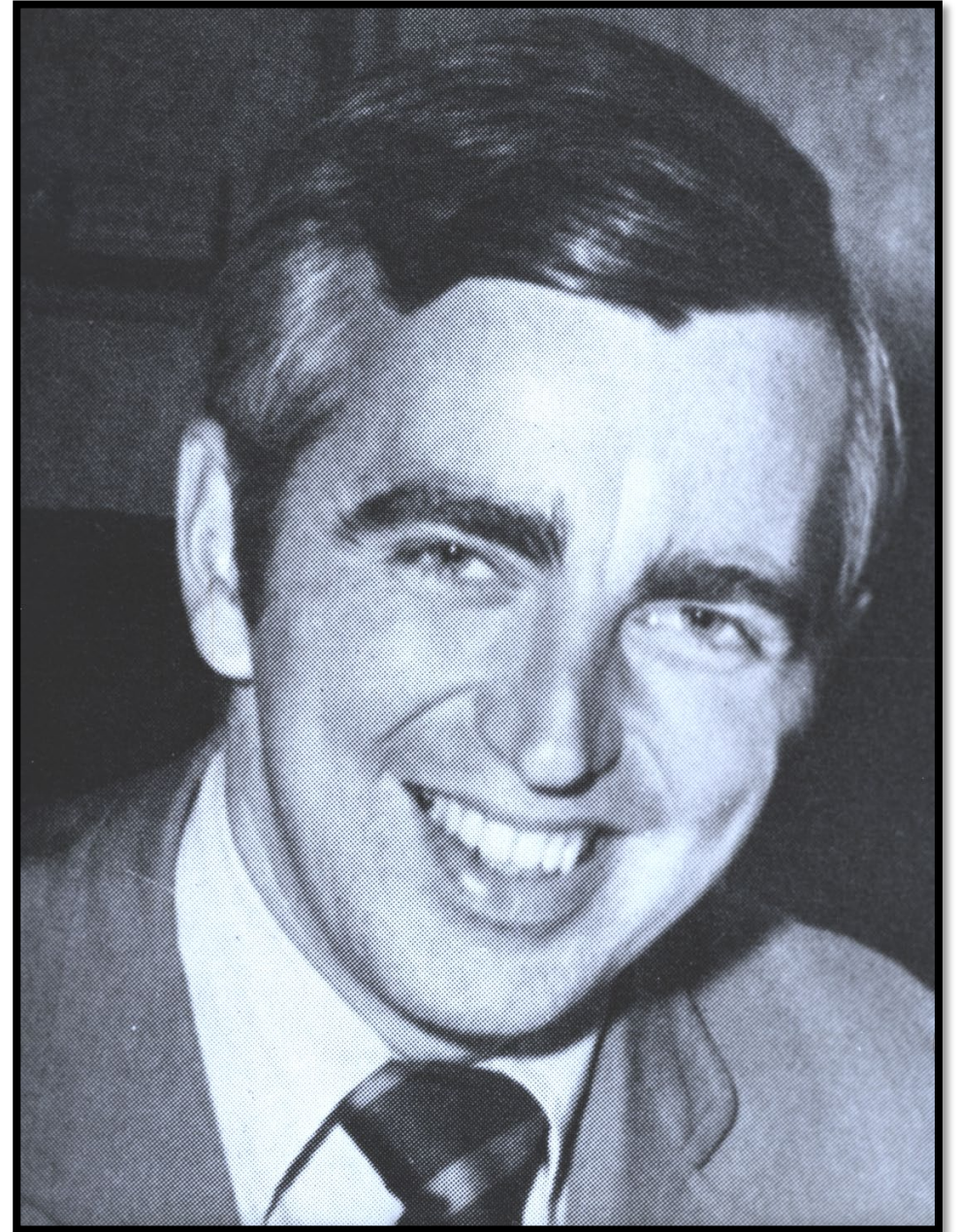
In 1971, due to a decrease in enrollment and severe financial hardship, the Board of Trustees voted to close Marymount College, effective May 31, 1972.



President Gerard Fagan announced the news on September 30, 1971.



Don Ross, then founder/president of Wilmington College in Delaware, came to Boca Raton to purchase the library books of the failing school, but instead, saved the college by forming a consortium with Wilmington College.





Top: Ellen and Kevin Ross play on campus as children

Center: Kevin Ross rides his big wheel

Right: The Ross family: Don, Helen, Ellen, and Kevin





Dr. Donald Ross attends a Marymount College fundraising event.



CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We, the undersigned Donald E. Ross, President and Gerald B. Carville
Executive Vice Pres., of COLLEGE OF BOCA RATON, a Corporation duly
organized and existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Florida,
do hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, of said Corporation
duly called and held at the office of said Corporation, in the City of Boca Raton
_____ and State of Florida on the 15th day of December,
19 74, at which meeting a quorum was present and voted, the following

Resolution was adopted:

"Upon motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was agreed
that the name of the institution should be changed to:

COLLEGE OF BOCA RATON

and that this should become effective February 1, 1975."

The Board of Trustees voted on the name change in December 1974, took effect February 1, 1975.

College of Boca Raton

1975-1991

Boca Raton High
School / Trinity
Academy / Potomac
School / Potomac
Country Day School





(Left): Sue Merrill and Helen Ross
(Right): Pine Tree Camps, 1978





The College of Boca Raton Men's Soccer Team won the first national championship for the institution in 1987.





The College of Boca Raton is renamed Lynn University to honor longtime donors Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn.



Lynn University

1991-Today

1991-2006

- Name change September 1991
- Period of growth and change for school under Don Ross
- 1999 Lynn acquired Harid Conservatory of Music

THE HARID CONSERVATORY SCHOOL
OF MUSIC AT LYNN UNIVERSITY

Making Beautiful Music Together



2006-2011

- Don Ross retires after 35 years. Kevin Ross becomes president in 2006.
- Wold Performing Arts Center opened in 2010, creating a home for performance arts at Lynn
- Dialogues of Learning
- Founders Day
- 2010 Haiti earthquake





2012-2013: Biggest Academic Year So Far

- 50th anniversary year
- 2012 Presidential Debate, which spurred tremendous change.
 - New entrance
 - Relocation of preserve
 - Infrastructure/network changes/improvements
 - Economic boost to the community
- iPad initiative



2014-2022: Tremendous Growth

- 2 new dorms added
- Acquired Digital Media Arts College
- Christine E. Lynn University Center built
- Indimi College of Business and Management built
- Lynn seamlessly transitioned to virtual teaching and learning in the wake of COVID. Now back to in-person learning.
- Boca Raton Innovation Center (BRiC) partnership & NFT Museum
- New Health Center being renovated
- Fall 2022: Lynn's largest-ever incoming freshman class at 860 students



Giving Back to the Community

- 2015 Project Civitas born
- 2017 Social Impact Lab, Ambassador Corps
- 2018 Fair Trade University
- 2018 Millennium Fellowship
- May 2022: Lynn recognized by the Times Higher Education for its long-standing commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

60 years of service: Lynn's legacy of service to the community



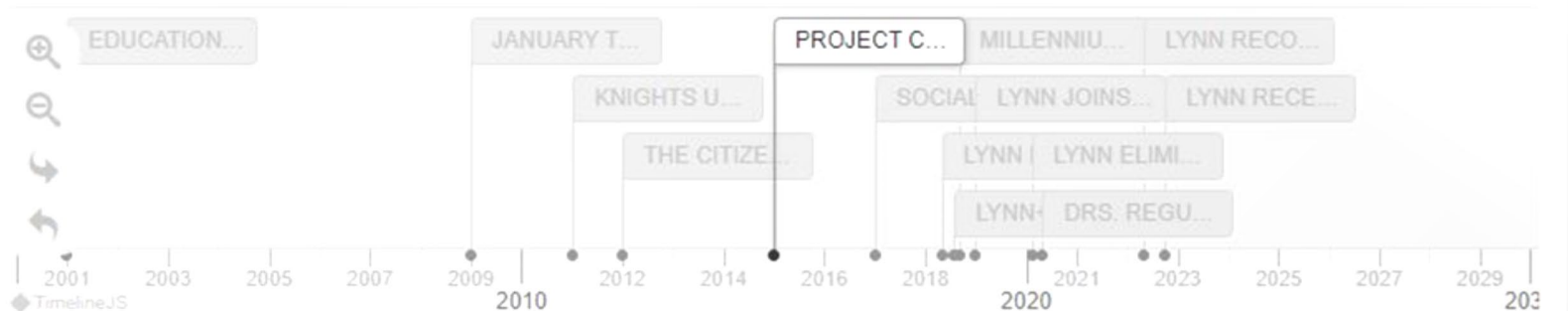
Will Wayman

Students sign a pledge "I pledge to be cooperative, compromise and seek consensus in my public discourse and interactions with others." Students sign a pledge "I pledge to be cooperative, compromise and seek consensus in my public discourse and interactions with others."

2015

PROJECT CIVITAS IS BORN

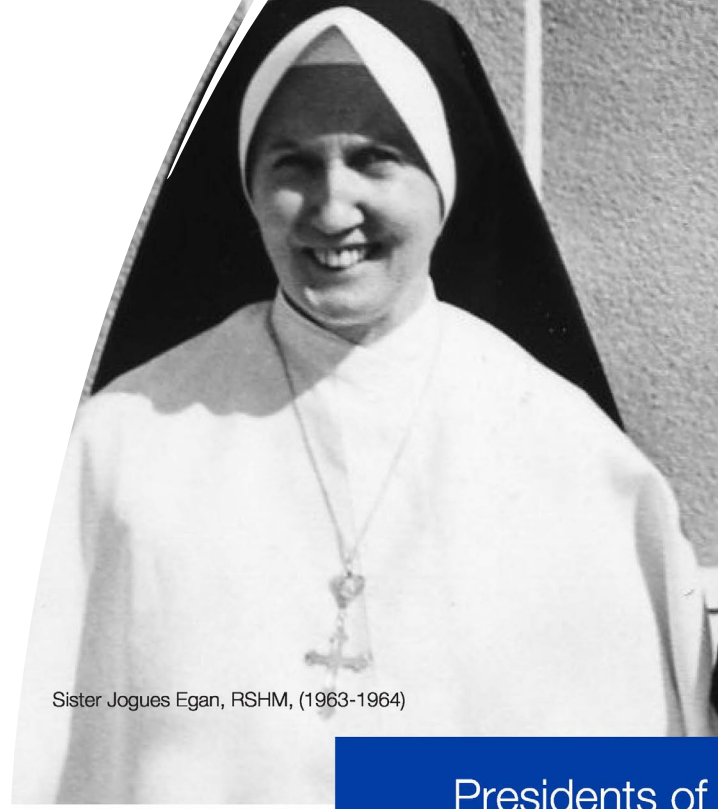
Lynn University launched Project Civitas, inspired by the Roman word for citizens with a shared sense of community - in 2015 designed to promote civility both on campus and in the community.



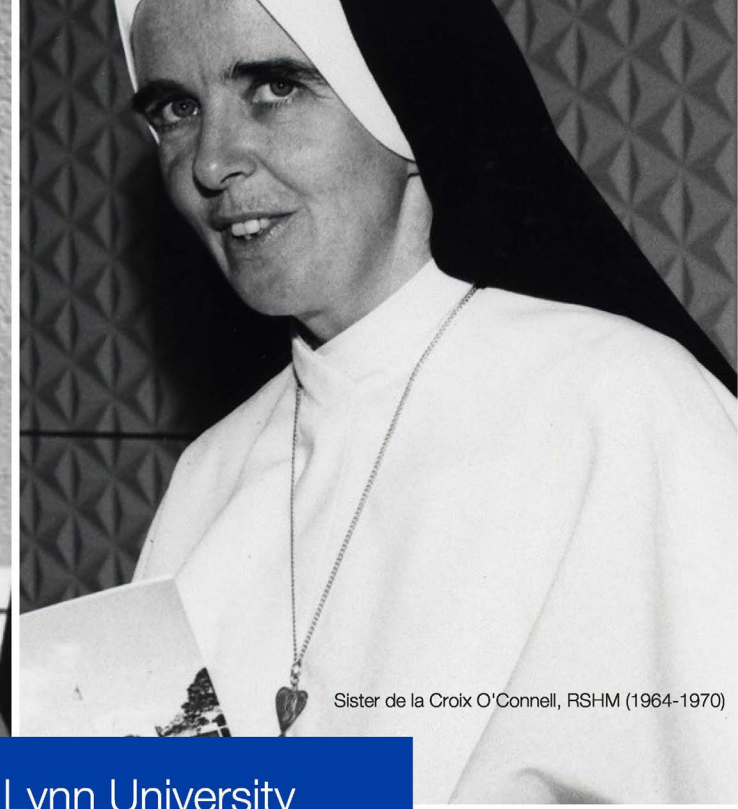
Interesting Facts About Lynn

Out of five presidents, only two were laymen: our current President Kevin Ross and the preceding president Dr. Donald Ross.

- Top (L to R) Sister Jogues Egan, Sister de la Croix O'Connell / Bottom (L to R): The Rev. Gerard Fagan, Dr. Donald E. Ross, and Dr. Kevin M. Ross



Sister Jogues Egan, RSHM, (1963-1964)

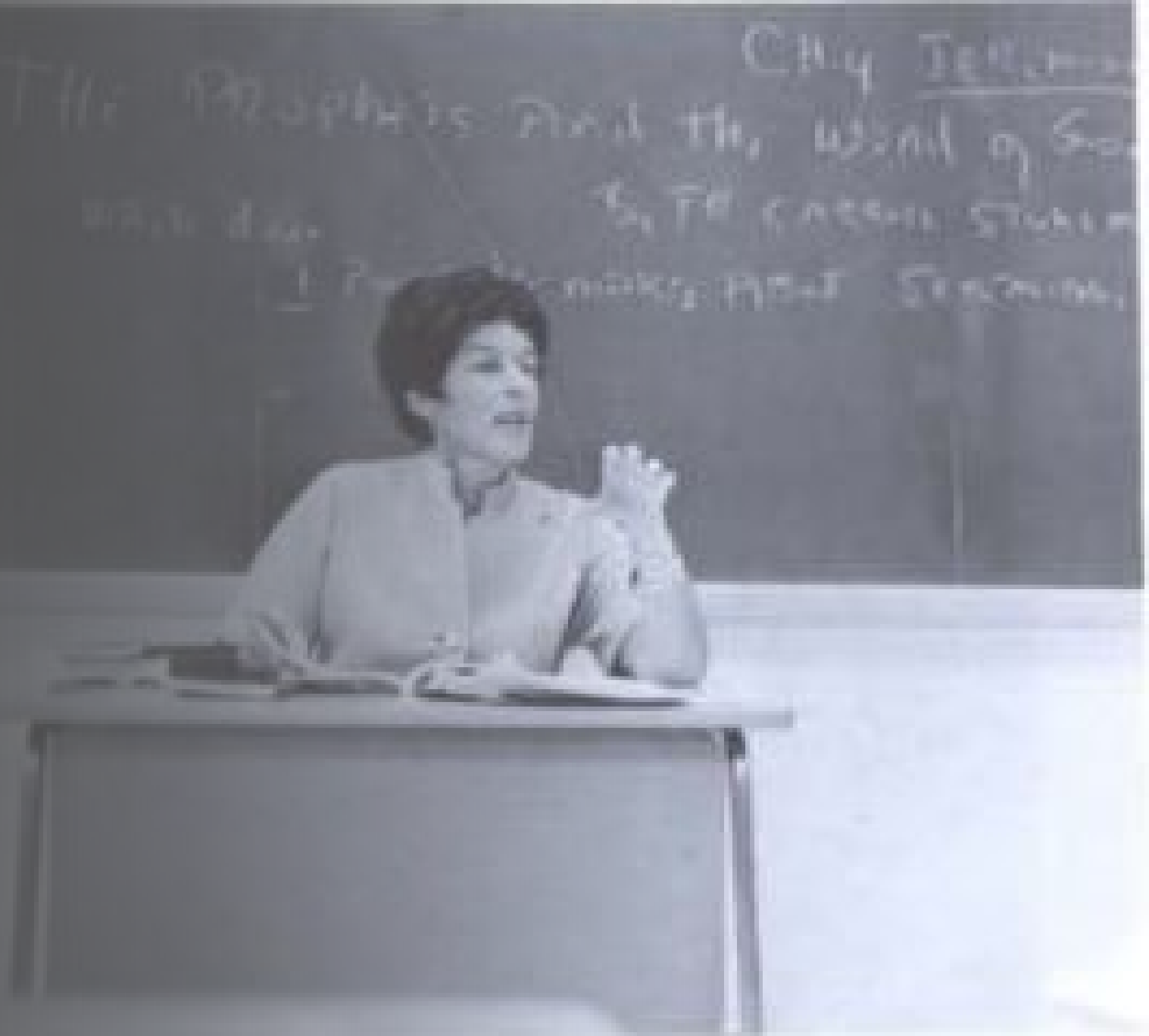


Sister de la Croix O'Connell, RSHM (1964-1970)

Presidents of Lynn University



Susan B. Anthony, the famous suffragist and women's rights activist, had a grandniece with the same name who was a Theology professor at Marymount College from 1965-1969. In addition to teaching, Dr. Susan B. Anthony wrote several books and, prior to joining Marymount, was a journalist.



President Don Ross ran for Congress during the 1984 Election against Democratic incumbent Dan Mica.



President of the College of Boca Raton. He turned it from a small struggling college to a symbol of Florida's future.



A concerned husband and father working for a better future.



A believer in the American dream. It's been real for our parents. It can be real for our children. If we work together for it.

DON ROSS
CHANGE THE CONGRESS



In a 2017 interview with Don Ross, he told me marrying Helen was his greatest achievement.