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FROM THE

Headmistress

For the benefit of those of you who haven't been on campus in awhile, it is my great joy to tell you that the Eileen Dealy Gillespie '49 Science Center is now filled with students and faculty! We planned to move everyone into that new space after spring break, and we did just that—celebrating our ribbon-cutting ceremony first thing on March 29. Countless people worked tirelessly so that this magnificent building could be used this academic year. How God has blessed us. Our prayers are to make us worthy of this wonderful gift that so many of you helped to create.

At the ceremony, **Eileen Gillespie** spoke briefly about her family's role in helping to build this new academic wing, and I would like to share her thoughts with you.

It was just about six years ago that my family established a small fund here at Sacred Heart to provide books for the science education of the students. We named the fund in memory of my sister, Marcia, who was a graduate in the class of 1948 and who spent her life educating herself, earning first a master's degree, then a Ph.D., and in her last years, educating herself in computer science. She felt, as we in her family agreed, that young women—Sacred Heart women—should work to become more proficient in the sciences. The Marcia Dealy Book Fund was a small step in that direction.

The Science Center we open today is a large step toward a rich science curriculum here at our School. I am very pleased to be here to help commemorate this most important occasion, and I wish all students well as you pursue your studies in this beautiful building. I congratulate Sr. Magnetti, the administration, and the faculty for their roles in opening a new era for educating young women at Sacred Heart.

In addition to seven laboratories, the Science Center has two art rooms, a clay room, a photography lab, ten new offices, study rooms, and eight classrooms. Lower, Middle, and Upper schools all benefit from this beautiful, state-of-the-art space. Be assured there will be several opportunities for you to tour the new addition between now and the end of the school year. I am certain that you will be excited by what you see.

Joan Magnetti, rscj



Students filled the three levels of the connecting atrium for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Eileen Dealy Gillespie '49 and David Eisenberg, co-chairs of the Capital Campaign; **Marisa Baldaccini**, President of the Student Body; and Headmistress **Joan Magnetti, rscj**, listened as **Bob Shafer**, chair of the Board of Trustees, thanked the many people involved in turning the Science Center dream into reality. **Taylor Sites and Pat McKean** cut the ribbon and opened the doors into the Science Center on the lower floor.



A U C O U R A N T

Wednesday, April 21

Lower School Celebration of the Arts, 7 p.m. in the Auditorium

Come early so you can get a good look at the student art work that covers the walls of the Auditorium. Three short musical performances include "Going Buggy," "Jack and the Beanstalk," and "Tom Sawyer."

Thursday, April 22

All-School Earth Day Celebration, with parents invited to hear guest speaker Linda Lear at 2 p.m.

Linda Lear, noted author and professor of environmental history at George Washington University, writes and lectures about Rachel Carson, one of this century's most influential environmental advocates. At 8 p.m., Ms. Lear's talk at the Bruce Museum is co-sponsored by the Bruce Museum, Greenwich Audubon Society, and Audubon Center in Greenwich.

Saturday, April 24

Alumnae Sesquicentennial Reunion Day

All graduating classes are invited to attend this special alumnae celebration of our 150th birthday. You won't want to miss it. The liturgy and awards presentation begin at 5 p.m., cocktails and tours of the Eileen Dealy Gillespie '49 Science Center follow at 6 p.m., and dinner is at 7 p.m. RSVP to your class agent or Alumnae Director Barbara Kavanagh (203-532-3545).

Wednesday, April 28

Middle School Celebration of the Arts, 7 p.m. in the Auditorium

This mixed media evening includes an art show, a Rodgers & Hammerstein musical revue, a Greek drama, an Isadora Duncan-style choreographed work, a dance to Aaron Copland's "Rodeo," and music from the Bell Choir.

Thursday, April 29

Upper School Celebration of the Arts, 7 p.m. in the Auditorium

Art, bells, dance, drama, and spirituals and songs—it's all available at this showing of Upper School artistic talent. Refreshments will be served.

Friday, April 30

Annual Giving

Tom Weber, Annual Giving Chair and father of two Lower School daughters, reminds you that this year's Annual Giving campaign officially closes April 30—though payments will be accepted until June 30. As of April 1, the average participation among all classes is 61 percent. Special thanks to first grade parents, with 88 percent already giving. Call **Nancy Morris** at 203-532-3572 if you need another Annual Giving envelope.

Saturday, May 1

Auction '99, "Bon Anniversaire," Rye Town Hilton. Cocktails and silent auction, 6 p.m.; dinner, dancing, and live auction, 8:30 p.m. Tickets for cocktails only, \$35. Tickets for cocktails and dinner, \$160. For Auction information, call 203-532-3512.

Parents' Association Auction '99 co-chairs Sabrina Pray and Christine DeGennaro—and the 41 committee co-chairs—have planned a jazzy auction to celebrate our 150th anniversary. Silent auction items include special hand-crafted objects from students, Metropolitan Opera orchestra tickets with lunch at Fiorello's, and an exhilarating whitewater-rafting excursion with Upper School Head Paulette Bogan. At the live auction, bidding will be spirited on items such as a 1999 white Volkswagen Beetle, a five-night stay at the Walt Disney World Villa, and a romantic vacation at a house on Mustique—an island off the coast of Venezuela. Dancing is to the music of the Tyrone Smith Revue, bringing back songs from the 4 Tops and Chubby Checker through the Jackson 5 and Prince. Drawing for a sporty bright red, two-seater Mercedes-Benz SLK230 convertible is at 11 p.m. Only 600 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. The Alumnae Association sponsors the raffle. Call 203-532-3545 for information about buying tickets.