

Felicians Give Honors As Madonna Turns 25

Presentations of the 25th anniversary award to the Felician Sisters of Livonia and to the four presidents of Madonna College highlighted the silver jubilee dinner of the college with more than 400 attending.

The anniversary award was presented to Mother Mary Columbine, provincial superior, by Sister Mary Danatha, college president, in recognition of the extraordinary devotion of the Felician Sisters to the welfare of Madonna College.

The award also paid tribute to provincial superiors, living and deceased, whose vision led to the establishment and continuation of Madonna College as an institution of higher learning dedicated to education for truth and service.

THE GROUP included: the late Mother Mary Januaria, 1947-53; the late Mother Mary Annucia, 1953-59; Mother Mary Lajdine, 1959-1966; Mother Mary Alexander, 1966-69; Mother Mary Angelica, 1969-71; and Mother Mary Columbine, 1971 -.

Three presidents, two living and one deceased, were honored with citations. Sister Mary Martina presented the candidates, and Sister Mary Danatha awarded the citations.

A posthumous citation was made to Sister Mary Paula, first Madonna College president from 1947-1954. Sister Mary Assumpta, president from 1954-1960, and Sister Mary Raynelda, who served from 1960-1965, were present to receive their citations.

Sister Mary Danatha, the fourth president who holds that post today, was elevated to the presidency in 1965.

DR. RICHARD White, of Toledo, a member of the board of trustees, presided over the program.

Following the presentation of the awards and citations, greetings were heard from the following: a representative of Mother Mary Virginette, superior general, for the Felician Sisters' Congregation; State Sen. Carl Pursell and State Rep. Marvin Stempfen; Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara; Rev. Thomas Cain, vicar, Nor-

thwest Wayne Vicariate, for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Dr. Eugene Grewe, for the Consortium of Catholic Colleges; Sister Mary Lauriana, academic dean, for the college administration and faculty; Valeria Gielow, president of the Alumnae Association, for the Alumnae; Joseph Urbel, for the parents; Patricia Orzel for the student body.

Rev. Timothy Healy, vice chancellor for academic affairs, City University of New York, was the principal speaker.

The invocation was given by Rev. Walter Ziemba, president of St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake, and the benediction by Rev. Francis Zdrodowski, pastor of St. Martha parish in Dearborn.

The anniversary committee included: Sisters Mary Aloysius, Mary Angelina, Mary Bridget, Mary Danatha, Mary Dennis, Mary Duane, Irene Louise, Mary Janice, Mary Jodie, Marie Karen, Mary Lauriana, Mary Paulette, Mary Philip, Mary Remigia, Mary Virginia, Dennis Bozyk, Michael Burden and R.T. Thompson.



25TH ANNIVERSARY AWARD is presented to Mother Mary Columbine (left) by Sister Mary Danatha, president of Madonna College, in recognition of the contributions of the Felician Sisters to the college over the past 25 years. (Observer photos by Bob Woodring.)



SISTER MARY RAYNELDA, third president of Madonna College, is presented a citation for her outstanding contributions during the period of 1960-1965. The award was presented by Sister Mary Danatha, current college president.



MADONNA COLLEGE'S second president, Sister Mary Assumpta (left), is congratulated by Sister Mary Danatha, current college president, at the 25th anniversary dinner for her leadership during the period of 1954-1960. Sister Assumpta was one of three past presidents honored with citations.

Nature Fans Are All Ages

By BETTY FRANKEL
Special Writer

You don't have to be a "nature nut" to be a member of the FAN club.

If you enjoy the beauties of nature, or like rocks, or trees, or birds, or animals or flowers the Farmington Area Naturalists is the place for you. You will have a chance to learn more about the world around us and can enjoy the friendly company of people with similar interests.

This thriving young organization was started just two years ago under the able guidance of Dr. Robert Douglass and Hartley Thornton, a Farmington resident who is the head naturalist at Proud Lake Recreation area.

It is a unique organization. There is no other like it in the area. There are now about 100 members of all ages and with all sorts of interests and backgrounds.

There are high school students, business people, housewives and retirees. There are people with professional training in the biological sciences and those who are just beginning to learn about nature. Although the group is centered in Farmington, members live in many surrounding communities.

FAN meets the fourth Monday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Farmington Community Center. The programs represent the cross section of interests. They are always interesting and there is always something new to be learned.

Recent programs have included a slide presentation by James Crowe, Detroit News Outdoors editor, on a trip he made to the Galapagos islands; a fascinating slide lecture by Aubrey Golden on "Speleology", which means cave exploration; and a lecture on Michigan's reptiles by Hartley Thornton with live examples.

The group has gone on a variety of field trips, and outings, including a visit to the Ford Vauxhall plant to inspect their anti-pollution measures, a trip to Haven Hill nature area, and a trip to a blue heron rookery.

At the next meeting, on May 22, Dr. Leonard Smith will discuss the changing fish populations in the Great Lakes. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

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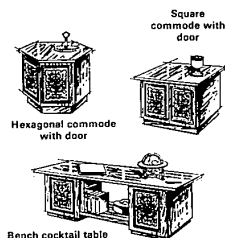
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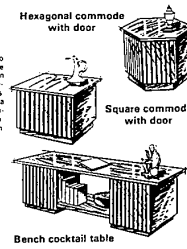
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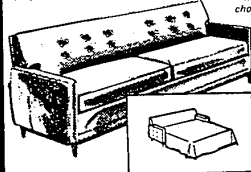
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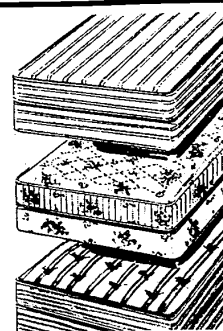
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