



CNR Diary List

While I was a sophomore at Barry College in Miami, FL, I met a young woman who had transferred from CNR to Barry because she wanted to be closer to her home in Georgia. Having grown up in Quincy, IL, I had never been East, so I transferred to CNR as a junior. New friends introduced me to New Rochelle's offerings. "Come on to the Vill." There my '52' classmates took me to the shoe store. I can't remember the name, but I had never heard of, nor seen the then Eastern shoe styles you just had to have. Then we had a pizza. I had not tasted such a delicacy before. I needed to take "Classical Civilization" with Mother Grace as a junior, a required class. To go into NYC we took a bus to Fordham and then the train. I loved New York and lived and worked in the City after graduation.

- **Margaret Scholz Bartsch SAS '52**

As Student Body President in 1954 I was assigned to lead a group in the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York. A television interviewer called me out as we passed, and exclaimed, "Here's a blue-eyed colleen!" He asked about New Rochelle and wanted to know my plans after graduation. I told him the truth, that I was preparing to enter the Ursuline order; which left him dumbfounded.

- **Virginia Walsh Furtwangler SAS '54**

As a BA student at CNR in New Rochelle (Class of 67), I had as my roommate Joan Ryan, whose father was FDNY Chief Thomas J. Ryan. Joan had a radio on her bureau, which she always kept on at a low volume. When a newscaster announced the location of a fire and which alarm it was, Joan knew if her father was there. If he was, she always called home that evening to make sure he was OK. Years later when 9/11 occurred, tears ran down my cheeks out of horror at what had occurred, but also out of gratitude that the father of my best friend at CNR had always come home safely.

- **Jane A. Kenny SAS '67**

Twenty women (and three husbands) from the SAS Class of 1968 came together in Mystic CT for a 3-day celebration of our 75th birthdays! Organized by Bert Walsh Zardecki, it was a wonderful opportunity to renew old friendships and make new connections. We visited the seaport museum and the aquarium, but in truth the most fun and meaningful experiences came from memories recalled, conversations held, and lives shared. Fifty-four years after our graduation, ties remain strong, and love abounds!

- **Barbara Schlapp SAS '68**



My favorite memory of CNR is getting married on campus shortly after my 1971 graduation from SAS. My freshman roommate got married the next day and we shared the cost of the flowers on the altar to defray expenses. And yes, we both celebrated our 50th anniversaries in 2021!

- **Anne Marie Nichol Hynes SAS '71**

I have very precious moments when Sister Mohen, I believed was her name. Her class was "Introduction to Music Appreciation." To this day, I marvel how classical music allows me to clear my mind when I feel overwhelmed. I still remember how she bobbed her head to the rhythm of the music. Thank you very much, CNR.

- **Beverly Richardson SAS '78**

I wanted to write about "Swimphony" (Synchronized Swim and Land Routines) and how fun this was every year. I am so glad that the college kept this tradition for all of those years. It just made us value it and keep it alive. I know our class took this competition every year and came up with great themes and music for our routines. I always choreographed the "land" routine and my favorite was our senior year when our theme was "Grease." I was Sandra Dee and it just was so much fun and bonded our class. I loved all of my four years - the traditions, the professors, the small student body, the chapel, the beautiful dorms, NY City so close and the many friendships I still value today! So thankful and blessed!

- **Doreen Delage Napoli SAS '91**

When sitting back and thinking of my time at CNR, several moments will always be special for me. However, the most important experience I had at CNR was meeting several legends. When I attended the South Bronx Campus, I had the opportunity to meet with Gordon Parks when he was recognized for his contributions to the arts and presented with a gallery of his work on campus. After transferring to the New Rochelle campus, I was blessed to attend a gala where I met not one but two influential people, Rosa Parks, and Cornel West. Their impact on Black America is astonishing and humbling. I discovered my philosophical facets by speaking with Mr. West. Our brief discussion was challenging and motivational. When I had the opportunity to speak with Ms. Parks, I learned about humility and grace. Although Ms. Parks was small in stature, she was a giant amongst a movement and the after effects of her actions. She inspired me to learn more about my ancestry and understand the civil rights movement.

CNR was a vehicle to enhance my horizons. I was able to establish friendships and networking opportunities. I was both a student and an employee, and both experiences helped shape the person I am today. These memories provide merely a glimpse of how The College of New Rochelle provided a pedagogy of theory and life learning. Thank you, CNR, for the memories.

- **Dr. Theresa S. Kearns-Cooper SNR '99**