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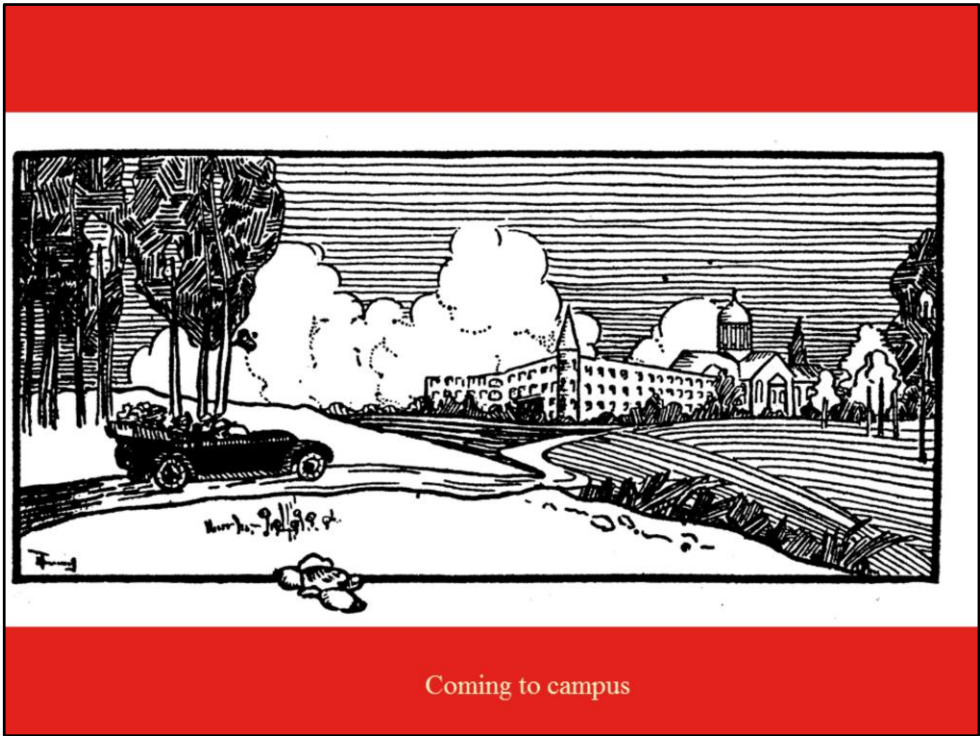
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1941 *Facula*



College Days 1923 p. 227



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The buildings are amply protected by outside fire-escapes. Canvas fire escapes, chemical fire extinguishers, and standpipes with fire hose attached, are distributed on every floor. There is also a plug in the College yard. A night watch makes regular rounds of the buildings several times each night.



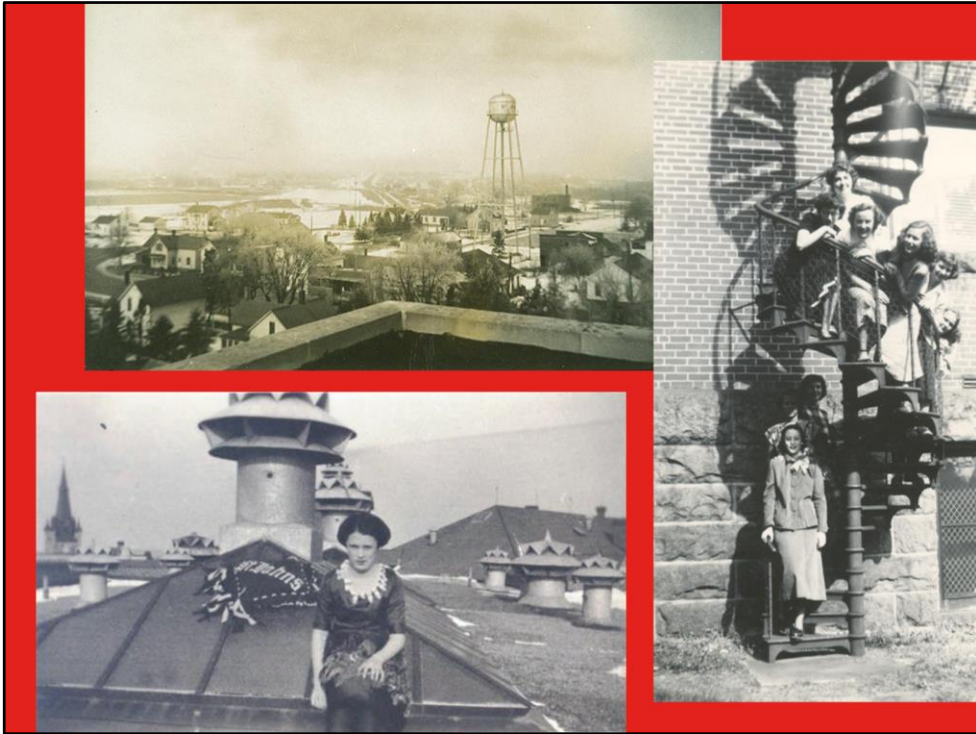
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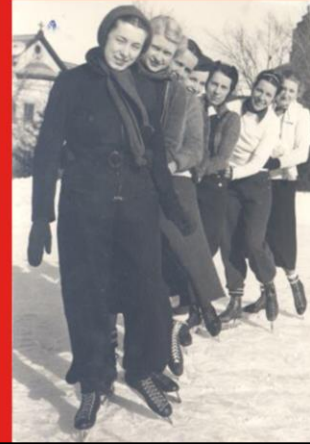
SBMA photo 942 (student) and 006 (view)
Main/Teresa Hall photo from CSB Archives



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GROUNDS

Extensive and beautiful grounds surround the buildings, where students have ample advantages for healthful exercise. Shaded seats are provided at various points, and croquet grounds, and basket ball and tennis courts are included in the school grounds. In winter, there are excellent facilities for skating. On the south side of the house, broad loggias and verandas give opportunity for sheltered exercise in stormy weather, or for rest on warm afternoons.



Annual Year-Book, 1916-1917, St. Benedict's College and Academy, p. 6
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Long walks to Mill Stream Farm, and rambles in the woods, are pleasant recreations to the girls in spring and autumn, and are frequently sought again by those who have long since bidden adieu to St. Benedict's.

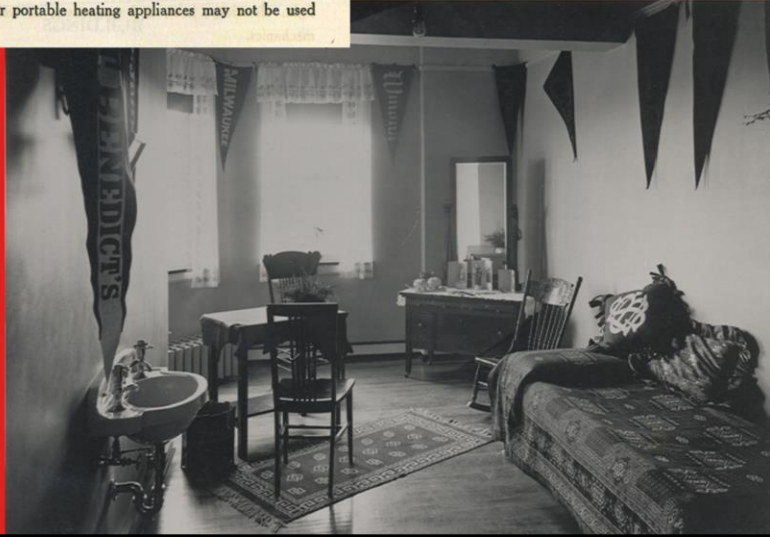


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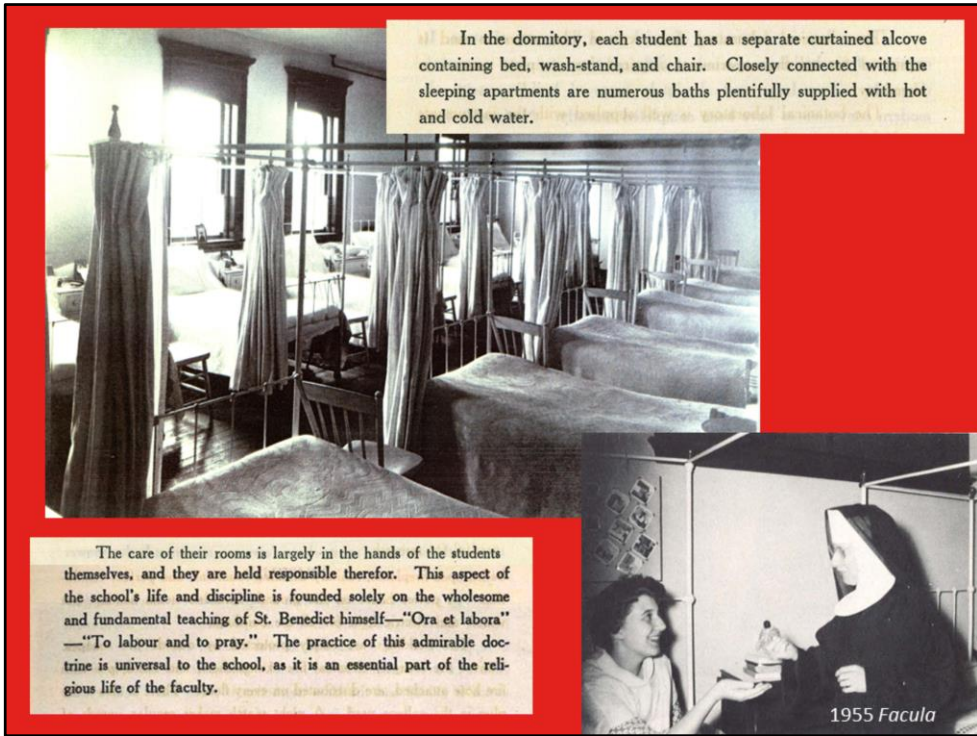
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PRIVATE ROOMS AND DORMITORIES

The private rooms are perfectly heated and admirably arranged for light and sunshine. They have mahogany finish, with furniture to correspond. All of the rooms have hardwood floors, tinted walls, clothes closets, and set bowls with running water, hot and cold. Some of them have private baths attached. For the safety of property, chafing dishes or other portable heating appliances may not be used in the rooms.



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In the dormitory, each student has a separate curtained alcove containing bed, wash-stand, and chair. Closely connected with the sleeping apartments are numerous baths plentifully supplied with hot and cold water.

The care of their rooms is largely in the hands of the students themselves, and they are held responsible therefor. This aspect of the school's life and discipline is founded solely on the wholesome and fundamental teaching of St. Benedict himself—"Ora et labora"—"To labour and to pray." The practice of this admirable doctrine is universal to the school, as it is an essential part of the religious life of the faculty.

1955 Facula

Annual Year-Book, 1912, St. Benedict's College and Academy
<http://reflections.mndigital.org/cdm/ref/collection/stbm/id/1910>
1955 *Facula* p.69

Student Rooms

Student rooms have lavatories with hot and cold water, and are furnished with bed, dresser, study table, and chairs. A limited number of rooms may be had with private baths. Bed linens, lamps, draperies, rugs, and pictures are provided by the students. Linens are laundered without extra charge to the student. The rooms open into a rotunda comfortably furnished with davenports, radio, grand piano, and open shelves on which are current magazines and daily newspapers.



Bulletin of the College of Saint Benedict, 1946-1947, p. 18
Rotunda. SBMA photo 217



Rotunda. SBMA photo 218



Rotunda. SBMA photo 055

Special Remarks

Pupils will be received at any time and charged from the date of admission to the end of the term. No deduction is made for partial absence, nor for the Christmas and Easter vacations.

Parents are requested not to have their children visit home during the session without a reason furnished which can be approved by the faculty.

Express charges on packages should invariably be prepaid.

NO Eatables except fresh fruit and candy may be sent to pupils. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter form an exception.

Our table is supplied with every variety of wholesome food. The drinking water is pure and unusually healthful.

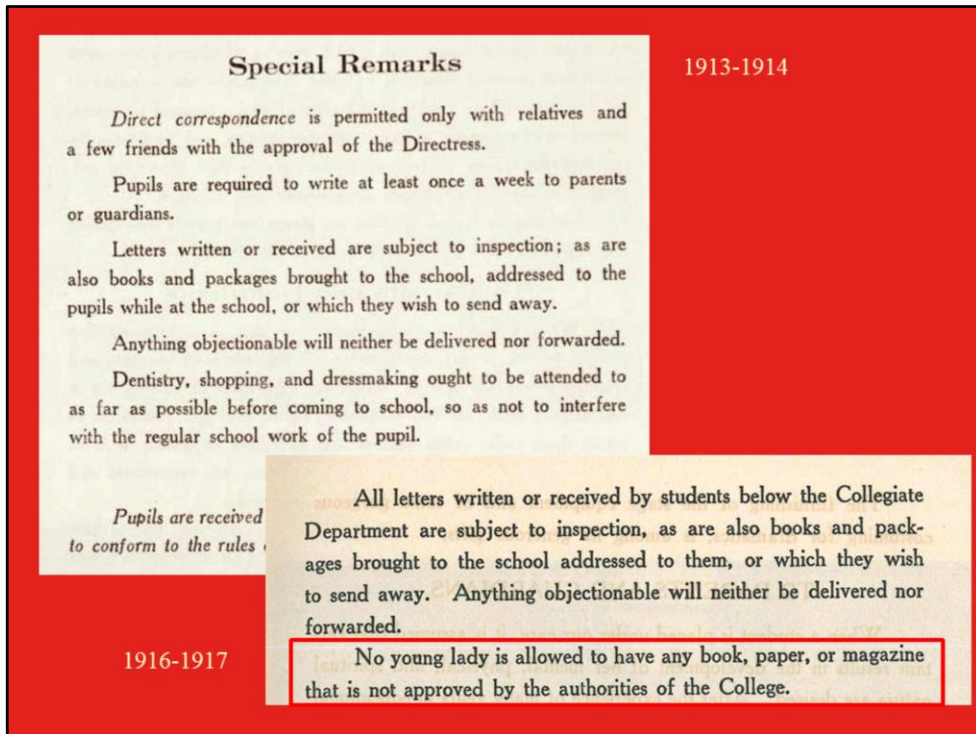
Dentistry, shopping, and dressmaking ought to be attended to as far as possible before coming to school, so as not to interfere with the regular school work of the pupil.

Pupils will not be allowed to leave the school premises except under the care of a chaperone, whose expenses must be paid.

No pupil who owes any debt to the Institution will be graduated.

PUPILS ARE RECEIVED ONLY UNDER THE CONDITION THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO CONFORM TO THE RULES OF THE INSTITUTION.

Annual Year-Book, 1912, St. Benedict's College and Academy, p.11



Annual Year-Book, 1913-1914, St. Benedict's College and Academy, p.10
<http://reflections.mndigital.org/cdm/ref/collection/stbm/id/2127>
Annual Year-Book, 1916-1917, St. Benedict's College and Academy, p.11

HEALTH AND COMFORT

Particular care is taken to preserve the health of the students. Our table is supplied with every variety of wholesome food, and especial attention is paid to providing fresh vegetables during the winter months. The drinking water is pure and unusually healthful in mineral elements.

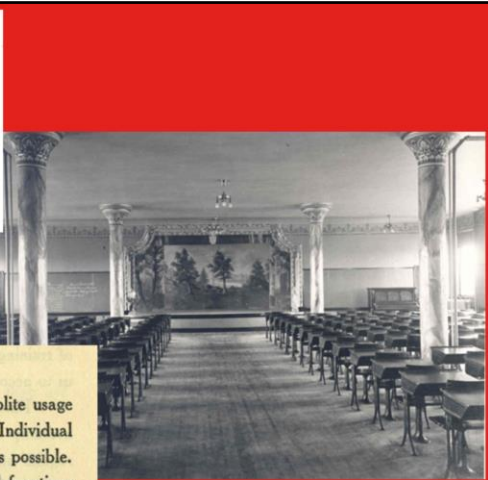

Playgrounds, a gymnasium, and recreation halls afford ample opportunity and incentive for healthful exercise.

Rooms are set apart, and arranged especially for the comfort of the sick, or those requiring rest or temporary relief from study. A separate building furnishes complete isolation in case of contagious disease. A trained nurse is charged with the supervision of the health of the students, and the House Physician is within immediate call. Physician's fees and medicine bills must be paid by the students, and hospital rates are charged for nursing during prolonged illness.

1912



Annual Year-Book, 1912, St. Benedict's College and Academy
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photo 1912 p.31



SCHOOL EVENTS

SOCIAL TRAINING

A series of talks is given throughout the year upon polite usage and the requirements and obligations of good breeding. Individual personal faults are pointed out as privately and as kindly as possible.

One evening of almost every week is devoted to social functions of some kind, under the direction of the faculty. These consist of plays both of artistic and educational merit, musical programs, literary entertainments, lectures with stereopticon, and receptions by the different classes. These occasions have as their object the cultivation of social life, as well as recreation and pleasure.

Lectures on various subjects by lecturers of distinction are given from time to time during the year, and are a permanent feature of the college program.

1916-1917

Annual Year-Book, 1916-1917, St. Benedict's College and Academy, p.9
College Days 1923 p. 212
Main 002 photo from CSB Archives

RELIGIOUS TRAINING

The institution, as distinctly Catholic, offers every opportunity to obtain a thorough knowledge of Christian Doctrine; therefore, religious instruction forms an organic part of the curriculum.

Students of all denominations are received, but, for the sake of uniformity and the preservation of discipline, all students are required to be present at the public religious exercises.

THE SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin has for its members Catholic young ladies who, by exemplary deportment, have proved themselves worthy to become the children of Mary.

1916-1917



THE CHAPEL

Annual Year-Book, 1916-1917, St. Benedict's College and Academy, p.8
Annual Year-Book, 1916-1917, St. Benedict's College and Academy, p.9
<http://reflections.mndigital.org/cdm/ref/collection/stbm/id/2252>

REGULATIONS FOR WARDROBE

Uniform: Black dress for Sundays. For school wear, dress of any color; material to suit season. All dresses must be made with high neck and with sleeves well below the elbow.

Children under 12 years old are not obliged to wear the uniform for Sundays. They should be equipped with four long-sleeved aprons.

Shoes must have rubber heels. Every pupil must be provided with a head wrap and sweater-jacket of any color.

Starched clothing must be laundered at the expense of the pupil, with the exception of the dresses and aprons for the children.

Each pupil should be furnished with two veils (to be procured at the Academy), towels, and all other toilet necessaries; a sufficient supply of plainly made underclothes, three changes of heavy underwear for the winter season, and all facilities for mending and sewing, as needles, thimbles, thread, scissors, cotton for darning; kimona, one pair of rubbers, a napkin ring, four napkins, a silver knife and fork, teaspoon, soup spoon, a glass goblet, tooth-mug, a carpet rug for bedside, one double woolen blanket, a fine comb and dressing comb.

Each article of clothing is marked with a number procured at the Academy.

The Institution will not hold itself responsible for the loss of jewelry brought by the pupils.



Thirtieth Annual Year-Book, 1912, St. Benedict's College and Academy, p. 50
<http://reflections.mndigital.org/cdm/ref/collection/stbm/id/1943>
 Woman with hat: SBMA photo 890

REGULATIONS FOR WARDROBE

1916-1917

No uniform is required. For school wear, dress of any color, material to suit the season. A better dress for Sundays. An inexpensive white dress for special occasions. Dresses must not be low in the neck; sleeves must reach to the wrists or lace sleevelets may be worn with short sleeved gowns.

Shoes must have rubber heels. Every student must be provided with a head wrap and sweater-jacket of any color; also a suit for gymnasium, consisting of a white middie blouse, full bloomers of navy blue material, and black tennis slippers.

Each student should be supplied with a long-sleeved apron, to be worn in her dormitory alcove or her private room while caring for them. Children under twelve years of age should be supplied with four long-sleeved aprons.

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Table Service: Glass, four napkins, a napkin-ring, a silver knife, fork, ~~teaspoon, and soup-spoon.~~ The napkin-ring and silver should have the initials of student engraved upon it.



Annual Year-Book, 1916-1917, St. Benedict's College and Academy, p.58
white dress SBMA photo 905

1923-1924

REGULATIONS FOR WARDROBE

Every student must be provided with two uniforms. These uniforms can be procured at Fandel's Store, St. Cloud, Minnesota. It is preferred that the student purchase her uniforms at St. Cloud prior to the opening of school. However, for the convenience of students who find it impossible to comply with this request, a fitter will be at the institution on Registration day, September third.

For special occasions each student should have an inexpensive white dress. This, however, must not be low in the neck; and sleeves must extend below the elbow so as not to necessitate the wearing of lace sleevelets. On no occasion will students be permitted to wear sleeveless gowns. Parents will kindly see to it that such gowns are not brought to the institution.



OUR UNIFORM

<http://reflections.mndigital.org/cdm/ref/collection/stbm/id/4247>
Our Uniform, Forty-First Annual Year-Book, 1923-1924, St. Benedict College and Academy
white dress SBMA photo 905

REGULATIONS FOR WARDROBE

1931-1932

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The uniform style selected is any simple, one-piece dress of **dark blue** serge or silk, with long sleeves, **white** collar, and **white** cuffs, made in a becoming design to be worn from October to May.



College Bulletin 1931-1932, College of St. Benedict, p.17
<http://reflections.mndigital.org/cdm/ref/collection/stbm/id/5152>
SBMA photo 067

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SBMA photo 069

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1931-1932



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SBMA photos 941 and 614

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SBMA photo 066

ROOM REGULATIONS

Mary B. Janda
Room 215
Sept. 18, 1945

1. Hang all pictures and wall decorations from the moulding with picture wire or cord. It is not permissible to use adhesive tape or any kind of gummed paper, nor to tack, nail, or paste articles of any kind to the walls. Any damage will be repaired at your expense.
2. Keep all furniture one inch from the wall.
3. Clothes hangers are not to be hung over the doors.
4. A payment of \$1. is made to the Dean of Residence before a radio may be installed. (Our plant operates on direct current) No grills, irons, or electrical appliances of any kind may be used in the private rooms.
5. You will help maintain cleanliness and order by having your room in order by 8:15 each morning.
6. You are asked to prevent waste by turning off your lights when you leave your room.
7. Whenever you leave over a weekend, have your room in order, close the windows, and leave the key to your locked door with the Sister in charge of the floor.
8. Money, jewelry, and other valuables are kept in your room at your own risk. You may, if you wish, leave such valuables with the Bursar or with the Sister in charge of the floor.
9. When preparing for bed, students are asked not to appear outside their rooms without wearing a house coat. Baths are not to be taken during or after Compline.

1945



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1958 *Facula*, Juniors



CSB Staff Residents and Resident Assistants, 1985-86
Rotunda Christmas tree. SBMA photo 358