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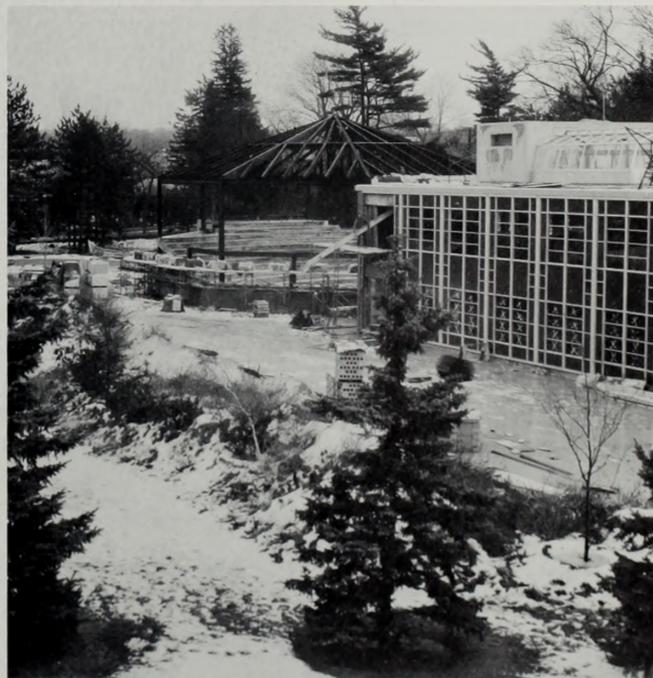
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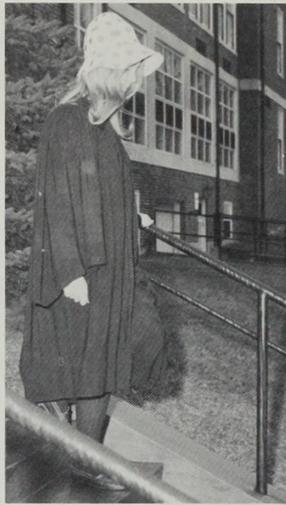
This page, second row: Sisters Maguire and Quinlan; top right: Sister Kondolf, science wing groundbreaking; third row, left: Sister Kenny, Sister Coleman, Mrs. Cottle, Sister Santen, library dedication, 1966; bottom: Dr. Whalen, Sister Ford, Mr. Learson, 1974. Opposite page, top row: Dr. de Lacoste, Dr. Gleiman, Dr. Naves; second row: Sister Gorman, Dr. Wysocki, Mr. Dolan; third row: Mrs. McHugh, Mrs. Courtois; fourth row: Mr. Marcus, Mr. Conway; bottom center: the second debate.

the Washington Province and a former trustee of the College, the building housed research labs, lecture rooms, preparation, dark, cold, and storage rooms, and a 350-seat auditorium. St. Mary's, the former science building, was converted to the Provincial House of the Washington Province; it was later to serve as site of the dean of students' and student government offices. Also completed for use in 1969 was Keyes House North.

Earlier in this issue, Dr. Whalen commented that: "I came to Newton in 1969 primarily because of what I sensed this College to be." On a previous occasion, shortly after assuming office, he had commented: "I wanted to take the best of yesterday, the realities of today, and fashion a dream for tomorrow's education."



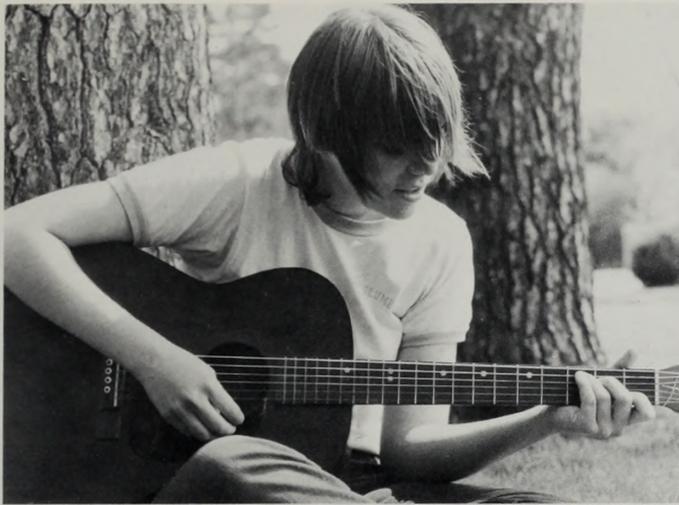
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"As fine old wine from vintage kegs,
From the brim to the dregs,
It poured sweet and clear —
It was a very good year."



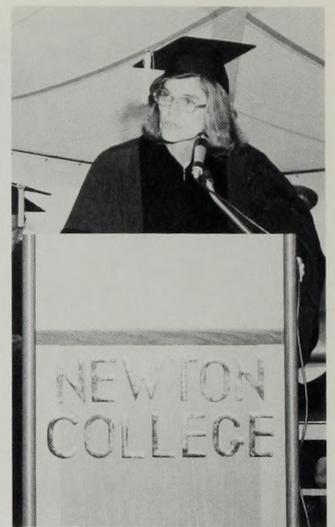
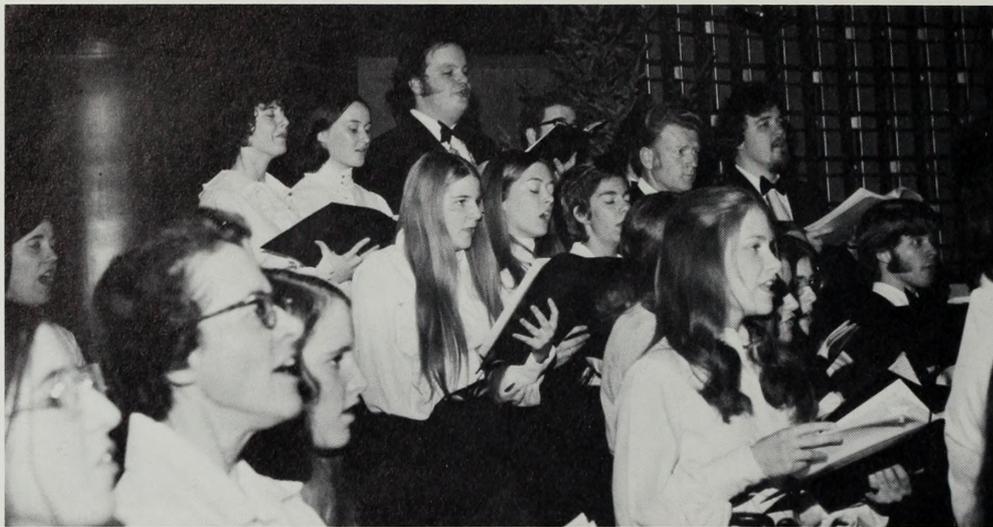
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Opposite page, upper right: candlelighting for giving fund supporters, 1969; lower left: Sister Cunningham; lower right: *The Trojan Women*, 1969.



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Unfortunately, the dream was short-lived. Hampered by inherited building debts, as well as the declining enrollments and spiraling expenses which threatened all small, unendowed (and particular single-sex) institutions, Dr. Whalen was never really able to implement the future he had envisioned for Newton. But during his tenure as president, Dr. Whalen managed to develop an academic policy committee which evolved a vital, relevant, and open curriculum including the establishment of majors in pre-med studies, comparative literature, and liberal studies, and academic programs in music and drama; a month-long January break for work, study, or travel; an



intensive and individualized program of guidance; a divisional system of departmental structure; and a special series of courses in science and the contemporary world for the non-major. He was also instrumental in expanding the board of trustees; initiating a college-sponsored program of European study; welcoming the Physical Sciences Group on campus; and establishing Newton's first graduate degree program — the Master of Philosophy in education, a full time alumnae office, a professionally staffed business office, the Center for Continuing Studies, and a residence life staff, including live-in house parents and a full time chaplain.



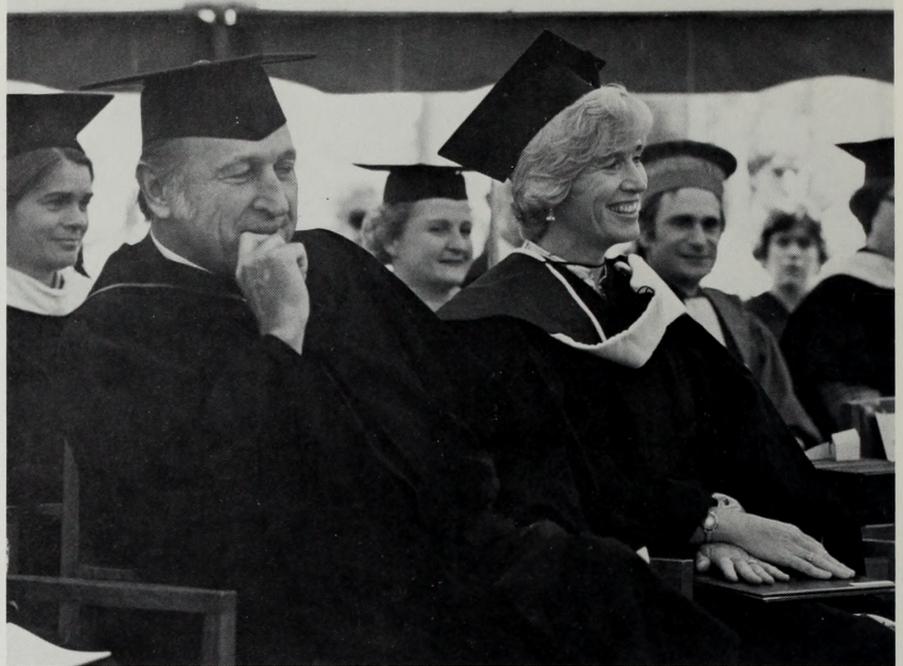
Opposite page, top right: Eunice Shriver, 1973 commencement; top center: Mary Schilling, Anthony Newman, Sister Cohalan; lower center: Mr. Curran and Sister White; lower left: Sister Santen, Madre Torres, Dr. Nemethy, professors *emeriti*. This page, 1975 commencement, top: BC president Father Monan with Sister Husson; lower right: police graduates with dean of students Fran de La Chappelle.

*The President,
Faculty and Graduating Class
of
Newton College
request the honor of your presence
at the
Commencement Exercises
on Sunday, the eleventh of May
Nineteen hundred and seventy-five
at eleven o'clock*

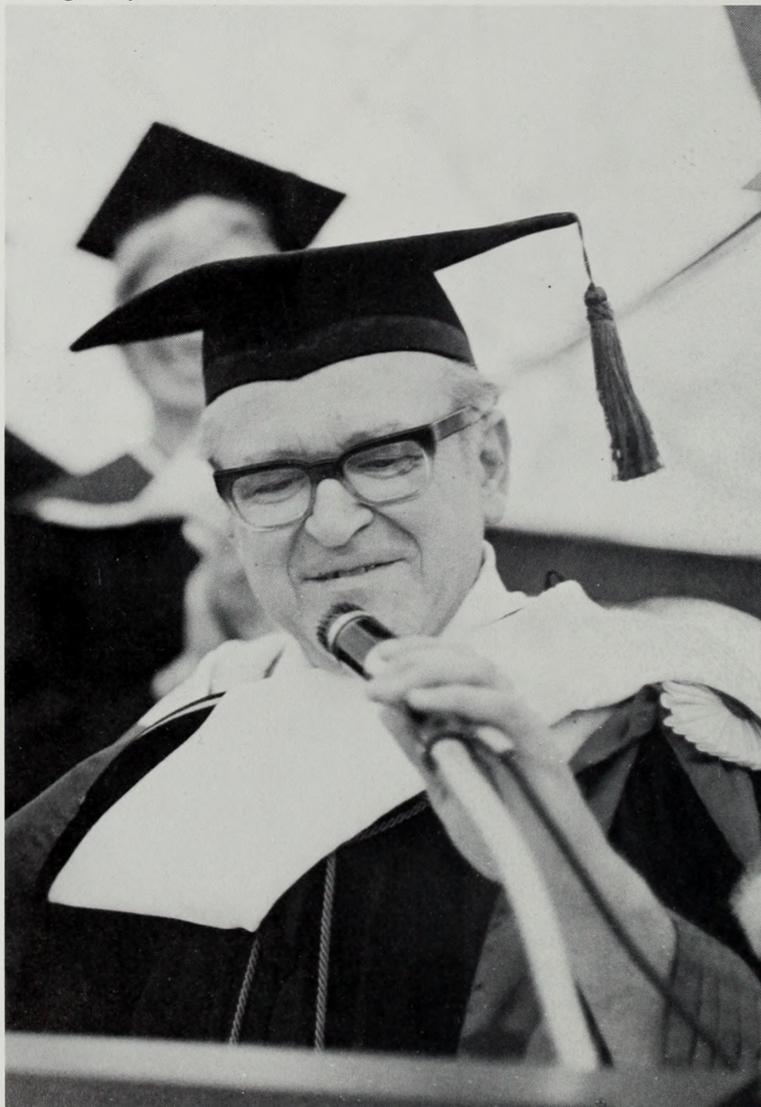


June 30, 1975 marks the conclusion of the independent existence of Newton College; but, as we recalled in the *Newsnotes* for September 1974:

"Newton was never really a thing or a place or a tangible entity to those of us who were touched by her: it was always her spirit and her community that we cherished. For many of us our Newton experience marked the first time we thought of ourselves as capable leaders and thinkers, as aware and intelligent women. Newton gave us tools and the confidence to use them, the nourishing love, support, and respect of peers and superiors, and four years that radically altered the shapes of our lives. A real estate transaction is not going to change any of that."



"Never knew my heart could be so yearny,
Why did I decide to roam?
Gonna take a sentimental journey,
Sentimental journey home."



1975 commencement, top right: Board chairperson Vin Learson with Barbara Boyle Sullivan, speaker and honorary degree recipient; lower left: Dr. Gleiman receives surprise honorary degree.

