Announcement
To: Entering Fresnae
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The announcement you have been waiting for has come.

The 1961-1962 academic year at Mercy College will begin on schedule on Monday, September 25th at Mount Mercy on-the-Hudson.

We begin in our traditional spirit of pioneering. Our new college is not quite ready. The builder has asked us for a few days' (even few weeks') grace.--Frustrated? Not at all! Late opening? Not for us! We rise to the venture and look 'round for a log. Here we will begin our own building of mind and spirit.

(You know of course how well it has been said that a university can be a log with a student at one end and a great teacher at the other.)

We did not have to look far. Another tradition of Mercy ways--the spirit of togetherness that bolsters the pioneer--rolled a log toward us. The spacious new academy, completed and gleaming at the edge of campus, threw open the doors of a separate entrance and called, "Come on in. This is yours for the duration."

So come on up. Your professors will meet you at that friendly door. Across its openness the Providence of God has written the first lesson of your college education: the pioneer spirit of helpfulness and community sparks the essential purpose of a college education--to receive that we may give.