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The Villa St. Rose School and campus in north Portland was recently renovated into Rosemont Court, providing apartments and housing for seniors.

Rose Sisters Homecoming

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"They really weren't bad girls. They were high energy, a lot of them, just speaking out about what was wrong in their homes," said Sister Frances Louise, directress of the school.

Sister Louise worked at the school for 11 years between 1941 and 1952.

Her job was to oversee the stu-

dents, handle behavior problems and keep their minds on their studies. She even slept in a room attached to the dormitory.

"I was with them all the time," she said.

Although Catholic nuns ran the school, they did not allow the girls to practice Catholicism until after they graduated, so they could make up their own minds.

Sister Louise said she will be

excited to see the former students at the reunion, to find out their feelings toward the school and how it helped them.

To Louise, her fondest moments were watching the students come in "pouty" and "see their little faces change and see them settle down and work."

Among former student Grace Ruble-Bell's memories, are the hours of sitting in hard wooden

chairs as punishment for her "defensive mouth."

But the sisters had a marvelous sense of humor, Ruble-Bell said.

A small group of former students calling themselves the "Rose Sisters" stay in touch with the sisters via e-mail.

"They took in the lost sheep and herded us up," Bell said. "This was our home. We lived

together, slept together, ate together, fought together and made up together. We were more like sisters."

More than 50 former students and staff from throughout the country are attending the reunion, flying in from as far as South Carolina and Alaska.

For more information about the reunion, call Sisters of the Good Shepherd at 503-283-4931.

Racial Profiling Banned

Directive allows exceptions

(AP)—Routine racial and ethnic profiling will be banned at all 70 federal agencies with law enforcement powers under a Justice Department directive, but critics say exceptions to the new policy could still permit profiling.

Guidelines issued Tuesday directly affect about 120,000 U.S. law enforcement officers including those at the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Agency, Homeland Security Department, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Coast Guard.

"Religious or ethnic or racial stereotyping is simply not good policing," said Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Ralph Boyd. "We want to make sure it doesn't happen, even once."

The policy makes a clear distinction between routine law enforcement work and that involving national security or border security. Although reliance on racial and ethnic stereotypes is broadly forbidden, the guidelines say that authorities can subject certain ethnic or racial groups to greater scrutiny if there is specific information that such people are preparing to mount a terrorist attack.

For example, Middle Eastern men might draw greater attention at airports if the government discovered a plot by al-Qaida to bomb U.S. airliners. In addition, the policy allows consideration of race if there were "trustworthy" information that people of a certain race or ethnicity engaged in a specific crime or are part of a criminal organization.

To critics, these are loopholes that essentially allow the government to engage in racial profiling when it is deemed necessary.

"It looks to me that it is more interested in carving out exceptions to racial profiling than it is in enforcing them," said attorney Miriam Gohara.

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