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The Case of the Missing Medallions

Back in the 1890s, when our College was located on Clinton Avenue in Trenton, several stained glass windows helped light and decorate a new all-purpose auditorium. When the College relocated to Ewing in the 1930s, the Alumni Association spearheaded a project to save some of that decorative art, using much of the glass in a series of at least eight 18-by-24-inch framed "medallions," as they were called. The stained glass figures appear to be goddesses clad in white robes, floating in air and holding aloft a lantern or a sphere. In May of 1939 and in

1941, during the presidency of Roscoe L. West, they were accepted by the College and hung so as to catch the light through windows in the library and Green Hall.

Over the years, all eight have been lost, and we have been trying diligently to recover any that may still exist. We can document photos of the medallions as late as 1949 and faculty recall seeing some as late as 1958. After that, we just don't know. Our hope is to display at least one in the entry of the new library that will open this fall. Anyone with relevant information is asked to contact Dean of the Library Taras Pavlovsky at 609.771.3276. These two photographs of stained glass medallions appeared in the 1940 and 1941 issues of The Seal.