More than 4,000 young women have attended Sacred Heart Academy since the school first opened in 1821.

Ms. Anna Jane Marks, librarian at USL, has compiled the register of the academy from the founding date through 1971. The 359-page hardcover book, published by Acadiana Press, is entitled "Register of Students of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Grand Coteau, 1821-1971."

The book includes a brief history of the academy and numerous photos of the school, including photos of several dozen graduating classes.

The book is organized into four parts: academy students 1821-65; academy students 1900-71; college students 1917-36; and four-year college students, 1936-56.

Ms. Marks, an alumna of the academy, includes information on the student's name, birthdate, entrance date at the academy, and parents' names and hometown. She has omitted birth dates for those students who attended Sacred Heart after 1900.

The book is of interest to both genealogists and alumnae of the academy. It is available from Ms. Anna Jane Marks, P.O. Box 6290, Lafayette, La. 70504, for $30.

Sacred Heart originally enrolled five and now enrolls more than 300. During its history it has offered both a two-year teacher's certificate and a four-year college degree, but declining enrollments forced college-level instruction to close in 1956. The academy now offers instruction in grades 3-12.

The academy is also the site of the miraculous recovery of Mary Wilson, who was living at the novitiate at Grand Coteau. The miracle was used in the case for the canonization of St. John Berchmans. The room in which it took place has been converted into a chapel.