This month, eighteen young women will complete their studies at Alverno. Most of the girls have with them additional credits, longer programs, or have taken home courses in order to finish earlier. Although they are called "December Grads," the girls will return in May to receive their degrees at the formal Graduation ceremony. The December graduates are:

Jo Ellen Faulkett, Bachelor of Science-Education; Sister Jeffrey Hegger, Bachelor of Music; Judith Jolly, Bachelor of Arts-Sociology; Carol Kittel, Bachelor of Arts-English; Bonnie Mahnke, Bachelor of Science-Home Economics; Mary A. Maurer, Bachelor of Science-Education; Sandra May, Bachelor of Science-Education; Pat McCracken, Bachelor of Arts-English; Carol Ann Mount, Bachelor of Science-Business Education; Sister Dorothy Paterson, Bachelor of Science-Education; Mary Jo Poluly, Bachelor of Science-Business Education; Sister Jeanne Rohan, Bachelor of Music of Mary Ann Schnitzl, Bachelor of Science-Education; Sister Marilyn C. Sebastian, Bachelor of Music; Karen Streich, Bachelor of Science-Education; Sister Patricia Walsh, Bachelor of Arts-English; Patricia West, Bachelor of Science-Education; and Sister Rita Mae Wozniak, Bachelor of Science-Education.

According to the information received by the Alverno faculty and students by Dr. Kathleen Hegger, acting president of Alverno College since July 1, in the position of provost, was announced Friday morning at separate convocations of faculty and students by Dr. Kathy F. Clarencbeth, Madison, Wis., chairman of the Alverno board of trustees.

Sister Joel, a former Alverno faculty member and former chairman of the college's history department, succeeds Sister M. Augustine Scheele, who retired July 1, after serving as head of Alverno for 20 of its 22 year existence. Alverno, founded by the School Sisters of St. Francis, is now administered by a board, the majority lay members, added a year ago.

Sister Joel was recommended for president by the board's presidential search committee, which had been considering the position for several months. The board concurred unanimously in the recommendation.

In making the announcement, Dr. Clarencbeth, director of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, University of Wisconsin-Madison, said that Sister Joel had rendered "distinguished service" as a member of the Alverno faculty, and since becoming acting president had "displayed administrative abilities which inspire confidence in Alverno's future."

The board chairman added that "Sister Joel is perspective of the problems of the private liberal arts college in particular and of higher education in general in a trying year, and will bring substantial contributions to both fields."

Sister Joel, a native of Chicago, was graduated from Alverno in 1963, with a bachelor of science degree in education. She joined the Alverno faculty as a history instructor in 1965, after completing her master's degree at Fordham University, and is currently completing her graduate study. She was chairman of Alverno's department of history from 1961 to 1967. Last year she was awarded a special achievement citation by Alverno for teaching excellence.

Sister Joel, active in academic and community service programs, is a member of the national board of the National Organization for Women, and serves as the chairman of the National Organization for Women's affiliate in Wisconsin, and is a member of the Wisconsin Council on the Status of Women. She is a member of the University of Wisconsin-Wilmot Historical Association. She is a former member of the city's beautification committee.

This past semester, Alverno offered a new course on Vietnamese history and culture. Gayle Basinger, a junior at Alverno, says she learned a great deal about Vietnam and its history by taking the course. She credits the course with helping her to understand the Vietnamese people and their culture.

Nominations for the office of STUDENT BODY SECRETARY will be open January 14, 1969. A notice with procedural directions will be posted.