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Judge William B. Lawless of the Supreme Court of the State of New York has been appointed dean of the Notre Dame Law School effective July 1st. He succeeds Dean Joseph O'Meara who has headed the law school since 1952. Lawless is a 1944 Notre Dame law graduate, a former president of the Notre Dame Law Association, and a member of the law school's Advisory Council. Awarded an undergraduate degree by the University of Buffalo and a Master of Laws degree by Harvard University, he is a former corporation counsel and Common Council president for the City of Buffalo.

Notre Dame's \$52 million SUMMA Program has passed the half-way mark with gifts and pledges totaling more than \$27,268,200. The figure is expected to increase markedly in the aftermath of SUMMA dinners, corporate luncheons, news conferences and institutional advertising in thirteen cities in mid-January.

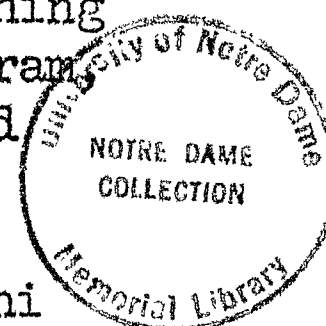
In nationwide balloting four new members of the Notre Dame Alumni Association's board of directors have been elected. They are W. Jerome Kane, '38, Seattle, Wash.; Prof. Walter Langford, '30, South Bend, Ind.; Donald F. O'Brien, '42, Houston, Tex.; and Francis J. Wilson, '28, Pittsburgh, Pa. The board will convene on the campus February 8-10.

Construction bids will be invited in mid-February for two, eleven-story residence halls to be erected north of the Notre Dame Memorial Library beginning this spring. Erection of the buildings, a major objective of the SUMMA Program, will be speeded by a \$3 million loan from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"Has Change Run Away with the Church?" will be the subject of alumni seminars to be held in New York City and Boston on February 17 and 18 respectively. Participants include Prof. J. Philip Gleason and Revs. Aelred Tegels, O. S. B., Charles Sheedy, C. S. C., Albert L. Schlitzer, C. S. C., and James T. Burtchaell, C. S. C., all of the Notre Dame faculty.

John F. Plouff, administrative assistant to the Executive Vice President since December, 1966, has been named managing director of Notre Dame's new Athletic and Convocation Center. The \$9 million, twin arena facility will be ready for occupancy in the fall. Plouff is a former division manager for Sinclair Refining Co. in Minneapolis. From 1938 to 1952 he was assistant to the vice president for business affairs at Notre Dame.

The U. S. Atomic Energy Commission is underwriting the operations of Notre Dame's Radiation Laboratory during the current fiscal year with funds totaling \$1,205,000. Prof. Milton Burton is director of the research organization.



Dr. Robert W. Strickler, associate professor of education and head of Notre Dame's education department from 1961 to 1966, has been appointed president of Marymount College, Salina, Kansas...Dr. James J. Carberry, professor of chemical engineering, will receive the Yale Engineering Award for Advancement of Basic and Applied Sciences at a Feb. 17th dinner in New Haven...Dr. George A. Brinkley, Jr., of the department of government and international studies, has been awarded the George Louis Beer Prize of the American Historical Association for his book, The Volunteer Army and Allied Intervention in South Russia, 1917-21...Prof. Morris Pollard, director of the Lobund Laboratory, is general chairman of The Sixth Symposium on Perspectives in Virology being held in New York City January 29-30.

THE NOTRE DAME ALUMNUS has received the TIME-LIFE Award as "the most improved alumni magazine" in the American Alumni Council's District Five (Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin). John P. Thurin is the magazine's editor.

April 19, 1968, has been set as the date for the sixteenth annual Union-Management Conference to be held for the first time at Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium. "Future Trends in Negotiations" is the theme for the sessions which are under the direction of Rev. Mark J. Fitzgerald, C.S.C.

Four faculty members of the College of Business Administration — John R. Malone, John J. Kennedy, Norton Marks and Yusaku Furuhashi — presented papers at the meeting of The American Marketing Association in Washington Dec. 27-29.

Representatives of education, government, law and medicine will be among those participating in a Seminar on The Problem of Obscenity — Its National and Local Implications at the Center for Continuing Education February 15th.

Dr. Rudolph Bottei of the chemistry department has been elected chairman of the American Chemical Society's St. Joseph Valley Section...Dr. Frederick W. Dow, Hayes-Healy professor of travel management, is serving as an advisory to a government task force studying way of attracting foreign visitors through improved visitor services, programs and information...Dr. Robert Gordon, head of the biology department, has been elected to membership in the American Society of Naturalists, the oldest of American biological societies.

The department of education has announced a new program for the preparation of professional catechetical specialists leading to the master's and doctoral degree. The program focuses on three areas: religious instruction, the teaching process, and the psychology of human development and learning.

Notre Dame has received twenty-one National Defense Graduate Fellowships for post-doctoral study during the 1968-69 school year.

Thirty-five top Notre Dame undergraduates will participate in research with the support of a \$31,620 grant from the National Science Foundation. They will work in the departments of geology, chemistry, physics, biology, mechanical engineering and civil engineering.

The sponsorship of a resident lectureship on Judaism at Notre Dame will be recognized at a Jewish Chautauqua Society dinner in Chicago January 31st. Rabbi Elliot D. Rosenstock of Temple Beth-El, South Bend, is the lecturer.