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Notre Dame's SUMMA Program has soared to a total of \$32,988,578 in gifts and pledges or 63.4% of the five-year, \$52 million goal. Swelling the overall figure is a recent capital gift from Mrs. John L. Kellogg, Chicago, Ill., for the construction of one unit of two, twin-tower undergraduate dormitories to be built north of the Memorial Library. The building will be a memorial to her son, Thomas U. Flanner, III, a Chicago attorney who died in 1965. Ground was broken May 20th for the two high-rise residence halls which will accommodate more than one thousand students. Knutson Construction Co., Minneapolis, Minn., is the general contractor.

President James Perkins of Cornell University will deliver the commencement address, and Melkite Patriarch Maximos V, Beirut, Lebanon, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Notre Dame's 123rd annual commencement exercises June 2nd. Twelve honorary doctorates will be conferred during the ceremonies.

Notre Dame's Board of Trustees, in a <u>Statement of Policy on Student</u> <u>Life</u>, has proposed creation of a legislative University Student Life Council with equal representation of faculty, administration and students. The Statement declared in part: "While the Board recognizes the need of a University to adapt itself to a changing world, it is firmly resolved to hold fast to those values that have made Notre Dame an enriching experience, intellectual and spiritual, for so many thousands of her sons."

The University Club at the entrance to the campus, a gift of Robert H. Gore, Sr., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in memory of his wife, Lorena Caroline Gore, was dedicated May 24th. Governor Gore, who is recuperating from surgery, was represented at the dedication Mass and luncheon by four of his alumni sons, a daughter and other members of the family.

Thirty Notre Dame seniors became the first student members of the University's new Phi Beta Kappa chapter in a ceremony in the Memorial Library Auditorium May 24th. Prof. Bernard Kohlbrenner is president of the chapter which includes thirty-three members of the University faculty.

The founder and longtime director of the Lobund Laboratory, the late Prof. James A. Reyniers, will be honored at a June 3rd ceremony when the campus structure which housed his laboratory and office is officially named The Reyniers <u>Germfree Life Building</u>. Reyniers' widow, two sons and a daughter will join friends and former colleagues for the program. Robert Rowzee, a junior in the College of Arts and Letters, died in an automobile accident May 28th while en route from the campus to his home in Danville, Ky. The prayers of the Notre Dame family are requested for the repose of his soul.

Dr. George N. Shuster, Assistant to the President and University trustee, will receive an honorary doctorate from Indiana University June 10th.

The director of the Notre Dame-St. Mary's Theatre, <u>Rev. Arthur Harvey</u>, <u>C.S.C.</u>, has been granted a sabbatical leave for 1968-69. He will visit drama schools and repertory companies in the United States as well as European theaters.

Rev. Leo R. Ward, C.S.C., professor emeritus of philosophy, has been named to receive the 1969 Aquinas Medal of the American Catholic Philosophical Association.

The second special general convention in the history of the Episcopal Church, with clerical and lay delegates from all its diocese participating, will be held at Notre Dame August 31-September 5, 1969.

A four-page account of the Sophomore Literary Festival held at Notre Dame this spring appeared in the May 4th issue of THE SATURDAY REVIEW.

Prof. James Carberry of the chemical engineering department has accepted an invitation from the president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences to lecture at the International Congress in Catalysis to be held in July in Moscow and Novosibirsk. He will also speak at several other European universities.

Retiring faculty members this year include Dean Joseph O'Meara of the Notre Dame Law school and Professors Francis E. Moran and Joseph C. Ryan, English; Raymond B. Plummer and Walter L. Shilts, civil engineering; George E. Rohrbach, mechanical engineering; and John H. Sheehan, economics.

The Samuel H. Kress Foundation has awarded a \$35,000 grant to the <u>Mediaeval Institute</u> to support its continuing project of photographing centuriesold art treasures in the famed Ambrosiana Library in Milan. Prof. A. L. Gabriel, director of the project, compiled a recently published catalog of microfilmed scientific manuscripts of the Ambrosiana.

Prof. William V. D'Antonio, chairman of the department of sociology and anthropology, has assumed the presidency of the Ohio Valley Sociological Society.

The University of Notre Dame Press has published Prof. Philip Gleason's new book, The Conservative Reformers: German-American Catholics and the Social Order.

Prof. B. R. Myers, chairman of the electrical engineering department, recently named a Fellow of Britain's Institution of Electrical Engineers, will present a paper at a NATO-sponsored conference on the survival of communications networks at Toulon, France, June 17-21.

Col. John J. Lavin, formerly stationed at NATO's Army Group Headquarters in Izmir, Turkey, is the new commanding officer of Notre Dame's Army ROTC unit. He succeeds Col. John J. Stephens (Ret.) who is now serving as director of freshman personnel for Notre Dame's football coaching staff.