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WNDU—From Golden Shore to Golden Dome

Ever hear of a radio station with 5,000 loyal listeners, a staff of 60, national sponsors, and a broadcasting radius of only half-a-mile? That's WNDU, "The Student Voice of Notre Dame," which has just begun its sixth year of operation. Formerly known as WND, the student-operated station was recently assigned new call-letters by the Federal Communications Commission. Until recently, the new call-letters designated for the station in the shadow of the Golden Dome identified the Maritime Commission ship, "Golden Shore," the FCC revealed.

Affiliated with the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System, WNDU will be on the air 12 hours daily during the week and 16 hours on week-ends. Two newly installed transmitters carry the student-produced shows to the 14 residence halls on the campus, but the programs cannot be heard outside of the University boundaries.

Well-balanced programming schedules provide the student listeners with news, sports, music, and discussion programs sponsored by local and national organizations. The news staff supplements the wire service report with campus news, and a transcription library of 16,000 discs provides a great variety of musical entertainment.

Print Talks of Past President

The words of one of the greatest orators and educators of the first quarter of the twentieth century come to life again in "The Conquest of Life," just published by St. Anthony Guild Press of Paterson, New Jersey. The volume contains the notable lectures, addresses and conferences of the late Rev. John W. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame from 1905 to 1919, a scholar of national distinction.

The addresses were collected and edited by Father John A. O'Brien, Ph. D., who has written a biographical sketch of the noted scholar and an appraisal of him as an orator and writer. For years thousands of people who heard Father Cavanaugh on important occasions in the life of the Church and of the Republic have been hoping to secure copies of the eloquent and scholarly addresses which made the Notre Dame educator the outstanding orator of his day.

"We make every effort to fit our schedule to the interest and tastes of the students, something which the network stations can't attempt," declared Bill Ryan of Flushing, New York, manager of the student station. "Our engineers, salesmen, announcers, and writers are all working in their spare time without any aid from the University," he added.

Mr. Jerome J. Fallon, Director of Radio at Notre Dame and moderator of the student station, pointed out that "WNDU gives every student a chance to try his skill at radio work in a professional-type studio with the best equipment and techniques. A number of our former staff members, who got their start at WNDU, are now established in successful professional careers," he said.

When the O'Shaughnessy Liberal and Fine Arts Building at Notre Dame is completed next Spring, WNDU will move into modern, specially-designed studios. At present, the station is located in the tower of the University field house.

Ryan and Fallon agreed that their chief problem right now is, "to get the announcers to remember the new call-letters."

The volume has been prepared to bring to a still wider audience something of the inspiration, counsel and wisdom which Father Cavanaugh's addresses never failed to impart to his auditors. Because he dealt for the most part with great principles and truths, which are of perennial timeliness, his words as vital, timely and relevant as when first uttered.

In these lectures the Notre Dame educator re-examines the comparative worth of religious and of secular education. He re-states enduring issues of culture and conscience in familiar contemporary terms and offers to the individual reader inspiration and guidance in the cultivation of a sturdy moral character and aid in solving life's basic problems.

"The stirring eloquence of Father Cavanaugh's addresses," observes Father O'Brien, "has been preserved by his choice diction and lucid style through which his emotion throbs and his thought shines with an easy transparency."

After reading the book in manuscript form the late Fulton Oursler remarked, "Few, if any, writers in America today can equal Father Cavanaugh in beauty of diction and brilliance of style. In his writing nobility of thought is wedded to beauty of expression — a combination hard to beat."

Maritain Talks at Notre Dame

Doctor Jacques Maritain, one of the world's most eminent contemporary philosophers, has recently delivered a series of four weekly lectures on the general subject of "Art and Poetry" under the auspices of the University of Notre Dame's Mediaeval Institute. Maritain, who has been named "the most important thinker of Europe today" by T. S. Eliot, is a visiting lecturer on the faculty of the Mediaeval Institute. His lectures constitute a regular graduate course in the University's department of philosophy.

The internationally-known scholar, formerly French ambassador to the Vatican, is a member of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton University. He has served on the faculty of the Catholic Institute of Paris and the Pontifical Institute for Advanced Studies in Toronto.

Dr. Maritain is one of the world's leading authorities on the philosophy of Saint Thomas Aquinas and has lectured at Notre Dame in past years on a wide variety of philosophical subjects. The author of many books and treatises, Dr. Maritain in 1920 published his *Art and Scholasticism* which presented to artists in all mediums a philosophical answer to aesthetic problems.

The Mediaeval Institute at Notre Dame, founded in 1946, constitutes a center for specialized research, historical investigation, and advanced instruction in all that concerns the growth and development of the life, thought and culture of the Middle Ages.

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Band Works on Grid Programs

The University of Notre Dame Band—"the marching Irish"—is working overtime under its new director, Robert F. O'Brien, preparing colorful half-time programs for the 1952 football season. The 110-man marching band will present original pageants for the four Notre Dame home games, which began with the Pittsburgh contest on October 11, and the Navy game at Cleveland.

Notre Dame fans annually deluge the band with requests for their favorite music, new songs written and dedicated to Notre Dame, and liberal advice on formations and arrangements. One of the many requests for more Irish music came from a woman in Janesville, Wisconsin, who regularly travels the two hundred miles to Notre Dame just to hear the band play the lilting tunes of Killarney.

A completely Irish program, including a formation picturing a clay pipe that smokes, was presented at the Pittsburgh game. Featured in the 1952 presentations will be the "Irish Pipers,"

ND Has Largest Fresh Class

Nearly 5,100 students have answered the roll at the first classes of Notre Dame's 110th academic year. The total enrollment includes 1,500 freshmen—the largest first year class in the University's history—and 350 graduate students. The fourteen campus residence halls, which make Notre Dame the world's largest boarding school for men, are fully occupied and several hundred upperclassmen have found it necessary to seek housing in nearby South Bend.

The draft of young men into the armed forces has not substantially affected enrollment at Notre Dame for 1952-53, according to the Rev. Louis J. Thornton, C.S.C., Director of Admissions. "While the trend of declining enrollment has set in at most colleges and universities, Notre Dame is filled to capacity," Father Thornton said.

Students from all of the 48 states, the U. S. territories and 22 foreign countries swell Notre Dame's enrollment this Fall. Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., President of the University, who was ordained at Notre Dame only nine years ago, issued a special greeting to the freshmen and other new students.

an eight-man group of bagpipers, each standing eight feet tall in their plumed shakoes. The pipers were introduced last season, but now sport scarlet and green costumes imported from Scotland.

O'Brien hastens to point out that the bagpipe was originally an Irish folk instrument although generally associated with the Scotch. Long-range plans call for building up a 20-man bagpipe unit, but skilled pipers are hard to come by. Louis Snedden, a native of Scotland recently arrived in South Bend, is volunteer instructor of the unit.

Another innovation with the Notre Dame Band for the 1952 season will be the use of two baton-twirling drum majors. Mr. O'Brien explained that the large size and complicated formations of the band make it almost impossible for one drum major to lead the organization. Dick Six of Quincy, Illinois, and Jerry Guido of Chicago, will lead the band on the field during 1952.

Name Murphy Publicity Head

James E. Murphy of Indianapolis, Indiana, has been appointed Director of Public Information at Notre Dame, it has been announced by the Very Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., President of the University. In his new post Murphy will supervise the publicity of all University affairs except athletics. He succeeds Raymond J. Donovan who resigned to become Michigan editor of *The South Bend Tribune*.

A 1947 graduate of Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters, Murphy formerly was news editor for The American Broadcasting Company in Chicago. For the past two years he has served on the national public relations staff of The American Legion.

Murphy is an Air Force veteran of World War II. He is married to the former Barbara Lill of Fort Wayne,

Construction Started on New Holy Cross Seminary

Ground breaking ceremonies at Holy Cross Seminary recently marked the beginning of construction for a new building providing additional facilities for seminarians studying for the priesthood in the Congregation of Holy Cross.

The Rev. Harold W. Riley, C.S.C., Superior of the seminary, turned the first spadeful of dirt in the presence of the other members of the seminary faculty and more than 150 student seminarians.

Father Riley stated in his brief remarks that "this building is the fulfillment of a dream of 25 years. The expansion was made necessary by the increasing number of vocations for the priesthood in the Congregation of Holy Cross," he said.

Scheduled for completion in January, 1953, the new pre-fabricated building will house a gymnasium, six classrooms and a laboratory for the use of the seminarians.

Rev. Harold W. Riley, C.S.C., Breaking Ground for New Seminary.



Profs Increased Over Summer

Thirty-eight new faculty members have been appointed to teach at Notre Dame during 1952-53. In addition, twelve former members of the faculty will return to the campus following periods of study at other institutions and other assignments.

Dean Joseph O'Meara, Jr., of the College of Law, who assumed his new post last June, is a native of Cincinnati where he engaged in private law practice and served for fifteen years as counsel for the Western and Southern Life Insurance Company. He is a graduate of Xavier University and received his law degree from the University of Cincinnati.

Kane Named Assistant Dean

John J. Kane, assistant professor of sociology at Notre Dame, has been appointed assistant dean of the College of Arts and Letters, it was announced recently by the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., President of the University. A member of the faculty since 1948, Dr. Kane will assist the Rev. Charles E. Sheedy, C.S.C., who was recently named dean of the A. B. School.

Dr. Kane studied at three Philadelphia schools. He took his undergraduate work at Saint Joseph's College, received his Master's degree at Temple University in 1946, and was awarded his doctorate by the University of Pennsylvania in 1950. A specialist on the family, race, and ethnic group relationships and interreligious tensions, Dr. Kane has served as executive director of the South Bend-Mishawaka Round Table, National Conference of Christians and Jews, since October, 1950. He is the author of *Marriage and the Family; a Catholic Approach*.

Debaters Prepare for Season

The "arguing Irish" are boning up on all aspects of the F.E.P.C. controversy since they must be prepared to defend both sides of the question in more than two hundred intercollegiate debates during the coming school year.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Alumni (Foundation) Office frequently receives letters of inquiry as to whether it is possible to have our readers' Mass Intentions taken care of here on the campus of the University.

We are happy to announce that arrangements have been made whereby both High and Low Mass Intentions will be discharged by the Holy Cross Fathers assigned to the University of Notre Dame.

You are invited to mail your Mass Intentions to:

Rev. Edward J. Finnegan,
C.S.C.,
Notre Dame, Indiana

The Notre Dame debaters are led by Alfred C. DeCrane of Cleveland, Ohio, who recently was notified of his selection as national individual debating champion by Tau Kappa Alpha, the national collegiate debating society.

Gurian Writes Book on Russia

Dr. Waldemar Gurian, Head of the Committee on International Relations at the University of Notre Dame, has written a new book entitled, "Bolshevism—An Introduction to Soviet Communism." He has just returned to the campus after a summer of teaching at

the University of Heidelberg in Germany.

A native of Leningrad, Russia, Dr. Gurian was a lecturer at the Berlin School of Politics in 1934 when the publication of his book, "Hitler and the Christians," aroused the wrath of the Nazis. He was forced to flee to Switzerland, where he remained until he came to the United States and joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1937.

Dr. Gurian is a member of the Committee on Slavic Studies established by the American Council of Learned Societies. As a member of the committee he also serves on the editorial board of the "Current Digest of the Soviet Press," a weekly publication which translates into English all important articles appearing in the Soviet press.

Dooley Advises on Draft, Jobs

Impending military service should not deter the college senior from making job contacts and participating in interviews with prospective employers according to William R. Dooley, placement director of the University of Notre Dame.

"Most employers now, figuring that the draft and ROTC units are going to be around for years to come, are projecting their employment of college men two or three years into the future when these men will be ready to go to work permanently," Dooley said.

"Out of the hundreds of employment interviewers who came to the campus last year," Dooley added, "there weren't more than half a dozen who told us that they wanted to talk to men who were free of obligations to the armed forces." Employers reason now that if they can give the college graduate three or four months of training in industry before the man enters military service, so much the better, Dooley indicated.

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