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1954 Total of \$2,289,114 From 11,424 Contributors

Average Alumnus Gift Amounts to \$49.64

A record total of 11,424 contributions, from alumni and other friends, equaling \$2,289,113.94 were received by Notre Dame in 1954. The amount represented an increase of 55% over the 1953 total of \$1,470,851. Alumni contributions reached an all-time high with 10,135 gifts for a 50.1% participation as compared with 47.7% in the 1953 fund. This information was released by the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., Director of the Notre Dame Foundation, in a recent report. Additional statistics will be printed in the Spring issue of NOTRE DAME.

The average alumnus gift was \$49.64 while total contributions from alumni accounted for \$503,352.24. An additional \$400,000 was given by honorary alumni for capital gifts. Contributions of \$64,214.69, from 568 parents of Notre Dame students were received.

Non-alumni friends gave \$675,171.83 to the University during 1954, noted Father Cavanaugh. Included in this category, he said, were gifts from 179 corporations and foundations, many of whom specified their donations for the Distinguished Professors Program. Government and industrial research grants amounted to \$710,589.57 in 1954, an 18% increase over the previous year's total of \$602,734.

Gifts of \$1,000 and over totalled 185 contributors. There was a noticeable increase in 'installment giving' whereby the donor sent in certain amounts more than once during the year. The Class of 1912 led all classes in total amount given with \$96,095.87. Class participation honors went to '49

with a total of 586 alumni in that group contributing.

All unrestricted gifts to Notre Dame during 1954 were assigned to the University's Faculty Development Fund, Father Cavanaugh emphasized. These unrestricted gifts, coupled with corporation contributions to the Distinguished Professors Program, totalled \$456,215.21. Under this program, corporations from coast to coast are being invited to underwrite the addition of forty-five eminent scholars to the Notre Dame faculty.

Among those who already have been added to the staff are Ivan Mestrovic, the celebrated Croatian sculptor; Rev. Philip Hughes, the noted British Church historian; Dr. G. F. D'Alelio, former vice president of the Koppers Co., recently appointed head of Notre Dame's chemistry department; Rev. Martin D'Arcy, S.J., renowned British philosopher and theologian; and Dr. Charles Brambel, internationally recognized biologist and biochemist, who will head the University's biology department beginning in September.

Also, Dr. Robert C. Turner, former presidential economic advisor, who has been serving as a visiting professor in the College of Commerce; Dr. Joseph Becker, research physicist at the Bell Laboratories, also a visiting professor; Dr. Vladimir Seidel, noted mathematician; and Dr. Fritz Fischer, German historian.

Celebrated figures who have lectured at Notre Dame since the Distinguished Professors Program was established include Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, historian Arnold Toynbee,

Sir Richard Livingstone and Dr. A. P. d'Entreves.

Since the beginning of the Notre Dame Foundation in 1947 more than \$14,700,000 has been given to Notre Dame in gifts and grants. In that same period seven new buildings have been erected on campus. Two additional structures, Pangborn Residence Hall and the Hammes Shopping Center, will be completed in the next few months.

Other building projects, which still remain on the long-range expansion program as announced in 1948 consist of two residence halls, a dining hall, maintenance center, auditorium-fieldhouse and a library. In the past seven years Notre Dame's student body has increased from 4,700 in 1948 to 5,400 at the present time.

UNIVERSAL NOTRE DAME NIGHT — APRIL 18

Alumni Clubs from coast to coast will celebrate the 32nd anniversary of UND Night on April 18 (or within the octave).

FR. O'DONNELL NAMED TO FOUNDATION POST

The appointment of Rev. Thomas J. O'Donnell, C.S.C., as associate director of the Notre Dame Foundation was announced recently by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president.

Father O'Donnell has been associated with the Foundation since January, 1953, when he was named assistant to the director, the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C.

Prior to joining the Foundation staff, Father O'Donnell served for a year as associate editor of *The Catholic Boy*, a youth publication of the Holy Cross Fathers. From 1947 to 1952 he was a faculty member at Holy Cross College, Washington, D. C. He also served for three years as assistant superior of the Holy Cross Foreign Mission Seminary in Washington.

Dr. Leo O'Donnell, '17, Is Newly-Elected President of Notre Dame Alumni Assoc.

Board of Directors Attend Campus Meeting

Dr. Leo D. O'Donnell, '17, staff surgeon at Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa., was unanimously elected president of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, succeeding James G. McGoldrick, '39, New York City, at the winter meeting of the Association's Board of Directors held on campus.

Other officers elected were: Daniel Culhane, '23, Washington, D. C., first vice-president; John Saunders, '31, Boston, Mass., second vice-president; John E. McIntyre, '31, South Bend, Ind., third vice-president; and James E. Armstrong, '25, executive secretary. Jim McGoldrick remains on the Board as Honorary President ex-officio.

New directors who received a majority of votes from alumni-at-large in the recent balloting and will serve a three-year term are: Patrick J. Fisher, '36, Indianapolis, Ind.; John W. Brennan, '27, Detroit, Mich.; J. Patrick Canny, '28, Cleveland, O.; and Joseph E. Whalen, '29, Des Moines, Ia.

Retiring directors who completed their service to the Board consist of John H. Neeson, Jr., '35, John W. Courtney, '25, J. Ralph Coryn, '22, and Karl Martersteck, '29.

Highlighting the sessions was an ad-

dress by the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of Notre Dame, at the closing luncheon. Board directors listened to, and participated in, four other major programs which included a meeting with Father Philip Moore, C.S.C., Academic Vice-President, and the Deans; a talk by Father James E. Norton, C.S.C., Vice-President of Student Affairs, and a question period participated in by the heads of band, glee club, debate team, as well as remarks by student leaders on campus; a presentation by Father Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., executive vice-president on athletic policies aided by comments from Athletic Director Krause and Coaches Earley, Kline, Jordan, Wilson and Samson, and a graphic 'case history' of the adult education program by a South Bend group led by Father John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C.

The Alumni Board of Directors annually attend three meetings which are usually held on campus. The other two sessions are in June and in the Fall. Alumni programs are planned by the Board, which represents 25,000 Notre Dame Men living in this country and in many foreign nations.

CLASS REUNION WEEKEND

June 10, 11, 12

1905—50th	1930—25th
1910—45th	1935—20th
1915—40th	1940—15th
1920—35th	1945—10th
1925—30th	1950—5th

The Best Bargain of the year—
and only \$20!

Parent-Son Weekend

The University of Notre Dame's junior class on March 18, 19, 20 will sponsor its third annual Parent-Son weekend on the campus. The event will feature open house extended by all the colleges, ROTC's, and LOBUND. Campus tours are on the program. Father Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., will deliver the main address March 19 at the President's Dinner.



Alumni Board of Directors attend January meeting. Left to right, seated: John W. Courtney, Robert H. Gore, Jr., John E. McIntyre, Daniel Culhane, Dr. Leo D. O'Donnell, James G. McGoldrick, John F. Saunders; standing: James L. Ferstel, Patrick J. Fisher, Joseph I. O'Neill, Jr., Karl Martersteck, James E. Armstrong, J. Patrick Canny, Father T. J. O'Donnell, C.S.C., J. Ralph Coryn, John H. Neeson, Jr., and Joseph E. Whalen.



Harry J. Kirk receives award from the Very Rev. John A. Flynn, president of St. John's University. Archbishop Thomas E. Molloy, of Brooklyn (center), presided.

Outstanding Award Given to Harry J. Kirk by St. John's U.

A Notre Dame man who, by his "dynamic labors" has "for 24 years closely associated himself with the Vincentian pattern of charity"—received the 1954 St. Vincent de Paul Medal of St. John's University (New York).

He is Harry J. Kirk, '13, of Washington, D. C., a civil engineer, the father of three religious, and the treasurer of the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

Designated as the "outstanding layman" of his archdiocese by Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington, Mr. Kirk, together with Archbishop O'Boyle, was honored at St. John's recently at a "Marian Year St. Vincent de Paul Lecture" presided over by the Most Rev. Thomas E. Molloy, Archbishop-Bishop of Brooklyn.

Mr. Kirk, noted the citation, has never allowed his "eminent success" in, and "his abundant commitments to, purely secular activities lessen his zealous devotion to the works of Vincentian charity; for 24 years he has intimately identified himself with the St. Francis de Sales Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the District of Columbia; for five years he served as president of the Particular Council of Washington; during his tenure of office he helped to organize

the Particular Councils of Prince George and Montgomery Counties as well as to establish for needy children the St. Vincent de Paul Camp."

The head of the Research and Safety Department of the Associated General Contractors of America, Mr. Kirk helped to organize a Vincentian organization in the Raleigh, N. C., Diocese and during the past four years he has served as a member of the Superior Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

He is a native of Defiance, Ohio, received an A.B. degree at Defiance College in 1911 and two years later took a degree in civil engineering at the University of Notre Dame. A former Director of Highways for the state of Ohio, he and his wife, Kathryn, have two daughters who are Carmelite nuns and a son who is a Benedictine priest.

Mr. Kirk is a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and is past president of the Washington Catholic Evidence Guild and the National Catholic Evidence Conference. He served as Catholic co-chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews for the District of Columbia, and is a past president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Anthony's Parish in Washington.

Fr. William Robinson Dies in Los Angeles

Rev. William H. Robinson, C.S.C. ('20), a former professor of religion at the University of Notre Dame and one-time president of St. Edward's University, Austin, Tex. (1943-46), died in Los Angeles, Calif., in February. He was the author of numerous articles in Catholic magazines and journals and one of the most noted preachers in the Congregation of Holy Cross.

For the past year Father Robinson had been chaplain at Rancho San Antonio, an institution operated by the Holy Cross Brothers at Chatsworth, Calif. The recipient of doctorates of philosophy (1923) and theology (1927) from the Gregorian University, Rome, he was active in the work of the Family Rosary Crusade. During his career he taught at Holy Cross College, Washington, D. C. (1927-39), and was chaplain at Notre Dame High School, Biloxi, Miss (1953). In 1946 he joined the Notre Dame religion department, serving also as assistant religious superior of the Holy Cross priests at the University.

Father Robinson was a native of Lafayette, Ind.

Inspect ROTC Units

Assistant Secretary of Defense Carter L. Burgess headed a group of 25 armed forces officials who on Jan. 25 inspected Reserve Officer Training Corps facilities which serve the more than 1,500 student-members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine ROTC units on campus.

Notre Dame is one of the few colleges and universities in the country which provides ROTC training in all branches of the U. S. armed forces.

Included in the official inspection party, which was welcomed to the campus by the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president, were Lt. Gen. Hobart Gay, commanding general of the Fifth Army; Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Berger, U. S. Marines; Maj. Gen. William E. Hall of the Air Force; Rear Adm. Irving L. McQuiston of the Reserve Forces Planning Board; Rear Adm. Kenmoren McManes of the Navy; and Maj. Gen. Bryan L. Milburn, U. S. Army.



The Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C. (foreground), Director of the Notre Dame Foundation, was the principal speaker at the Notre Dame Communion Breakfast, attended by 95 alumni and friends, in Boys Town, Neb. Father Cavanaugh recently conducted a retreat for the 'citizens' of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home.

'Filthy Rich,' But Only For a Day

A "multi-millionaire for a day"—that was John J. McLaughlin, '34, of Cumberland Hill, R. I., who on Jan. 3 got the "biggest dividend check I ever did see" from the First National Bank of the City of New York—a check for the sum of \$9,999,924.

"The check is good, the bank is good, and it's all properly endorsed, but I think there's a mistake here, John!" gulped a bewildered teller in the Woonsocket Branch of the Industrial National Bank when "Mac" confronted him with the document. "Did you know this check is for nearly \$10,000,000?"

The check should have been \$24, representing a stock dividend of \$8

per share on three shares of stock John owns in the First National Bank of New York City. Apparently "the check-writing machine filled in with 'nines' instead of 'zeros.'"

SYMPOSIUM ON CAMPUS ANALYZES U.S. POLICIES

Representative Alvin M. Bentley (Mich.) the most seriously wounded of five Congressmen shot down by Puerto Rican terrorists in their attack on the House of Representatives May 1, 1954—was one of four foreign affairs specialists who examined the explosive questions of "peaceful coexistence" and America's policy toward a simmering East-Central Europe at a University of Notre Dame symposium Feb. 11.

In a treatment of "The Fate of East-Central Europe: Hopes and Failures of American Foreign Policy," Congressman Bentley, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, discussed "American Ideas and Concepts for a Free East Central Europe."

The other experts and their topics were Professor Philip E. Mosely, director of the Russian Institute at Columbia University—"American Policy Toward East Central Europe, 1941-47"; Robert F. Byrnes, director of research at the Mid-European Studies Center, New York City—"Containment, Liberation, or Coexistence?"; and Nicholas Spulber, lecturer in economics at Indiana University—"The Problems of East-West Trade and Economic Trends in the Enslaved Countries."

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