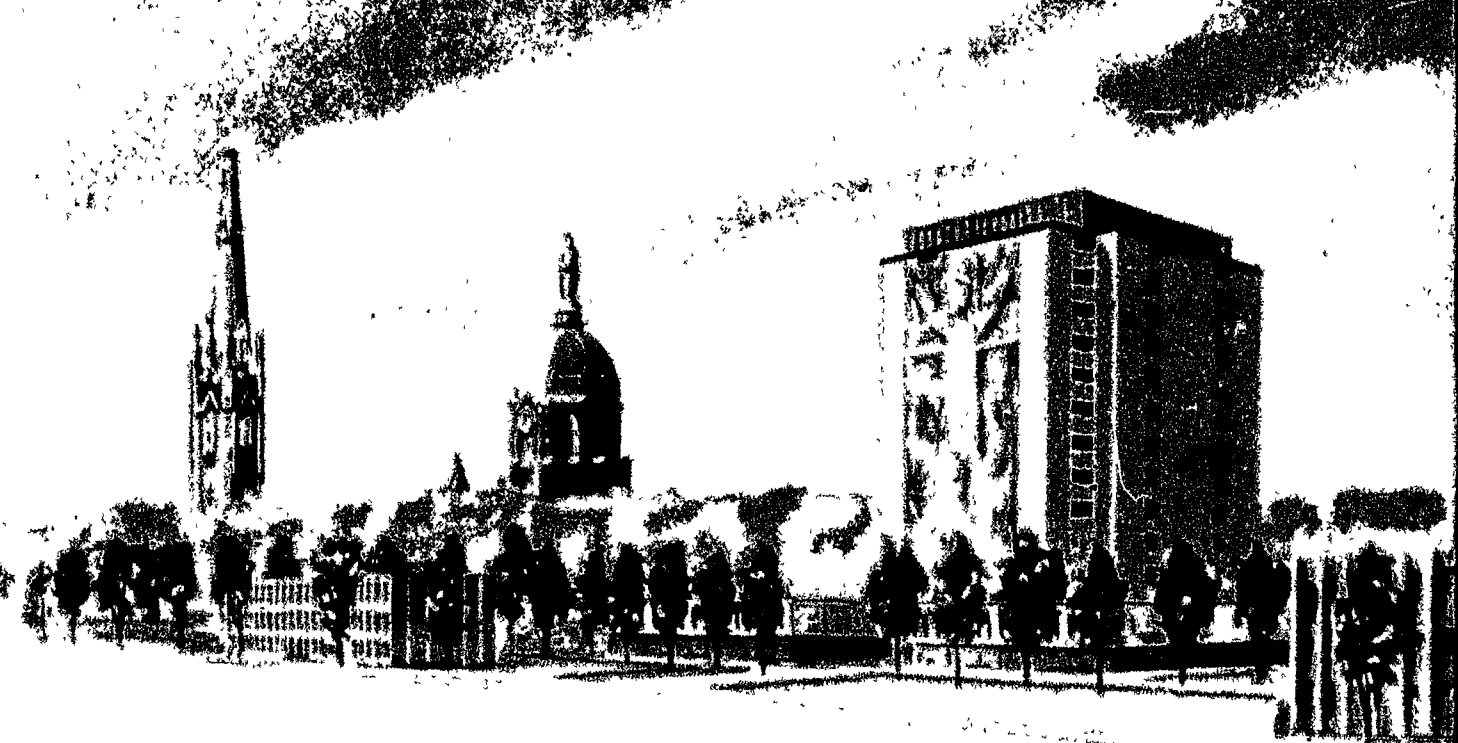


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Notre Dame's Laetare Medal for 1968 will be conferred on R. Sargent Shriver, director of the U. S. Office for Economic Opportunity and former head of the Peace Corps. The University has presented the award annually since 1883 to an outstanding American Catholic layman.

The Board of Trustees of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Barat College, Lake Forest, Ill., have approved plans for a study to explore the possibility of "closer cooperation and collaboration" among the three schools "without endangering their independence and autonomy." A proposal to underwrite the study has been submitted to a major philanthropic foundation.

Dean Thomas P. Bergin of the Center for Continuing Education has been appointed chairman of a joint campus-community committee which will plan the dedication of the Athletic and Convocation Center. Planning is underway for a series of dedication events in early December.

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in an address specially filmed for the occasion, addressed Notre Dame's quadrennial mock political convention March 20th. Addressing the campus GOP conclave in person were Governor John Volpe of Massachusetts and Congressman Robert Taft, Jr., of Ohio.

A newly-formed advisory council for the University's art gallery held its first meeting on the campus March 22nd. The group includes ten prominent gallery and museum officials and art collectors.

The 100th anniversary of the Notre Dame Alumni Association will be the theme of Universal Notre Dame Night to be observed officially this year on April 22nd. University officials, faculty members and students will address dinner-meetings of alumni and friends in more than 120 cities during latter April.

Dr. James F. Robinson, a specialist in Renaissance literature, has been appointed chairman of the English department effective July 1st, succeeding Dr. Ernest Sandeen who will be on leave during the next academic year.

In less than seven months a total of \$29,543,121 in gifts and pledges has been committed to Notre Dame's SUMMA Program. The figure represents 56.8% of the five-year, \$52 million goal and an increase of 3% over a month ago.

Graduate and undergraduate tuition at Notre Dame for 1968-69 will increase \$100 to \$1,500 and \$1,800 respectively. Board and room charges for on-campus undergraduates will remain the same.

Of 123 Danforth Foundation graduate fellowships awarded nationally, two have been given to Notre Dame seniors: Thomas D. Brislin, a government major from Dallas, Pa., and William J. Reishman, a Charleston, W. Va., theology major. The grants provide tuition and living expenses for up to four years of graduate study.

Principal speakers at the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's Union-Management Conference April 19th will be Walter A. Maggiolo, director of the Office of Disputes, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; John D. Jones, vice president for industrial relations, The Koppers Company, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Joseph P. Molony, international vice president of the United Steelworkers of America, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Most Reverend James P. Shannon, Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul, will preach on "Viet Nam and the Christian Conscience" at a Year of Faith Mass in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, May 5th at 12:15 p.m.

New Notre Dame books include The Purpose of Catholic Schooling by Dr. James M. Lee; Freedom and Authority in the West, edited by Dr. George N. Shuster; and Science and Contemporary Society, edited by Dr. Frederick J. Crosson.

Inaugurating the Executive Lecture Series of the Master of Business Administration Program, Dr. Herbert V. Prochnow, immediate past president of the First National Bank of Chicago, spoke March 22nd on "Where We Stand."

Rev. Charles Sheedy, C.S.C., dean of the College of Arts and Letters, has been named to a 15-member American Heart Association committee to study the ethical, moral and legal implications of heart transplants. Father Sheedy holds a law degree as well as a doctorate in sacred theology.

The Ward-Phillips Lecturer in the Department of English March 25-29 is Dr. Louis L. Martz, professor of English at Yale University. The general subject of his talks will be "Idea of Order in Seventeenth Century Poetry."

Edward W. Krause, director of athletics, has been invited to speak at the annual Conference of Military Council of Catholic Men in Berchtesgaden, Germany, April 25-28.

The department of theology and Moreau Seminary will present a symposium on "The Ministry in Contemporary Society" at the Center for Continuing Education April 16th.

The Notre Dame alumni seminar, "Has Change Run Away with the Church?" will be presented in Detroit March 31st with the Detroit Archdiocesan Institute for Continuing Education and alumni from fourteen other Catholic colleges and universities joining in the sponsorship.

Governor Otto Kerner of Illinois, chairman of the President's National Commission on Civil Disorders, and Congressman John Conyers, Jr., of Detroit, addressed a Notre Dame audience in Washington Hall March 22nd. Other recent speakers at the University include Dr. Frederick Seitz, president of the National Academy of Sciences; Harlan Cleveland, U. S. Ambassador to NATO; Dr. Severo Ochoa, Nobel Prize-winner in medicine; and Jacqueline Grennan, president of Webster College.