



The Centennial of the Notre Dame Law School, the oldest Catholic law school in the United States, will be celebrated with a series of campus events February 7-8. Included are a Red Mass, a symposium on "Human Rights and the Law," an academic convocation and a centennial banquet. Honorary degree recipients, speakers and panelists will be announced in the near future. During the centennial convocation the University will confer the degree of Juris Doctor retroactively on all Notre Dame Law School graduates who received the LL. B. degree in earlier years and who now formally request that the J. D. degree be substituted for it.

Leonard H. Skoglund, Jr., '38, has been elected president of the Notre Dame Alumni Association for 1969 by the organization's board of directors. Skoglund, who is vice president of Scully-Jones and Co., Chicago, Ill., succeeds Richard A. Rosenthal of South Bend as national alumni president. He will also serve as an ex officio member of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees.

Notre Dame's SUMMA Program, now nearing the \$40 million mark, will be inaugurated in twenty additional cities from coast-to-coast in February. Two teams of speakers are scheduled to address the dinner-meetings of alumni and friends of the University. Rev. John E. Walsh, C.S.C., academic vice president, and James E. Armstrong, retired alumni secretary, will speak in approximately half of the cities with Dr. Thomas E. Stewart, assistant to the president, and Rev. Charles Sheedy, C.S.C., dean of theological studies and institutes, appearing in the other half. A student speaker will be a member of each team.

More than 65,000 persons attended the various dedication events at Notre Dame's Athletic and Convocation Center December 1-8. Major Center events early in the new year include the Frank Leahy Testimonial Dinner, January 31st; The Chicago Symphony, February 7th; Ice Capades, February 18-23; Central Collegiate Conference Indoor Track Championships, February 21-22; and the Indiana High School Athletic Association sectional and regional basketball tournaments in latter February and early March.

Notre Dame's Master of Business Administration Program has been approved for career officer assignment by the U. S. Air Force following a visitation by officials of the Air Force Institute of Technology of the Air University.

One hundred thirty specialists in deep ocean exploration participated in a Notre Dame symposium on "Engineering for the Deep Ocean" December 13-14. Sponsored jointly by the College of Engineering and the University of Massachusetts in association with the Office of Naval Research, the event resulted from research contracts awarded by the Department of Defense last year in its competitive "Project Themis." Dean Joseph Hogan and Dr. Harry Saxe are in charge of Notre Dame's participation in the project.

The Edward F. Sorin Award, the highest honor conferred by the Notre Dame Alumni Association, was presented to James E. Armstrong, retired executive secretary of the Association, at a Dec. 6th dinner officially marking the organization's 100th anniversary.

Rev. John A. O'Brien, research professor of theology, is the author of "Birth Control and the Catholic Conscience" in the January, 1969, issue of READER'S DIGEST.

Funeral services were held in Sacred Heart Church Dec. 14th for Joseph J. Casasanta, 67, former director of the Notre Dame Band and Glee Club. Mr. Casasanta composed the music for the alma mater, "Notre Dame, Our Mother" and for three other school songs: "Hike, Notre Dame," "Down the Line," and "When the Irish Backs Go Marching By." The prayers of the Notre Dame family are requested for the repose of his soul.

A summer sports camp for boys 8 to 16-years old will be conducted at Notre Dame June 9-August 2 under the auspices of the Athletic and Convocation Center. During each of four, two-week sessions expert instruction, often by Notre Dame coaches, will be given in more than a dozen sports. The camp director is Dominic Napolitano, veteran director of intramural sports at Notre Dame.

Two Notre Dame faculty members have received appointments from the National Science Foundation. Dr. Robert E. Gordon, associate dean of the College of Science, will serve on NSF's Science Information Council, and Dr. Lawrence Lee, professor of engineering science, will be a member of NSF's engineering research initiation panel.

"The Poetry of Polymers," a NASA film based on the research of Dr. G. F. D'Alelio, research professor of chemistry, is being shown in Russian universities and institutes currently under the auspices of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

The seventeenth annual Notre Dame National Invitational Debate Tournament will be held at the Center for Continuing Education Feb. 27-March 1.

During November the University received \$679,149 in grants for research and sponsored educational programs. The overall figure includes \$258,000 for high energy physics research directed by Dr. V. Paul Kenney and \$165,695 for an academic year institute for secondary school mathematics teachers under the direction of Dr. Abraham Goetz.

Dr. Thomas P. Bergin, dean of continuing education, has been appointed to the Adult Education Association's National Commission on Planning Adult Education Systems, Facilities and Environments.

Dr. Peter P. Grande, director of the Office of Institutional Studies, is editor of the INDIANA PERSONNEL AND GUIDANCE JOURNAL.

The chairman of the department of electrical engineering, Dr. Basil R. Myers, has been elected a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.