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LAETARE MEDAL PRESENTATION SET

Notre Dame's highest honor, The Laetare Medal, will be formally conferred by the President of the University on Associate Justice William J. Brennan Jr., during a ceremony at The Supreme Court June 9th. Chief Justice Earl Warren and Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington, will participate in the 4 p.m. ceremony which will be followed by a reception for approximately 125 invited guests. Established in 1883, the medal is presented annually to an American Catholic who has coupled a distinguished public or professional career with an exemplary private life. Justice Brennan is the second member of the Supreme Court to be so honored. Chief Justice Edward Douglas White was the 1914 Laetare Medalist. It has been announced that in future years priests and religious will be eligible for the award which heretofore has been restricted to laymen.

LARGEST COMMENCEMENT IN NEW CAMPUS LOCATION

Presidential assistant and urban affairs specialist Daniel P. Moynihan will deliver the commencement address, and George Cardinal Flahiff, Archbishop of Winnipeg, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the University's 124th annual commencement exercises June 1st.

For the first time, the 9 a.m. Baccalaureate Mass and the 2 p.m. exercises will be held in the arena of the Athletic and Convocation Center. A record number of 1,774 undergraduate, graduate and law degrees is scheduled to be conferred.

Honorary degree recipients, in addition to the speakers, include Secretary of Labor George Shultz, Senator Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, Congressman John Brademas of Indiana, and Dr. Thomas P. Carney, Notre Dame trustee.

NOTRE DAME, SAINT MARY'S OPT FOR COEDUCATION

Neighboring Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College are taking "initial steps" which will eventually make the two schools "substantially coeducational" with each other.

Trustees of the two institutions have approved expanded cooperative programs which will give them "an increasingly coeducational character." Eventually, it is expected that a men-to-women ratio of 3 to 1 will prevail in classes on both campuses.

Beginning in September, 245 freshmen from each campus will share classes in four liberal arts courses, and the existing Co-Exchange Program will be expanded at the sophomore, junior and senior levels. Special efforts also are being made to enrich the students' extra-curricular and social life.

Rev. Charles Sheedy, C.S.C., has been named Special Assistant to the Presidents of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's "with executive authority for establishing both the principles and operational details" of the coeducational program.

GULF AND WESTERN GIFT SPURS SUMMA

The largest unrestricted corporate gift in Notre Dame's history has been made to the

University by Gulf and Western Industries, Inc. The \$1 million grant was presented to the President of the University by G & W chairman Charles G. Bluhdorn at a luncheon in New York City May 19th attended by seventy-five education and business leaders.

To date, Notre Dame's five-year SUMMA Program has generated \$42.7 million in gifts and grants, about 82.1% of the \$52 million goal. Of the overall figure, 500 corporate gifts account for about \$4.5 million.

CAMPUS-CHURCH TIES EXPLORED AT ROME MEETING

From an international meeting of thirty-one leading Catholic educators convened in Rome April 25-May 2 by the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education has emerged a position paper upholding the autonomy and academic freedom of Catholic colleges and universities.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., and Rev. Neil G. McCluskey, S.J., of Notre Dame were among those signing the document which describes the essential characteristics of a Catholic university, classifies the different kinds of Catholic universities and spells out the relationship of the Catholic university to ecclesiastical authority.

The position paper, which has been sent to the American hierarchy and to all Catholic college and university presidents in the U.S., is expected to be acted on formally by the Vatican Congregation next fall.

ANNOUNCE ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Recently announced appointments and promotions include the following: Dr. Peter P. Grande, Director of Admissions; James E. Murphy, Assistant Vice President for Public Relations and Development; Richard W. Conklin, Director of Public Information; James V. Gibbons, Director of Special Projects; and Richard W. Clemens, a professional specialist in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Additional responsibilities with the title of Regional Director of Development have been given to John Crowe, David Shanahan, Brian Regan and James Kinnane.

ALL-UNIVERSITY FORUM TO BE INAUGURATED

Notre Dame's Board of Trustees has approved in principle the creation of an All-University Forum consisting of ex officio and elected representative of the trustees, administration, faculty, student body and alumni. As envisioned, the Forum will not have legislative, executive or judicial powers, but will address itself to all-embracing topics which are the concern of the total community, referring to already-existing bodies those matters on which it develops a consensus. It is expected that the Forum will hold four public sessions during the academic year.

FACULTY SPONSORS HESBURGH TESTIMONIAL

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president, was honored on his 52nd birthday, May 25th, at a testimonial dinner attended by 440 faculty members and their wives. The event marked the completion of nearly seventeen years of service as University president.

The dinner was organized by a group of professors "to provide an occasion for faculty members to express their appreciation to Father Hesburgh for his many years of distinguished service to the life of the University and their anticipation of many more years to come."

RETIRING FACULTY MEMBERS HONORED

Among those honored at the annual President's Dinner May 13th were fifteen faculty members who have given many years of service to the University and who have been promoted to emeritus rank.

They are Antonio J. Botet and John P. Turley, modern languages; Frank N.M. Brown, aerospace; Norbert A. Engels and Rufus W. Rauch, English; Frank R. Harrell, Marie K. Lawrence and Constantin Vesselowsky, Memorial Library.

Also Rev. Edward A. Keller, C.S.C., economics; Stephen D. Kertesz, government; Rev. Thomas T. McAvoy, C.S.C., history; Rev. Joseph S. McGrath, C.S.C., dean, summer session; John A. Scannell, physical education; Rev. Albert L. Schlitzer, C.S.C., theology; and Harry Worthington, business organization and management.

THE UNIVERSITY-AT-LARGE

The status of ROTC at Notre Dame will be discussed at a special meeting of the Academic Council May 29th.

The recently deceased include Rev. Michael J. Gavin, C.S.C., rector of Pangborn Hall and former University of Portland president, who suffered a fatal heart attack, and Michael Rosick, a sophomore engineering student from Silver Springs, Md., who died in a Michigan auto accident. The prayers of the Notre Dame family are requested for the repose of their souls.

New University of Notre Dame Press titles include The Catholic Church Today: Western Europe, edited by Prof. M.A. Fitzsimons, and The Darkened Sky: 19th-Century American Novelists and Religion by Dr. John T. Frederick, professor emeritus and former chairman of the English department.

During April the University received support totaling \$807,971 for research, sponsored educational programs and equipment.

Rev. Ernest Bartell, C.S.C., chairman of the economics department, has been named to the board of directors of Kings College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Notre Dame's nuclear physics group was described as "a national center of excellence" by Rep. Emilio Daddario of Connecticut at the recent annual banquet of the American Physical Society in Washington.

Dr. Frederick D. Rossini, vice president for research and sponsored programs, is program chairman for a conference on "Universities, National Laboratories and Man's Environment" to be held in Chicago July 27-29 under the auspices of the Argonne Universities Association.

A recent Notre Dame study directed by Dr. Richard Metzcus indicates that the transfer of students to public schools from Catholic schools which have closed or whose operations have been reduced will cost taxpayers an estimated \$38.2 million next year.

Prof. Boleslaw B. Szczesniak's new book, The Knights Hospitallers in Poland and Lithuania, has been published by Mouton & Co.

Dr. Marino Martinez-Carrion is reported to be the first Notre Dame faculty member elected a member of the American Society of Biological Chemists.

The Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic has been invited to participate in the mathematical Society. Off-prints of Journal articles will be available to service subscribers.

Professor Charles Parnell addressed the First Canadian Symposium on Applied Linguistics and Language Teaching at the University of Ottawa May 22-25.

Bucknell University will confer an honorary doctorate on Rev. John L. McKenzie, S.J., of Notre Dame's theology department, at its commencement exercises June 8th.

Profs. Kenneth R. Lauer and Leroy D. Graves of the College of Engineering were elected chairman and secretary-treasurer respectively of the Illinois-Indiana Section of the American Society of Engineering Education at its recent annual meeting in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Notre Dame chapter of the American Ass'n. of University Professors has elected Prof. William V. D'Antonio of the sociology department as its president. Other newly-elected officers are Prof. Ernest Eliel, vice president; Dr. Paul Rathburn, secretary; and Prof. Edward Trubac, treasurer.

"The Roots of Ritual," a symposium to explore the anthropological aspects of liturgy, will be held at Notre Dame June 9-13 under the sponsorship of the Graduate Program in Liturgical Studies.

Michael McGown, a sophomore government major from Beaumont, Texas, has been selected as one of America's sixteen delegates to the General Congress of the World Assembly of Youth in Liege, Belgium this summer.

A \$5,000 Howard V. Phalin Foundation Fellowship has been awarded to Rev. Richard Conboy, a Pittsburgh, Pa., diocesan priest and doctoral candidate in education at Notre Dame. Similar fellowships have been established in Northwestern, DePaul and Roosevelt universities in honor of Mr. Phalin who is a Notre Dame trustee.

Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Luke A. Terhaar of Greenville, Miss., are currently enrolled in Notre Dame's College of Engineering. They are Anthony, a senior; Joseph, a sophomore; and Thomas, a freshman.

Major summer events scheduled at Notre Dame include the Alumni Reunion, June 5-8; the Athletic and Convocation Center's Summer Sports Camp, June 9-21, June 22-July 5, July 7-19, and July 21-August 2; the annual Laymen's Retreat, August 15-17; the national convention of the Christian Family Movement, August 19-24; the American Accounting Ass'n, August 25-27; and a national meeting of the Episcopal Church, August 31-Sept. 4.

Prof. Thomas J. Jemielity of the English department delivered a paper at the annual meeting of the Doctor Johnson Society at the University of Illinois May 9-10.

Rev. James T. Burtchaell, C.S.C., chairman of the theology department, has been serving as chairman of a national committee, sponsored by the Danforth Foundation and the American Council of Learned Societies, which recently established a council on the study of religion. The council represents a number of professional societies including the American Academy of Religion, the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, the Catholic Theological Society of America, the Society of Biblical Literature, the Catholic Biblical Association and the College Theological Society.

The valedictorian of Notre Dame's 1969 senior class is Steven J. Kast, a mechanical engineering major from Middletown, Ohio, with a perfect 4.0 average. The salutatorian is Ronald P. Chandonia, a Mishawaka, Ind., English major whose average is 3.57.

Prof. A. L. Gabriel's Summary Catalogue of Microfilms of 1,000 Scientific Manuscripts in the Ambrosiana Library was the subject of a recent article on L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO.

A group of Notre Dame students has proposed the creation of a campus, student-controlled institute for social action named after the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Publication of the President's Newsletter will resume in the fall.