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The PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER is being inaugurated this month to help keep members of Notre Dame's advisory groups and others closely associated with the University better informed about events and developments on the campus. It will include news of University appointments, academic programs, research and other activities which are significant and of interest. Father Hesburgh will appreciate receiving your comments on the newsletter as well as your suggestions on how it can best serve the limited group which will receive it.

Prof. John T. Frederick has been appointed head of the English department succeeding Rev. Chester A. Soleta, C.S.C., now vice president for academic affairs. A Notre Dame faculty member since 1930, Frederick is an authority on American literature.

The Ford Foundation has awarded the Notre Dame Law School a grant of \$153,000 to help underwrite the research and other activities of the Natural Law Institute over the next six years.

The Maritain Center, a new University unit for philosophical research honoring the celebrated Thomistic thinker, Jacques Maritain, has been established with quarters in the Notre Dame library. Maritain inspected the Center when he visited the campus recently to deliver a series of lectures. Dr. Joseph W. Evans is the Center's director.

A six week Summer Institute for High School Chemistry Teachers will be conducted by Notre Dame's chemistry department beginning June 19th. A grant of \$48,100 from the National Science Foundation will provide for the teachers' tuition, a weekly stipend up to \$75 and travel and dependents' allowances.....Another NSF grant of \$142,800 will underwrite for the third year a Summer Institute for High School Mathematics Teachers at Notre Dame...The mathematics department also will conduct an institute for high school math teachers during the 1959-60 school year supported by an NSF grant of \$209,000.

Cardinal O'Hara's appointment as a Prince of the Church has brought great joy to Notre Dame and to the Congregation of Holy Cross. The former Notre Dame president is the first member of the community to be elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals. Plans are underway for a joint University-community observance honoring His Eminence at an appropriate time after the Vatican ceremonies. Notre Dame students have sent "their" cardinal a mammoth spiritual bouquet of Masses, Holy Communions and rosaries.

The REVIEW OF POLITICS, inaugurated during Father O'Hara's presidency, is observing its 20th anniversary this year. A double-sized January issue will consist solely of articles and reviews by Notre Dame faculty members. A REVIEW OF POLITICS READER, featuring the outstanding articles of the past twenty years, is also to be published. The late Dr. Waldemar Gurian was the founding editor of the journal and Dr. Matthew Fitzsimons is its present editor.

Mrs. E. M. Morris reports that the Notre Dame Library Association, created less than two months ago by the Women's Advisory Council, now has more than 150 annual members, 65 life members and 6 memorial memberships.....A collection of more than 700 volumes dealing with the League of Nations, gathered by attorney A. Bar Comstock, has been presented to the library by Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Dewey.....The Notre Dame Library has received a bequest of \$50,000 from the late Mrs. Carrie Estelle Doheny of Los Angeles.

The Notre Dame Alumni Association's board of directors will convene on the campus January 16-18. Balloting is currently underway to fill four vacancies on the twelve-man board. Nominees: James J. Byrne, Royal Oak, Mich.; Charles A. Conley, Philadelphia, Pa.; Paul J. Cushing, Oakland, Calif.; Thomas A. Farrell, East Orange, N. J.; Walter L. Fleming, Dallas, Tex.; John A. McGrath, Rockville, Md.; Harry E. Monahan, San Diego, Calif.; and W. Edmund Shea, Dayton, Ohio.

The 1958 Festival of the Arts, held the week of Nov. 9th, featured an outstanding exhibition of contemporary paintings and sculpture gathered from galleries and private collectors in the East. Festival highlights: a talk by director James J. Sweeney of New York City's Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum; a program of readings by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Richard Wilbur; and a chamber orchestra concert featuring the premier of an overture by Rev. Carl Hager, C.S.C., head of the music department. Nearly 4,000 people attended the various events.

As of December 1, 1958, the Notre Dame Foundation had received during the year a total of \$1,184,337.60 in gifts. Included in this figure is \$435,686.54 from 8,011 alumni as well as \$748,501.06 from 1,378 non alumni contributors including corporations. The Foundation's total to date is \$1,603,901.26 less than the same date last year. This is due largely to a non-recurring installment of the Ford Foundation grant received during 1957. Actually, the Foundation's total to date, which does not include research grants, is approximately \$50,000 behind last year allowing for the Ford grant referred to above.

The annual Reilly Lectures, established by the late P. C. Reilly of the Associate Board of Lay Trustees, were delivered this fall by Dr. Richard C. Lord of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology....Approximately 2,600 Notre Dame students are participating in a year-long study of the effectiveness of a new polyvalent cold vaccine. Dr. Thomas G. Ward of the Lobund Institute is directing the study.....Father Joyce has returned to full-time duty at the University after sustaining a painful eye injury at the Notre Dame-Pittsburgh game. Surgery was completely successful and his vision is unimpaired.

Recent research grants to faculty members in the College of Engineering: \$44,800 from the National Science Foundation to Dr. B. D. Cullity for a study of "The Control of Preferred Orientation in Metals"; an NSF grant of \$20,500 to Dr. Lawrence Lee for "Plastic Buckling Strength of Initially Imperfect Cylinders"; and a grant of \$25,500 from the Atomic Energy Commission to Dr. G. C. Kuczynski for "Correlation between the Optical and Mechanical Properties of Alkali Halide Crystals."

A symposium on "The Public Service Opportunities and Responsibilities of Lawyers" was conducted by the Notre Dame Law School December 4th.....The American Catholic Sociological Society will hold its national convention at The Morris Inn Dec. 28-30.....Just published by the Notre Dame Press: Parochial School -- A Sociological Study by Rev. Joseph Fichter, S. J., who has taught at Notre Dame under the Distinguished Professors Program.....Another book published December 6 by the Notre Dame Press: The Dogma of the Immaculate Conception edited by Rev. Edward O'Connor, C.S.C.