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Parents of National Merit Scholarship winners and finalists throughout the country rank Notre Dame among the nation's top ten colleges and universities. In listing schools of their preference in a national survey, three-fourths of the fathers and mothers concentrated their choices on 1% of our 1,866 institutions of higher learning. They specified quality of the faculty as the most important factor in selecting a school for their son or daughter. Other factors influencing them were curriculum, reputation, high scholastic standards, facilities, faculty-student ratio, social environment and emphasis on morality and ethical values.

Four newly-elected directors of the Notre Dame Alumni Association will be installed at a meeting of the twelve-man board on the campus January 16-18. The winning candidates in nationwide balloting which closed January 1st are James J. Byrne, '43, president, Byrne Plywood Co., Royal Oak, Mich.; Paul J. Cushing, '31, president, Hydraulic Dredging Co., Ltd., Oakland, Calif.; Walter L. Fleming, Jr., '40, vice president, Fleming and Sons, Inc., Dallas, Tex., paper manufacturer; and W. Edmund Shea, '23, Dayton, Ohio, attorney.

Official enrollment figures for the first semester of the 1958-59 school year indicate a total of 6,112 students. The overall figure includes 5,484 undergraduates and 628 with graduate status. A total of 4,532 students live on the campus, virtually all of them in the University's seventeen residence halls. Specialized groups in the student body include 44 teaching Sisters seeking advanced degrees, 115 industrial personnel and teachers enrolled in the evening program, and 163 priests, Brothers and seminarians of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Dates have been set for the spring meetings of Notre Dame's advisory groups. The Science and Engineering Council and the Commerce Council will convene on the campus April 17th. The Associate Board of Lay Trustees, the Law Council and the Liberal and Fine Arts Council will meet April 24th.

A team of four top Notre Dame students will compete on the "G-E College Bowl" over the CBS-TV Network Sunday, March 1st, at 5 p.m. EST. Leading colleges and universities are participating in the new television quiz program which is sponsored by General Electric. If Notre Dame's team wins its initial encounter, the program will originate from Washington Hall the following Sunday.

A symposium on "Roman Catholicism and the American Way of Life" will be held February 13-14 under the sponsorship of Notre Dame's department of history. The seventh annual Union-Management Conference, sponsored by the economics department and the Notre Dame Law School, is scheduled for February 27th. "Contract Experience under Economic Stress" will be the theme of the sessions.

The Notre Dame Library Association has received a gift of \$5,000 from Samuel Briskin, president of the Revere Camera Co. An anonymous gift of \$2,000 has also been received, and the membership fund has swelled to approximately \$31,000.

Representatives of approximately 300 business and industrial firms are interviewing Notre Dame's graduating seniors under the auspices of the University Placement Office. Rev. Louis Thornton, C.S.C., placement director, reports a greater demand for this year's June graduates, particularly science and engineering majors.

Father Hesburgh will deliver the principal address at the University of Michigan's mid-year commencement exercises January 24th... He has recently been appointed to a four-year term on the Problems and Policies Committee of the American Council on Education.

The U. S. Atomic Energy Commission has awarded Notre Dame a grant of \$52,500 to support the College of Engineering's nuclear technology program. The grant will be used to install a type of atomic reactor, a sub-critical, exponential, graphite assembly. Dr. M. K. Newman, head of the department of mechanical engineering, directs the nuclear engineering program.

Oscar J. Dorwin, senior vice president and general counsel of The Texas Company, recently assumed the national chairmanship of the Notre Dame Law Association's scholarship program.

Approximately 200 members of the American Catholic Sociological Society attended the organization's national convention at The Morris Inn Dec. 28-30. Rev. Raymond Murray, C.S.C., veteran Notre Dame sociologist, received a special citation from the ACSS during the sessions.

Rev. James Moran, C.S.C., is serving as acting director of admissions in the absence of Rev. Richard Murphy, C.S.C., who is seriously ill.

The Du Pont Company has awarded Notre Dame a grant of \$4,000 to help maintain excellence of teaching in its chemistry department. The awards were made to schools with "records of strength in chemical education." Du Pont also renewed its sponsorship of an assistantship in chemistry at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame's half-million dollar maintenance center and warehouse is nearing completion. It is the first building to be erected as part of the new ten-year, \$66,600,000 development program... The Notre Dame Foundation reports the receipt of four recent unrestricted bequests from the following: Robert A. Mulhall, '30, \$10,000; Paul E. Sagstetter, '25, \$2,000; Mrs. Elise K. John, \$5,000; and John McFadden, \$6,475.

The Image of Man, the REVIEW OF POLITICS READER, featuring outstanding articles of the past twenty years, will be published by the University of Notre Dame Press in mid-February (\$6.00). Among the authors are Jacques Maritain, Christopher Dawson, Peter Drucker, John Nef, Waldemar Gurian, Eric Voegelin and Frank O'Malley.

Recent publications of the Notre Dame Press include The Meaning of Sacred Scripture by Rev. Louis Bouyer; and Managed Money at the Crossroads by Melchior Palys.

Dr. Alfred Marshak of the biology department has received a \$36,200 grant from the National Cancer Institute to continue his studies on how nucleic acids in cells may be related to cancerous growth.

Dean M. J. Goglia and Profs. Francis H. Raven and Kwang-Tzu-Yang presented papers at the annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in New York City last month.