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For release in AM's, Friday, June 17th:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 16 --- A statuette of the Virgin Mary has been placed atop the 570-foot antenna of WNDU-TV, the new television station to be operated by the University of Notre Dame. The UHF station, which is affiliated with the NBC Television Network, will begin operations by mid-summer.

Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., executive vice president of Notre Dame, recently blessed the statuette just before it was mounted on the top section of the TV tower and hoisted skyward. Among those present at the ceremony were Bernard Barth, vice president and general manager of WNDU-TV, and George Smith, the station's chief engineer, who suggested placing a figure of Our Lady atop the tower.

The 18-inch statuette is a replica of the figure of the Blessed Virgin which overlooks the 1,700 acre Notre Dame campus from the Administration Building's Golden Dome. Made of aluminum and contemporary in design, it was executed by Robert Zale, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, who just completed his junior year in Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters. The aluminum figure has been anodized to protect it from the elements.

Studios and offices for WNDU-TV are nearing completion on the Notre Dame campus. Its transmitter and tower are situated south of the city of South Bend. The station will be formally dedicated in the Fall.

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For release in PM's, Tuesday, June 14th:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 14 --- Nine students in seven states have been awarded Rev. James A. Burns Memorial Scholarships at the University of Notre Dame, the University's Committee on Scholarships and Prizes announced today. The Burns scholarships, which are awarded on a competitive basis, provide \$650 for the freshman year and \$300 each year thereafter.

The scholarships winners, all of whom will enter Notre Dame in September, include Patrick V. Dunne, 6621 Fannin St., Houston, Texas; David L. Karnath, 136 Fairbanks Avenue, Kenmore, N.Y.; Francis P. Nacozy, 415 Verdugo Drive, Burbank, Calif.; Joseph E. O'Connor, 1411 Creedmore Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Philip G. Roethig, 224 Liberty Road, Boise, Idaho; Robert C. Ware, Jr., R.R. 1, Newburgh, Ind.; William L. Wessel, 2100 Crums Lane, Louisville, Ky.

Partial scholarships have been awarded to Joseph S. Slade, 833 N. Huey St. and Emil A. Zernick, 703 W. Calvert St., both of South Bend, Ind. Their scholarships will provide \$300 for each of four years.

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For release in PM's, Friday, June 17th:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 17 --- The University of Notre Dame today announced it is conducting a self-study of its College of Engineering to determine the type of engineering education most likely to develop not only the student's professional competence but also those attributes which would prepare him for leadership in other areas of life. The study, which will continue through May, 1956, has been made possible by a \$35,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Among the general subjects to be explored are the proportion of liberal arts courses to technical courses in the engineering curriculum; the relationship between the physical sciences and engineering subjects in the course of studies; and the proper balance between general engineering education and specialization at the undergraduate level.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of Notre Dame, has appointed a Self Study Committee headed by Dr. Ernest J. Wilhelm, associate professor of chemical engineering. Other committee members are Dr. Harold Ellithorn, professor of electrical engineering; LeRoy Graves, associate professor of civil engineering; and Harold Foecke, assistant professor of electrical engineering. Dean Karl Schoenherr and Rev. Philip S. Moore, C.S.C., vice president for academic affairs at the University, are ex officio committee members.

Participating in the self study and representing Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters and College of Science on sub-committees are Rev. Joseph Haley, C.S.C., assistant professor of religion; Dr. James Danehy, assistant professor in the General Program of Liberal Education; Dr. Norman Haaser, assistant professor of mathematics; and Dr. Charles Mullin, associate professor of physics.

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At the outset, the committee is studying and evaluating existing literature on engineering education. All of Notre Dame's 1955 engineering graduates were asked to complete a detailed questionnaire. Faculty members and alumni of the College of Engineering also will be asked to give their views on the curriculum and facilities of the engineering school.

Committee members also will consult with other educators and industrial executives as well as visit other engineering schools. Their report is expected to point the way to an integrated program which will provide a truly liberal education in all phases of engineering education at Notre Dame.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., June -- "The Role of Faith in University Education" will be the theme of an Educational Conference of the Priests of Holy Cross to be held at the University of Notre Dame July 5-6. Representatives of seven colleges and universities operated by the Holy Cross Fathers in this country and abroad will be among those attending the sessions at the Morris Inn on the campus.

Speakers and their subjects include Rev. Robert Pelton, C.S.C., "The Problem of the Teaching Authority of the Church"; Rev. Howard J. Kenna, C.S.C., "The Role of the University in the Application of Dogma"; Rev. Thomas McDonagh, C.S.C., "Extent of the Church's Authority in the Social Sciences"; and Rev. Louis J. Putz, C.S.C., "Freedom of Learning and the Church."

Officers of this year's conference are Rev. Mark J. Fitzgerald, C.S.C., president; Rev. Raymond F. Cour, C.S.C., vice president; and Rev. Joseph McCartney, C.S.C., secretary.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 15 --- Sister M. Angelita, B.V.M., of Immaculate Conception Academy, Davenport, Iowa, tonight (Wednesday) was elected president of the Catholic Theatre Conference at the close of the organization's 10th biennial convention at the University of Notre Dame. Rev. Robert Johnston, S.J., of St. Louis University, was named vice president.

A banquet in the University Dining Hall and a candlelight procession to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on the campus climaxed the three-day convention. A number of plays were produced and virtually every phase of theatrical work was discussed during the sessions which were attended by more than 1,500 teachers, directors and students of the drama from Catholic colleges, high schools and community theatre groups throughout the country.

Named to the Catholic Theatre Conference board of directors were Miss Therese Cuny, retiring president, an instructor at the Academy of Our Lady and Providence high schools, Chicago; Joseph S. Rice, Immaculate Heart College, Los Angeles; Brother Dunstan Bowles, C.S.C., Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, California; Anna Helen Reuter, Immaculata and Alvernia high schools, Chicago; Sister Mary Xavier, B.V.M., Clarke College, Dubuque, Ia.; and Earl Bach, Loretto Heights College, Denver, Colorado.

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For release in AM's, Monday, June 20th:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 19.--- Mediocrity in study is no more a fitting service of God than mediocre prayer, Rev. Thomas T. McAvoy, C.S.C., head of the history department at the University of Notre Dame, declared here this morning (Sunday).

Father McAvoy preached the sermon at a Solemn High Mass in Sacred Heart Church on the campus marking the formal opening of Notre Dame's summer session. Approximately 800 of the 1,350 summer students are teaching Sisters who are studying for advanced degrees at the University.

Occasionally, Father McAvoy said, it is suggested even among religious persons that "moderate learning and mediocre attainments are a better service of God and the Church than the perfection of the deep and learned scholar. Sometimes," he continued, "pious attitudes and moral goodness are praised as worthy substitutes for perfection in study."

The Notre Dame historian conceded that "a correct mind and a good life are indeed indispensable characteristics of a good religious student," but he emphasized that "they are not substitutes for real learning or for scientific perfection. Indeed," he said, "religious men and women who offer good intentions and extra prayers as substitutes for scholarly work have forgotten the Gospel parable of the talents. They have forgotten that the Master took away even the one talent from the profitless servant."

Father McAvoy condemned the "new vogue of mediocrity in intellectual matters" which holds that "the student need not really learn the deeper truths, the hard facts or the eternal rules so long as he can live in harmony and prosperity" with his neighbors. "Catholic Education in the United States will betray its Christian heritage," Father McAvoy said, "if it accepts this mediocrity as its goal even if it adds to that mediocrity all the prayers and pious feelings of the assembled teachers and students."



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For release in PM's, Monday, June 20th:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 20 --- More than sixty Newman Club leaders and their chaplains from secular colleges throughout the country are meeting at the University of Notre Dame this week (June 19-26) to attend the fourth annual Newman School of Catholic Thought. The sessions are designed to develop informed Catholic leadership on the campuses of non-Catholic colleges and universities.

The young collegians will attend a series of lectures and seminars in Apologetics, Church History and Catholic Social and Economic Principles. Among the lecturers and their subjects are Rev. Gerard Maguire, C.S.P., "The Rational Basis of Our Faith"; Rev. Joseph Haley, C.S.C., "Foundations of Christian Morality"; and Rev. Philip Hanley, O.P., "The Mystical Body and the Life of Grace."

Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. V. MacEachin, Newman Club chaplain at Michigan State University, East Lansing, is chairman of the National Committee of Newman Club Chaplains. Other members of the chaplains committee are Rev. Charles Forsyth, University of Colorado at Boulder; Rev. David Power, University of Massachusetts; Rev. James O'Brien, University of Connecticut; and Rev. Desmond O'Connor, University of New Hampshire.

Daniel P. McCarthy, a student at Michigan State, is chairman of this year's Newman School of Catholic Thought.

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For immediate release:

Dubuque, Iowa, June 19 --- The greatest contribution which Catholics can make to the spiritual enrichment of America is to share with their churchless friends and neighbors the precious treasure of their faith, Rev. John A. O'Brien, the noted convert maker, declared here tonight.

Addressing a mammoth Holy Name rally of the Dubuque archdiocese in the Loras College stadium, Father O'Brien said that Catholic laymen who spread the tenets of their faith can "fill a great void in the lives of millions of people to whom God, Christ and religion are little more than names."

Father O'Brien, author-in-residence at the University of Notre Dame, has written the new book, You Too Can Win Souls. He is the June speaker on The Catholic Hour over the NBC Radio Network (Sundays, 2 p.m. EDT).

Recalling Christ's concern for his sheep "that are not of this fold," Father O'Brien reminded his listeners that Our Lord appeals to His followers in all the ages "to strive constantly to extend His kingdom among the souls of men and to bring to all the full deposit of divine truth."

As members of the Mystical Body of Christ, we must share the great stream of supernatural life with those who have not received the gift of faith, Father O'Brien asserted. "We shall do this most effectively," he said, "by prayer, kindness, gentleness, unfailing love and by the good example of upright Christ-like lives."

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For release in AM's, Friday, July 8th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 7 --- Bishop William E. Cousins of Peoria will be the keynote speaker at the ninth annual Vocation Institute to be held at the University of Notre Dame July 14-17. "The Family and Religious Vocations" will be the theme of the sessions which are expected to attract more than two hundred priests, Brothers, Sisters and laymen engaged in vocation work. Summer school students at Notre Dame and nearby St. Mary's College will swell attendance to five hundred or more.

According to Rev. John J. Doherty, C.S.C., Institute director, this year's sessions will stress practical ways and means of fostering vocations with special emphasis on home training. Ways of overcoming parental objections will be aired as well as methods of educating and inspiring parents so that they may encourage religious vocations among their children.

The role of the Christian Family Movement in developing vocations will be discussed by Rev. Edward Dufficy, Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. William Webber, Evergreen Park, Ill. Rev. James Smyth of the Notre Dame faculty will speak on parental understanding of adolescent psychology in vocation matters. Other speakers will discuss the importance of visits to the family and religious houses and the use of literature and letters in vocation work.

The Vocation Institute will open the evening of July 14th (Thursday) with a Holy Hour in Sacred Heart Church on the campus including a sermon by Rev. Barnabas Mary, C.P., of the Passionist Mission Band, Chicago. The closing address on July 17th (Sunday) will be given by Rev. Richard Madden, O.C.D., the well-known author and lecturer. Father Madden is author of the best-seller, Men in Sandals.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 28--- The appointment of Rev. Howard J. Kenna, C.S.C., as president of the University of Portland (Oregon) was announced here tonight by Rev. Theodore J. Mehling, C.S. C., provincial of the Holy Cross Fathers. More than 400 Holy Cross priests and Brothers received their obediences or appointments at the conclusion of a triennial Provincial Chapter on the University of Notre Dame campus.

Formerly a Notre Dame vice president as well as assistant superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Father Kenna has been president of Holy Cross College, Washington, D.C., since 1952. He will be succeeded in that post by Rev. Bernard McAvoy, C.S.C., who has been superior of Moreau Seminary at Notre Dame. Rev. Paul B. Rankin, C.S.C., replaces Father McAvoy as head of the seminary.

The new Notre Dame High School for Boys at Niles, Ill., a Chicago suburb, will have Rev. James d'Autremont, C.S.C., as its principal. Father d'Autremont has been serving as principal at Columbia Preparatory School, Portland, Oregon. Sixteen Holy Cross priests were named to the faculty of the new school which will enroll freshmen and sophomores in September.

In other appointments, Rev. Francis A. Provenzano, C.S.C., was named president of St. George's College, Santiago, Chile. Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., was appointed to a second three-year term as president of the University of Notre Dame. There were no changes of priest-personnel holding major posts at the University.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., July --- The Catholic Students' Mission Crusade has chosen the University of Notre Dame as the site for its 17th national convention to be held August 23-26, 1956. Arrangements for the biennial sessions were recently completed by University officials and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward A. Freking, national secretary of the CSMC. The 1956 conclave will be the fifth consecutive CSMC convention to be held at Notre Dame. More than 3,500 young people attended the sessions in 1954.

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