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For release in AM's, Friday, June 19th:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 18 -- Rev. Robert Pelton, C.S.C., has been appointed head of the department of religion at the University of Notre Dame, according to an announcement today by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president.

He succeeds Rev. Roland Simonitsch, C.S.C., who has headed the department since 1954. Father Simonitsch will join the faculty at the University of Portland (Ore.).

A native of Evanston, Ill., Father Pelton has specialized in ascetical theology. He is a 1945 Notre Dame graduate and holds a doctorate in sacred theology from The Angelicum in Rome. He taught at Notre Dame during the 1949-50 school year and has been a member of the faculty continuously since 1953.

For several years Father Pelton has been a member of the planning committee for the Institute of Spirituality held annually at Notre Dame in August. He is the author of A Thomistic Conception of the Spirituality of the Catholic University Lay Student and the editor of Spiritual Direction -- A Current Bibliography. He is a member of the American Catholic Theological Society and the Society of Catholic College Teachers of Sacred Doctrine.

In addition to his teaching, Father Pelton has been active in Latin-American cultural affairs. He is vice president of the Catholic Committee on Inter-American Student Problems as well as chaplain to the Latin-American Students at Notre Dame. He was a delegate to the International Congress of Catholic Culture and World Peace at Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, in 1956.

The 38-year-old priest has served as rector of Radin, Cavanaugh and Morrissey Halls at Notre Dame.

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For release in AM's, Sunday, June 21st:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 20 -- Three priests who have served the Congregation of Holy Cross a total of 150 years will observe the golden anniversary of their ordination here next weekend.

The jubilarians, all ordained in Sacred Heart Church at the University of Notre Dame on June 26, 1909, are Rev. Eugene P. Burke, C.S.C., 75, who retired from the University faculty at the close of the school year; Rev. Cornelius J. Hagerty, C.S.C., 73, chaplain to the Brothers of Holy Cross at Dujarie Hall here; and Rev. Thomas P. Irving, C.S.C., 78, resident confessor at Corby Hall, the priests' residence on the campus.

Father Burke will mark his golden jubilee by offering a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in Sacred Heart Church Friday (June 26th) at 9 a.m. Father Irving will celebrate his jubilee Mass Friday (June 26th) at 8 a.m. at nearby St. Mary's College in the presence of his two sisters, both members of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. Father Hagerty's golden anniversary Mass will take place Sunday (June 28th) at 11 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church. The sermon on this occasion will be delivered by Rev. Boleslaus Sztuczko, C.S.C., pastor of St. Hedwige's Church, South Bend.

The three jubilarians will be honored by their fellow Holy Cross priests at a banquet in the University of Notre Dame's north dining hall Saturday (June 27th) at 6:45 p.m. Rev. Theodore J. Mehling, C.S.C., provincial superior of the Holy Cross Fathers' Indiana Province, will preside. The principal address will be given by Rev. William Havey, C.S.C., associate professor of philosophy at the University.

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Father Burke, a native of Chicago, was graduated from Notre Dame in 1906 after he had helped edit the first issue of the DOME, the University's yearbook. Following his ordination, he taught at Holy Cross College, Washington, D. C., and studied for his doctorate which he received from the Catholic University of America there. Father Burke first joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1914 for a five year period and has been teaching English and religion at the University continuously since 1934. He is a former president of the University of Portland (Ore.), and he served as editor of THE AVE MARIA, published at Notre Dame, for five years beginning in 1928. Father Burke composed the lyrics for one of Notre Dame's spirited football songs, "When the Irish Backs Go Marching By." Upon his retirement from the faculty recently, he was appointed chaplain at the Student's Infirmary on the campus.

Born in South Bend, Ind., Father Hagerty also is a 1906 Notre Dame graduate. After receiving a doctorate from the Catholic University of America in 1911, he taught philosophy at Notre Dame for ten years. He was a faculty member at the University of Portland from 1921 to 1924 and at St. Edward's University, Austin, Tex. from 1926 to 1935. During the next eighteen years he taught courses in apologetics and dogma in Notre Dame's religion department. He is the author of a college text in apologetics. Since 1953 Father Hagerty has been chaplain at Dugarie Hall, the house of studies of the Holy Cross Brothers at Notre Dame.

Father Irving is a native of Clyman, Wisconsin. Graduated from Notre Dame in 1904 and awarded a doctorate in physics by the Catholic University of America in 1909, Father Irving has spent virtually his entire priestly life at Notre Dame. He served as director of studies at Notre Dame during the 1919-20 school year and as vice president of the University from 1922 to 1925. He has been superior of Moreau Seminary (1921-22, 1925-31), Holy Cross Seminary (1912-19), the Community House (1934-37) and the Community Infirmary (1937-43). For seven years, from 1950 to 1957, he was a member of the Provincial Council of the Holy Cross Fathers' Indiana Province.

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For release in PM's, Tuesday, June 23rd:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 23 -- The spirit of contemporary mathematics and many of its ideas and concepts are incorporated in Introduction to Analysis, a new college text by three University of Notre Dame mathematicians.

The book, published by Ginn and Company, is the first of a two-volume sequence to be known as A Course in Mathematical Analysis. It presents elementary analysis both as mathematics and as an instrument of science.

The authors are Dr. Norman B. Haaser, associate professor of mathematics; Dr. Joseph A. Sullivan, associate professor of mathematics; and Dr. Joseph P. LaSalle, former professor of mathematics at Notre Dame and now a member of the Research Institute for Advanced Study, Baltimore, Md.

According to the authors, the next text is designed to provide students with a firm foundation in analysis and thereby enable them to continue their mathematical education in various of the specialized or basic fields of mathematics. It will also give them the mathematical training that is a prerequisite for their basic science and engineering courses.

Haaser taught at Notre Dame during 1946-47 and has been a faculty member continuously since 1950. He is a consultant to the Advanced Development Laboratories, Bendix Productions Division, Bendix Aviation Corp. He holds an undergraduate and master's degree from Notre Dame and a doctorate from Brown University.

Sullivan, a Notre Dame faculty member since 1950, will be a visiting mathematics professor at Boston College during 1959-60. He has degrees from Boston College, M. I. T., and Indiana University which awarded him a doctorate.

LaSalle was educated at Louisiana State University and the California Institute of Technology where he received his Ph. D.

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For release in PM's, Thursday, June 25th:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 25 -- The appointment of Dr. Harry C. Saxe as head of the University of Notre Dame's department of civil engineering was announced today by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president.

Saxe, who has been teaching at the University of Cincinnati since 1957, succeeds Prof. Walter Shilts, head of the department since 1938. Shilts will continue teaching civil engineering courses and will assume other responsibilities.

A specialist in structural theory and design and structural research techniques, Saxe formerly taught at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, the Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Florida. His professional affiliations include the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Society for Experimental Stress Analysis, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi and Chi Epsilon.

Saxe was born in Long Island City, N. Y., and took his undergraduate work in civil engineering at the City College of New York. He holds a master's degree from the University of Florida and a Doctor of Science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The 39-year-old engineer has served as a consultant and structural engineer for several construction projects in the southeastern states. He was an aviation engineering officer and airport engineer with the U. S. Army during World War II. He has contributed a number of articles to professional and industrial journals.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 27 --- A University of Notre Dame geologist and his wife have teamed up to take color aerial photographs of part of St. Joseph County and the southwest Michigan dunes area in a two-year research project supported by the U. S. Navy.

Dr. Erhard M. Winkler, associate professor of geology, has been awarded a \$6,500 grant by the Office of Naval Research to conduct the study entitled "Interpretation of Glacial Deposits from Color Air Photos." The Vienna-born scientist is photographing the area with special camouflage detection film provided by the Navy. Mrs. Winkler, who has a commercial pilot's certificate, is doing the precision flying.

While virtually all of St. Joseph County has been photographed in black and white, it is believed that Winkler's films will be the first extensive color photographs of the area. According to the Notre Dame geologist, the special film will capture shades and hues of soil which would not show in standard aerial color photos. The color variations, he explained, will indicate different types of soils as well as the possible presence of underground water.

According to Winkler, the glacial deposits of this area are typical of the northern glaciated hemisphere including northern Europe and northern Asia. Consequently, it may be possible to generalize the results of his two-year study to a certain extent and apply them to other parts of the world. Phenomenon discovered in the aerial photos, he said, will be confirmed later by detailed field work.

Winkler joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1948. He received a doctorate from the University of Vienna in 1945 and for three years was associated with the Institute of Technology at the Austrian capital. He is a member of the Geological Society of America and several other professional organizations.

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For release in AM's Tuesday, June 30th:

Notre Dame, Ind., June 29 -- Three recent graduates of the University of Notre Dame have been awarded grants to study abroad during the 1959-60 school year.

James L. Merz, Teaneck, N. J. (908 Lincoln Place), and Frank Hayden, Memphis, Tenn. (877 L. Neptune St.), have received Fulbright scholarships. Joseph T. Nicholas, Gorham, New Hampshire (380 Main St.) is the recipient of a U. S. educational exchange award under the Smith-Mundt Act.

A total of 51 grants for graduate study and research have been awarded to members of Notre Dame's 1959 senior class and to graduate students currently enrolled at the University. Notre Dame's 22 Woodrow Wilson Fellowship winners constitute the fifth largest group at any college or university in the nation.

Merz, who received a bachelor's degree in physics earlier this month, will study physics at George August University, Goettingen, Germany. Earlier he was awarded fellowships by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation and the Danforth Foundation.

Hayden plans to study at the Institute of Fine Arts in Munich, Germany. He received a master of fine arts degree from Notre Dame at the June commencement.

Nicholas, also a member of this year's senior class, will take Latin American studies at the University of El Salvador in that country.

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