AAUP chooses Notre Dame President for Academic Freedom Award

The 85,000 member American Association of University Professors will present its 12th annual Alexander Meiklejohn Award to Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., "for his outstanding contributions to academic freedom." The presentation will be made by Prof. Sanford H. Kadish, chairman of the AAUP's prestigious Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, April 25th during the organization's 56th annual meeting at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. Nominated for the honor by Notre Dame's AAUP chapter, Father Hesburgh was cited for his defense of faculty members who had taken unpopular and unorthodox political and religious positions. He is also credited with helping avert federal legislation which might have limited the authority of colleges and universities to deal with their own problems. The president and secretary of the Notre Dame chapter, Profs. William D'Antonio and Paul Rathburn, will attend the sessions.
COLLABORATION STUDY INTENSIFIED

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College have engaged two academic consultants to study the direction of future collaboration between the two institutions. They are Dr. Lewis B. Mahew, professor of education at Stanford University, and Dr. Rosemary Park, vice chancellor at UCLA and former Barnard College president. Together with a financial consultant, yet to be appointed, they are to present recommendations to the trustees of both institutions no later than December 31, 1970.

Appointment of the consultants emanated from a joint meeting of the executive committees of Notre Dame's and St. Mary's boards of trustees on March 21st. In other actions the schools' trustees approved in principle the current sharing of facilities and resources, set guidelines for faculty recruitment providing for consultation between concerned undergraduate departments, specified that standards of faculty competence and salaries will be "comparable," urged closer departmental cooperation in course planning, and made Notre Dame teaching assistants available to Saint Mary's.

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary's trustees continued the appointment of Rev. Charles Sheedy, C.S.C., as chairman of the inter-institutional coordinating committee and named Sister M. Alma Peter, C.S.C., to be vice chairman.

TRUSTEES EVALUATE STUDENT LIFE REPORT

Notre Dame's trustees have acted on recent reports and recommendations of the Student Life Council dealing with parietal hours, liquor consumption in residence halls and the organization of hall life.

Chairman of the Board, Edmund A. Stephan, in a letter to SLC chairman Prof. James Massey, said the trustees' overall impression is that notable progress has been made, but that much work remains to be done, "particularly in regard to the roles of the rector and the resident assistants and, even more important, the assumption by the student leadership of the responsibilities that go with enlarged undergraduate freedom."

Stephan noted that "certain abuses have taken place which must promptly be brought under control, hopefully by the students themselves, but in any event by whatever means are necessary to cope with the problem."

Speaking for the trustees' executive committee, Stephan commended those halls which enforced rules on visitation privileges and drinking, rejecting the contention of some "that the only rules pertaining to hall life that have validity and a claim on their conscience are those which are adopted by the students themselves." He observed that "entering any institutional life calls for some accommodation to its traditions, its stated purposes."

Acknowledging that ideally students should play an increasing role in the ordering of their social and hall life, Notre Dame's board chairman said the University has exhibited "considerable flexibility" and "good faith." He observed, however, that "this process, wholesome in theory, can be stunted and indeed reversed unless the students demonstrate more ability and willingness than have been exhibited to date, to make rules, consistent with University policy, and enforce them through appropriate executive and judicial machinery. The record to date, on this particular subject, is not encouraging," he said, "and appears to result from the almost universal reluctance to invoke a rule against one's peers, even in cases of flagrant violation."

Stephan termed as "a constructive start toward improvement" the SLC recommendation that each hall be authorized to prepare its own suggested visiting hours and enforcement mechanisms under the supervision of a regulatory body. He indicated that the nine member, tripartite Hall Life Board will serve in this capacity.

"We are not giving the Hall Life Board an absolute and irrevocable carte blanche," Stephan said. "The Board of Trustees does not meet its ultimate responsibility by simply providing for a general mechanism for good order at the University. If the mechanism does not, in fact, work, then the trustees must make other provisions, and they will."

Specifying a parietal hours limitation of 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and 11 p.m. on other nights, Stephan said the parietal hours experiment will be extended at least one more school year before final trustees' evaluation.

In the balance of his letter to SLC chairman Massey, Stephan noted the "serious legal
"consequences" to which students may be liable for violation of state and University legislation on drinking. He also spelled out the role of the resident assistant in the halls, noting "a failure of communication" in defining his responsibilities thus far.

As for hall life in general, Stephan acknowledged "a good measure of success." The judicial boards, however, "have had very little effect in the maintenance of good order," he said. "Unless the hall judiciary boards can be made to work, we see no alternative but to dismantle them and return to a prior system. We hope this will not be necessary."

REPORT 1969 GIFTS AND GRANTS

During 1969 Notre Dame received a total of $24,601,258 in gifts and grants from alumni, friends, corporations, foundations and the government. The overall figure represents an increase of $10,095,680 over the previous year, due largely to the Florence Dailey bequest of approximately $9 million which was restricted to student aid.

There were 14,670 alumni contributions totaling $1,810,121 and averaging $125.67, and 17 honorary alumni contributed $953,340. A total of 2,407 non-alumni gifts, including the Dailey bequest, accounted for $13,310,156.

Nearly two thousand parents of Notre Dame students contributed $593,489, and 835 corporations and foundations supported the University with grants totaling $2,554,295. Research grants and fellowships, mostly from government agencies, totaled $8,527,640.

RE-NAME LAW SCHOOL PUBLICATION

The Natural Law Forum, published by the Notre Dame Law School since 1956, has been re-named the American Journal of Jurisprudence. Former Notre Dame Professor John Noonan, now teaching at the University of California School of Law at Berkeley, continues as editor of the publication which will be the only journal in the English language directed toward an exposure of the deeper implications of law and public policy.

The Law School is sponsoring a summer session at the University of London, June 29-Aug. 11, under the direction of Prof. Frank Booker.

THE UNIVERSITY-AT-LARGE

Prof. James Danehy of the department of chemistry has been named to receive one of three Brotherhood Awards presented annually by the South Bend area chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The annual President's Dinner for the faculty and professional staff will be held in the North Dining Hall on May 12th at 7:30 p.m.

The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion has transferred its central office to Notre Dame from the University of Pennsylvania. Prof. William D'Antonio is executive secretary of organization whose membership includes 2,200 scholars in the fields of religion and the social sciences.

Dean Lawrence Baldinger is serving as general chairman for the participation of the Notre Dame community in St. Joseph County's ten million dollar Hospital Expansion Program. The fund-raising effort will be conducted on the campus May 4-22 under the direction of Prof. Morris Pollard, faculty; Mr. John Plouff, administration; and Mr. Walter Jaworski, clerical and maintenance staff.

Notre Dame's College of Engineering was co-sponsor of the second annual Joint Themis Symposium on Engineering for the Deep Ocean at the University of Massachusetts April 13-14. Thirteen papers presented at the symposium reported on Notre Dame research sponsored by the Office of Naval Research under its giant ocean-engineering program, Project Themis. Associate Dean Edward W. Jerger presided at one of the general sessions.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president, will deliver commencement addresses at Converse College, May 31; Princeton Theological Seminary, June 2; and Anderson College, June 15. He will also receive the Saint John Baptist de La Salle Medal during commencement exercises at Manhattan College May 24.

Prof. Boleslaw Szczesniak presented a paper on "Hagiographical Documentation of the Mongol Invasions of Eastern Europe" at the annual meeting of the American Oriental Society at The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Apr. 15.

The University's department of economics will sponsor an Economics and Banking Institute for
senior bank management at the Center for Continuing Education July 5-11. Leading financial specialists in government and private banking will address the sessions.

The Notre Dame-Saint Mary's Theatre will present Bertolt Brecht's "The Good Woman of Setzuan" in O'Laughlin Auditorium May 1-2-3-7-8 and 9.

New books by Notre Dame authors include Prof. Bernard Norling's Timeless Problems; Reading, Discussing and Writing About the Great Books by Profs. Richard Stevens and Thomas Musial; Fundamental Aspects of Solid Propellant Rockets, co-authored by Prof. N. C. Huang; Prof. Paul Bartholomew's The Third Indiana Congressional District: A Political History; and The Works of Thomas Campion, edited by Prof. Walter R. Davis.

Notre Dame's 18th annual Union-Management Conference, postponed because of severe snowstorm on April 3rd, has been rescheduled for June 12th.

The Notre Dame Concert Band, augmented by six women musicians, four of them from St. Mary's College, has returned to the campus after a 3,500 mile, 14-concert spring tour. Prof. Robert O'Brien conducted the band at concerts in Lombard, Ill.; Youngstown and Port Clinton, Ohio; Williamsport and East Stroudsburg, Pa.; Rockville Centre, Uniondale and Buffalo, N. Y.; Reading, Mass.; Lewiston, Me.; Montreal, Canada; and Notre Dame, Indiana.

The director of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Dr. Alvin M. Weinberg, delivered the first Philip S. Moore Lecture on "Nuclear Energy and the Environment" April 14th under the auspices of the Notre Dame Chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi.

Prof. Stephen Kertesz, director of Notre Dame's Institute for International Studies and former Hungarian Minister to Italy, opposed unilateral withdrawal of American forces from Europe in recent testimony before the Subcommittee on Europe of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Prof. Nguyen T. Dzoanh of the electrical engineering department lectured April 17th at NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland.

Rev. Paul E. Beichner, C.S.C., Dean of the Graduate School, has been appointed to a three year term on the Advisory Council in Graduate Education in the U. S. Office of Education.

A wooded plot owned by the University is being made available as a recreation area for retarded children enrolled at the nearby Logan Center. Prof. Richard Kurtz, co-chairman of the Council for the Retarded of St. Joseph County, arranged with the University administration for use of the site.

The chairman of Notre Dame's philosophy department, Rev. Ernan McMullin, lectured recently on "Extraterrestrial Civilizations: The Logic of Probability." Father McMullin is a specialist in the philosophy of science.

Dr. Thomas C. Griffing of the biology department has been elected president of the Midwest Benthological Society, an organization of scientists interested in organisms dwelling on the bottom of lakes, streams and other watery environments. The Society will hold its annual meeting at Notre Dame in March, 1971.

Dr. Ronald J. Downey, associate professor of microbiology, has been elected a Visiting Fellow of Clare Hall at Cambridge University in England where he is associated with the department of genetics. He returns to Notre Dame in the fall.

The Laetare Medal for 1970 will be conferred on Dr. William B. Walsh during a ceremony at the Tunisian Embassy in Washington May 25th. The hospital ship, S. S. Hope, currently is serving sick & destitute persons in Tunisia.

A joint meeting of the National College English Association and the Indiana College English Association is being held at Notre Dame April 24-25. Louis Hasley, veteran professor of English at the University, is the president of ICEA and program chairman for the sessions.

The annual meeting of the Association for Gnotobiotics, Inc., will be held June 8-10 at Notre Dame. Prof. Morris Pollard, director of the Lobund Laboratory, is chairman of the local arrangements committee. Gnotobiotics is the study of life processes in a germ-free environment.