NOTRE DAME AND SAINT MARY'S TRUSTEES RECOMMEND UNIFICATION

A unification of Notre Dame and neighboring Saint Mary's College has been recommended by the executive committees of their boards of trustees. The unification will begin immediately and be completed not later than the academic year 1974-1975. It is subject to ratification by the entire boards of trustees of both institutions. Meeting jointly on March 21st, the two groups of trustees said, "The new entity formed by unification will create a center of total educational opportunity that could not be achieved by either institution alone and will strengthen resources of both." While the recommendation calls for a single student body of men and women, one faculty, one president, one administration and one board of trustees, there was special concern evident for the preservation of the identity of Saint Mary's College. "In the light of the changing role of women today, particular concern must be exercised for the full and equal participation by women in the intellectual and social life of Notre Dame," the trustees commented.
Women undergraduates at Notre Dame will matriculate through St. Mary's College, and the Notre Dame degrees they receive will bear the name of Saint Mary's as the college of record. The proportion of female students in the combined Notre Dame-St. Mary's student body will be increased starting in September, 1972.

"The unified structure will carry forward both the two institutions' historical commitment to Catholic higher education as well as the common tradition of the men and women of the Congregations of Holy Cross," the trustees noted.

Aspects of the unification effort which will have to be worked out over the next four years include:

Engagement of consultants to study and make recommendations concerning financial arrangements, including lease or rental agreements, for the physical facilities of Saint Mary's College.

Movement toward a unification of academic departments, administrative areas and budgets. "Rank and tenure of present faculty members of Saint Mary's College will be honored, and every effort made to place other personnel in comparable positions in the unified structure," the trustees said.

Negotiation of an agreement between Notre Dame and the Sisters of the Holy Cross for appropriate representation among the Fellows, the trustees and the officers of Notre Dame, and for remuneration for the services of religious working in Notre Dame's administration, teaching and religious ministry.

The administrations of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College were charged with presenting to the boards of trustees next fall a timetable for unification of academic affairs, student affairs, business affairs and public relations and development operations.

"It is fully expected," the trustees concluded, "that two proud schools cannot become one without strain and sacrifice, but coeducation offers advantages we cannot forsake, and our common history forbids us to seek them except together."

The unification move climaxes progressive collaboration between the two schools which began with a student co-exchange in 1966 and most recently resulted in a study of future cooperation by Drs. Rosemary Park of UCLA and Lewis B. Mayhew of Stanford University.

SUMMA SOARS BEYOND GOAL

Notre Dame's five-year, $52 million SUMMA Program has gone "over the top", and then some, fifteen months ahead of its June 30, 1972, deadline.

Gifts and commitments totaling $54.5 million have been reported by national chairman O. C. Carmichael, Jr., despite an increasingly unfavorable climate for philanthropy and a "diminution of public confidence in higher education."

Carmichael paid tribute to the "loyalty of Notre Dame's constituencies," noting that in three virtually consecutive capital campaigns since 1960 the University has received more than $100 million from alumni, friends, parents, corporations & foundations.

Even though its success is assured, SUMMA will continue since some of its twenty-one programs and projects are undersubscribed. "The University will continue to seek funds to meet all such priorities," he said.

Thus far 28,000 SUMMA gifts and commitments have been recorded. Three out of four alumni have contributed $20.8 million for an average gift of $966. The lay members of Notre Dame's board of trustees have made commitments totaling $6 million.

It has been announced that the names of all SUMMA donors will be inscribed in the rotunda of the Administration Building.

WALTER, JEAN KERR NAMED LAETARE MEDALISTS

Notre Dame's highest honor, the Laetare Medal, will be awarded to New York Times drama critic Walter Kerr and his wife, author-playwright Jean Kerr. They are only the second couple
to receive the medal since it was created in 1883 to honor American Catholic men and women who have distinguished themselves in their chosen field of endeavor.

The Kerrs, who live with their six children at Larchmont, N. Y., will accept the medal at a time and place to be announced later. Kerr, who formerly was drama critic for the New York Herald Tribune and COMMONWEAL, served on the faculty of the Catholic University of America for ten years. He is the author of two plays and seven books and has received many honors including a Notre Dame honorary doctorate.

Mrs. Kerr has written two plays, several books, including Please Don't Eat the Daisies, and has collaborated with her husband on several Broadway productions.

**SET UND NIGHT THEME**

"Notre Dame -- How Catholic Is It?" will be the theme of the 48th annual Universal Notre Dame Night to be observed by alumni clubs in 110 cities in April and May.

**CELIBACY OF PRIESTS UPHELD**

In a March 15th address to the National Federation of Priests' Councils in Baltimore, Father Hesburgh strongly defended an unmarried Catholic clergy, declaring that celibacy is "important to the totally dedicated apostolate."

He also called for the participation of priests and people in the choice of a bishop to head a diocese.

**THE UNIVERSITY-AT-LARGE**

John M. Barkett, Miami, Fla., and Orlando Rodriguez, Miramar, Puerto Rico, have been elected president and vice president respectively of the Notre Dame student body. Both are juniors in the College of Arts and Letters.

A Center for Liturgical Research in ritual behavior is being established at the University with the support of a gift from Mr. and Mrs. George J. Murphy, Wilmette, Ill. The project is headed by Rev. Aidan Kavanagh, O.S.B., director of the doctoral program in liturgy.

John T. Goldrick has been named director of admissions at Notre Dame effective August 1st, succeeding Dr. Peter P. Grande who will resume teaching in the education department. A former admissions counselor at the University, Goldrick currently is a counselor at the American Community School in Beirut, Lebanon.

The board of directors of the Notre Dame Alumni Association and the Alumni Senate will meet on the campus Apr. 29-30 and May 1. Subjects to be explored include the role of the Senate itself, a new emphasis for the Annual Fund, and coeducation.

The Notre Dame Band and Glee Club have returned to the campus after extensive spring vacation tours. The musicians appeared in concerts in Indiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas and Illinois. The singers performed in Nebraska, Colorado, Nevada, California & Arizona. Prof. Robert O'Brien directs the band, and Prof.
Daniel Pedtke conducts the Glee Club.

African sculpture from the Tara Collection of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gillon, New York City, will be on view in the University Gallery March 24-May 2. The Gillons will be honored at a gallery reception March 28th from 2 to 5 p.m.

Dr. Tjaard G. Hommes, director of Notre Dame's doctoral program in pastoral theology, has been elected president of the National Association of Field Education Directors.


Dr. Frederick W. Dow, Hayes-Healy Professor of Travel Management, has been appointed to the President's Council at Boston College.

During February the University received grants totaling $438,529 in support of research, new facilities and equipment and educational programs.

The 40th annual Knute Rockne memorial Mass and breakfast will be held in Keenan-Stanford Hall chapel and the North Dining Hall on March 28th beginning at 8:30 a.m. Notre Dame's most celebrated football coach died in a plane crash March 31, 1931.

Two senior political science majors, David O. Toolan of River Forest, Ill., and Christopher F. Wolfe of Newburgh, N. Y., have been awarded Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fellowships for a year of graduate study at institutions of their choice.

Prof. Morris Pollard, director of the Lobund Laboratory, presented a paper at the recent Symposium on Fundamental Cancer Research at Houston, Texas.

The director of the Mediaeval Institute, Prof. A. L. Gabriel, has been elected a Corresponding Fellow of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences at Munich. The Academy, founded in 1759, has only 7 other corresponding members in the USA.

The fifth annual Sophomore Literary Festival will be held on campus March 28-April 1. Among the participants will be playwrights Charles Gordone and Tom Stoppard, novelist John Hawkes, and authors Leonard Michaels and Richard Gilman.

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas lectured on ecological problems during a campus visit March 11th.

Paintings, plasma light sculpture and drawings by John David Mooney, assistant professor of art, can be seen in the University gallery through April 18th.

The entire winter issue of the NOTRE DAME JOURNAL OF EDUCATION is devoted to the topic of drugs and education. Contributing authors include Prof. Sidney M. Jourard of the University of Florida and television personality Art Linkletter.

For the second consecutive year, a team from the University of Detroit has won the Notre Dame National Invitational Debate Tournament.

Students in the College of Business Administration have selected Dr. Salvatore J. Bella as their "Teacher of the Year." Bella is Jesse Jones Professor of Business Administration and chairman of the department of management.

James W. Frick, vice president for public relations and development, and Congressman John Brademas were among the major speakers at the Great Lakes District meeting of the American College Public Relations Association in Chicago March 14-16. Mr. Frick is president-elect of the national ACPRA organization.

Dr. Bernard Wostmann, professor of microbiology, presented a paper on the immune response of germfree mice during a recent symposium at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington.

The 1971 Notre Dame Economics and Banking Institute will be held May 23-26 at the Center for Continuing Education. Among the speakers will be James Saxon, former comptroller of the currency.