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FACULTY NEWS NOTES

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Fine Arts '68 Opens

A violin and piano recital on Tuesday evening, February 6 will mark the opening of the Fine Arts series for the second semester. George Szpinalski, violinist, and Robert Wallenborn, pianist, will perform at 8:00 p.m. in Ochre Court. The program will feature works by Brahms, Szymanowski, and Saint-Saens.

New Schedule in the Offing?

Sister Mary Emily has requested the faculty to give thoughtful consideration to a proposed schedule change at Salve. Keen interest on the part of both faculty and students has been evidenced in such a move. A tentative sample schedule will be ready for the next faculty meeting in February. Some of the proposed changes are the following: completion of the first semester before the Christmas recess; earlier opening date in the fall; earlier opening date for beginning of second semester, and, consequently, earlier closing in June. This latter feature will eliminate the annoying conflict with Brown and/or other institutions re. commencement.

Salve's T.V. Personality

Dr. Lester Carr, Chief Consultant of Psychological Services, will soon be featured on a weekly TV show. The program entitled "Name Anonymous" will be presented on Channel 12 on Sundays at 10 a.m.

The appointment of Dr. Carr to the Executive Committee of the Governor's Commission on Vocational Rehabilitation was recently announced. The purpose of the group is to survey all existing agencies which provide rehabilitation services

in order to produce a master plan for integration of finances and personnel.

Memo

To: The faculty
From: Sister Mary Alban
Re: Request from Providence Senior Citizens Center

Did you forget or were you really not interested in responding to the request of the project director, Mr. Geoghegan, for lectures, discussions, or any other program of interest to the Senior Citizens who enjoy and utilize the Center? It is not too late to volunteer. Let my secretary know as soon as possible if you are interested in contributing to the Center's program. Another sign-up form will be attached to this issue of the News Notes for your convenience.

Education News

Dr. E. William Burrell, Chairman of the Education Department, represented Salve Regina College at the opening of the Flynn School in Providence on Sunday, January 21. The college has offered to help in the model school program being developed at Flynn. Our contribution will be made in the area of linguistics and Dr. Troendle, now on leave, will coordinate the program.

Dr. Burrell also has announced the appointment of Miss Dianne Grinnell of the Class of 1969 to be a member of the Barrington negotiating team. She is the first college student in the state to be appointed to such a team.

A. A. C. Report

Sister Mary Emily and Sister Mary Alban attended the annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges which was held in Minneapolis, Minn. on January 16-17. The theme of the conference was "Cooperation Among Institutions--Achievements and Expectations."

The keynote speaker, Alan Pifer, President of the Carnegie Corporation of N. Y., spoke of "New Roles for Old Institutions." His main concern seemed to be that there be put into operation very soon a definite recognition of Federal funding for educational institutions in the future and some long range plans for policies and usage in regard to Federal monies. Several panel discussions followed relating to the theme of the meeting--inter-institutional cooperation. Many of the panelists have been actively engaged in interinstitutional cooperation and they were most generous and practical in sharing their experiences and posing the present and future problems and their possible solutions for institutions involved in cooperating programs. Most of the speakers agreed that there are many advantages to cooperative programs between institutions when they are initiated for the proper reasons -- to improve the quality of education in a particular area or to do something better for the group through a central organization. Many warnings were sounded against engaging in cooperative plans because this is "fashionable." Hidden costs of cooperative programs and difficulties of administrative details were also brought to our attention.

The closing session of the conference was a spirited one. Several of the resolutions placed before the delegates elicited very strong reactions from the floor as they concerned Federal aid to education and the Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students sponsored by the National Students Association and the American Association of University Professors. At our next faculty meeting Sister Mary Emily plans to discuss this latter resolution with the faculty and to have copies of the complete joint statement for each faculty member.

The day preceding the AAC meetings was devoted to conferences of academic deans and the theme centered upon size in relation to educational institutions. The conclusion of the speakers seemed to be that the growth factor with regard to higher education is declining and that there is not so much interest in expansion now as there is in the quality of education. The importance of the student as the "new input" of an educational institution was greatly stressed. It was felt that both large and small institutions would continue to survive if they are mindful of quality education and concern for the individual student.

An especially gratifying experience was realized at a special meeting held one evening by the members of Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic College Women's Honor Society. The national president came from New York to attend the meeting and the Kappa members of the Minnesota area were present also. The purpose of the meeting was to offer the services of the Kappa members wherever they could be utilized, especially in supporting movements to foster education in private schools. Many of the Kappa members had taken active roles in civic groups which sponsored successfully state aid to private education and they were most eager to share the experience they had gained in their activities with other groups working for these same ends. The ideals, the generous offer of service and the earnest concern of these Catholic college graduates was a most heartening thing to experience. You would be proud of these graduates of Catholic institutions of higher learning who so appreciated their own fine education that they were willing to work and give service to insure the continuance of this type of education for their own children and those of their fellow members in the civic community.

A. A. U. P. Membership

Members of the faculty are urged to become members of the American Association of University Professors. Salve memberships now total about 6. Dues are based on salary and range from \$8 to \$15 per academic year. For further information contact the P. R. Office.

C. E. F.'s Leading Advocate

Prof. Robert McKenna appeared on two radio programs last week. He spoke on the question of state tuition grants for students attending non-public elementary and secondary schools and colleges. From 7:00-8:30 p. m. he was a guest on "Open Line" on WJAR and from 10:15-10:45 p. m. on Radio News Beat on WJAR. Both programs were on Wednesday, January 24 and also on both programs Edward J. Riley, Executive Director of R. L. Federation Citizens for Educational Freedom (CEF) also appeared. Mr. McKenna is the vice-president and acting president of CEF in Rhode Island.

He outlined the legislative program of CEF for this year to provide a tuition grant to each child attending a non-public school at the elementary and secondary levels, about \$100 per child. The funds would be paid directly to the parent who would have paid at least this amount in tuition to an accredited school. At the college level the tuition grant would be about \$600 per student. These grants would go to all Rhode Island students.

Mr. McKenna also had an hour-long conference with Governor John Chafee regarding this program on Monday, January 20 at the State House. Anyone interested in this question should contact Mr. McKenna for additional information.

Attachment

NAME: _____

SUGGESTED TOPIC FOR LECTURE: _____

SUGGESTED TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION: _____

TIME (DATE AND TIME OF DAY) MOST CONVENIENT FOR GIVING ABOVE
LECTURE OR DISCUSSION: _____
