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Alumni Honor Founder of Jesuits; 300 Attend Mass and Breakfast

Hundreds of Denver Alumni of the Jesuit colleges and universities across the nation gathered on Sunday, March 25, to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the death of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuit Order. The celebration opened with the celebration of Mass by His Excellency Urban J. Vehr, Archbishop of Denver, at St. Ignatius Church.

Most Rev. Hubert M. Newell, Bishop of Cheyenne and Regis alumnus, delivered the sermon, tracing the life of St. Ignatius and highlighting his many contributions and those of the members of his Order. Bishop Newell said, "On this Palm Sunday, which is the feast of the Assumption, we honor a distinguished saint and we pay tribute to his devoted sons who, animated with zeal for God's greater glory, have made so many varied and valued contributions to the Cause of Christ in the world. We are particularly mindful, and we are especially grateful for what the Society has achieved in our own country and in the West. Coming first as missionaries, then as teachers, pastors and directors of souls, they have reflected the zeal and ardour of their holy founder. Our prayer today is that the Blessed Mother will gain many additional graces and blessings from her Divine Son for the members of the Society of Jesus, inspiring, strengthening and expanding their efforts."

These words, echoed in sentiment by the assembled Jesuit alumni, keyed the entire Ignatian observance.

After Mass, the Alumni gathered for breakfast in the Lincoln Room of the Shirley-Savoy. Mark Hogan, a Georgetown graduate, acted as Toastmaster and introduced the many distinguished guests who were present, among them Archbishop Vehr, Bishop Newell, Bishop Bernard J. Sullivan, S.J., former Bishop of Patna, India; Very Rev. Richard F. Ryan, S.J., President of Regis College; Lt. Gov. Stephen L. R. McNichols, Judge Joseph McDonald, and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Gregory Smith, Vicar-General of the Denver Archdiocese.



The Rev. Robert C. Hartnett, former editor in chief of *America* and the *Catholic Mind*, was the featured breakfast speaker. The well-known commentator in the socio-political field, currently a Professor of Political Science at Detroit University, spoke to the Alumni on "Imminent Challenges to Catholic Education."

Father Hartnett pointed out that there has been a 50 percent increase in school population—from 2 to 3 million—over the 10-year period since 1945. This increase was due to the heightened birth rate shown by the following statistics: in 1945, there were 3 million births; in 1946, there were 3.6 million; in 1951, 3.7 million births were recorded; and in 1955, there were over 4 million births. During the last 20 years, the birth rate has doubled.

This then is the "imminent challenge to Catholic education"—the impact of population growth on our educational system. A large percentage of these children are Catholic. In 1954, 27 percent of the children born were baptized in the Catholic Church. Approximately 60 percent of these will eventually be enrolled in Catholic schools.

Father Hartnett touched upon the means being utilized to cope with this challenge. He mentioned as foremost, the outstanding work of the Sisterhoods in the primary education of children. Their contributed services are evaluated conservatively at \$85 million per year. The future of their work is currently being hampered by a paucity of vocations.

Another means employed has been the enlargement of classes with more students per teacher. This is a relatively undesirable solution. The employment of more lay teachers at the grade school level has helped somewhat, with the current ratio one lay teacher to seven Religious. This is an extremely expensive solution and is somewhat prohibitive from that viewpoint.

Suggestions which have been advanced but not adopted include the recruiting of volunteer lay teachers, the possibility that Catholic parents whose homes are characterized by very staunch faith may be requested to send their children to public schools and thus allow the attendance of

colleges and universities. Even at present, 3 of 5 Catholic students are attending public, tax-supported institutions. Inadequate facilities to meet the large demand, coupled with the fact that the necessary teachers are not being produced, gives reason for the belief that this figure will rise. Additionally, there is the problem of funding of non-tax-supported institutions to be considered. For example, the University of Michigan receives a \$25 million yearly appropriation for current expenditures or \$1200 per student per year. Nationwide, private school enrollment has dropped from 50 to 35 percent, while in Michigan, 82 percent of college students are enrolled in public institutions. The



children from homes where their faith is more likely to suffer from non-Catholic education, and finally, to shift the emphasis to the building and staffing of Catholic high schools rather than grammar schools, if such a choice is necessary. The latter suggestion is based on the premise that dangers to faith are greater at the adolescent or high school level.

Father Hartnett warned that the years 1960-65 will be the years of the population tidal wave in our high schools. In 1970, these vast numbers of students will reach our

trend is toward continued increase.

The indicated answer to this problem lies in greater donations by Alumni and enlarged bequests and corporation giving. The Ford grant, while a valuable contribution, does not begin to meet the monetary needs of private colleges. It was recently estimated by 177 Catholic colleges and universities that they will expand \$565 million for expansion and development from 1955 to 1965.

Father Hartnett, treating still another phase of the over-all problem
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Regis Prepares for Future Academic and Physical Development

Several weeks ago, you may have seen in the newspapers that Regis College had been granted preliminary approval on an \$810,000 government loan application. Within the same week as the announcement, Architect Edwin A. Francis' rendering of a proposed dormitory for Regis appeared in the Denver Catholic Register and, shortly thereafter, in the Rocky Mountain News. Construction of the dormitory and of a Student Center hinges upon final approval of the loan application which in turn hinges on favorable consideration of addenda to the original application.

You probably wondered about the close incidence of the announcement of the Regional Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency and the release of a concrete plan by the College for its development. Why, how, and by what means, was the Administration so prepared to translate a preliminary fund approval into actual physical structures?

The beginnings of this preparedness came approximately two years ago with the appointment of a "Committee on Academic Planning" by the Very Rev. Richard F. Ryan, S.J., Regis President. The committee was appointed specifically to tackle the task of a thorough complete self-analysis of the College from the Academic standpoint, and to make recommendations relative to the future of Regis. Mr. Adrian Dorzweiler, Fr. L. A. Bloomer, Fr. E. H. Wintergalen, Dr. Frank J. Ozog, Fr. J. J. Quirk and Fr. Fred T. Daly comprised the Committee.

The Committee delved into all the facets of our Academic system—the present program as opposed to some additions or alternatives, the possibility of graduate schools, a teacher training program, an Honors Course, an Engineering Program, the size of the College, and so forth. It then made its report, based on the agreed-upon premise that 10-year phases in a long-range development would be most advisable, with Regis to remain for the time being a non-coeducational, liberal arts college.

The Academic Planning Committee spent a year in their study. Armed with their recommendations, Father Ryan next appointed a Campus Planning Committee to develop a long-range master development plan which would adequately provide for the educational responsibilities of Regis to the Denver community, in terms of the recommendations of the Academic Planning Committee.

Mr. David Hoene, well versed in the field of campus planning through a tenure as Coordinator of Campus Planning and Assistant to the President at Emporia State Teachers' College, was appointed Advisor to the group, which included Fr. Fred Daly as Chairman, Mr. John Coyne, Fr. William Steiner and Fr. Christian Bonnet.

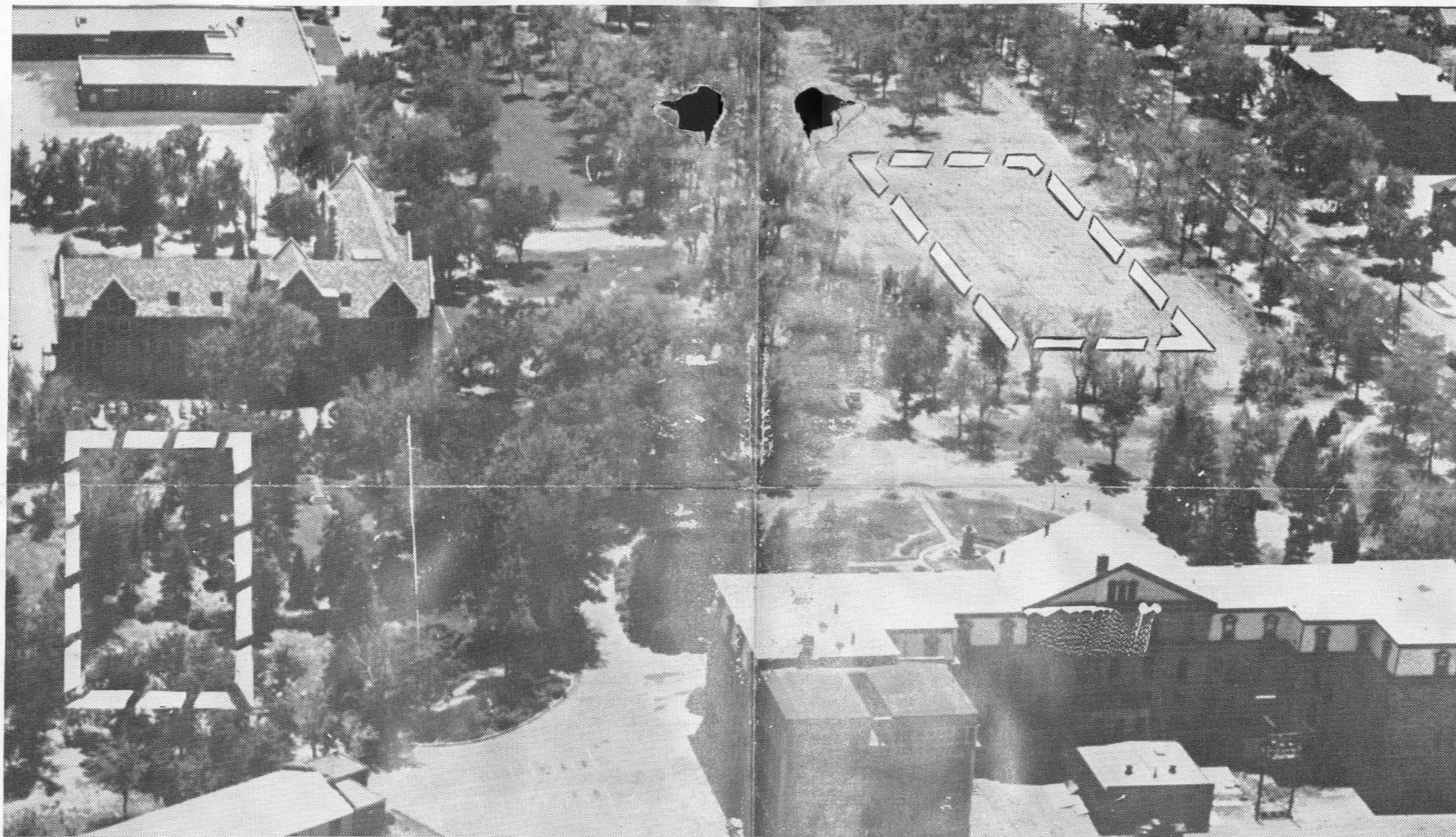
The work of this committee extended over 13 months and a Master Plan was drawn up, specific enough to evaluate the primary physical plant needs of the College. These needs included a Fieldhouse, a Jesuit Residence Hall, a Dormitory and Student Center as most immediate, and numbered a Science building, new Library facilities, additional classroom space and new administrative space, to include Alumni Office facilities, as other future needs. The heads of divisions and departments were consulted relative to their needs and suggestions in the framework of the over-all plan. In addition, suggestions were sought from the entire faculty.

Mr. Francis was retained as the College architect since his firm could best represent the interests of the College, and as the committee synthesized their plans, he gave them being on the drawing board.

A favorable change in the law governing government loans for construction purposes provided Regis with its first real opportunity to obtain funds for the building program. Funds were requested for a Dormitory and Student Center because these two structures best fitted the provisions of the law and therefore stood the best chance to be acted upon favorably. As you know, preliminary approval has been received and we will know about the final approval early in May.

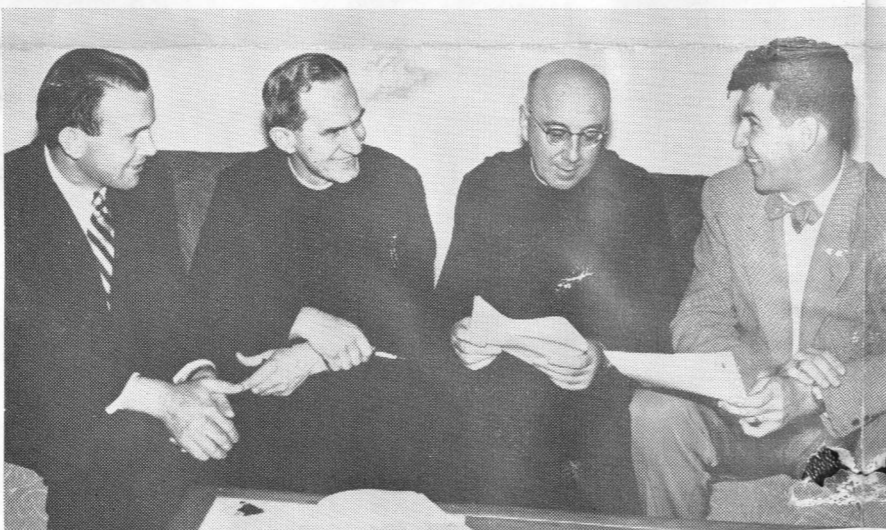
Elsewhere in this presentation you see a conception of the dormitory and probable locations for that building and the Student Center. It is hoped that the visualization will become a reality within the next decade. Meanwhile, the Campus Planning Committee will continue to function and work toward the goal of a grown Regis, better able to fulfill its educational responsibilities in a community which, like others throughout the country, will continue to prosper and send forth ever-increasing numbers of students to its colleges and universities. Projected population figures for the next 10 years indicate that by 1965 there will be a 65 percent increase in student population. Regis must be prepared to assume its proportionate share of these responsibilities or else it is failing to accomplish its purpose in being.

Confidence in the future of Regis is the basis upon which the government loan application was predicated. This confidence coupled with a continual self-evaluation by the College, and a continued program of intelligent, accurate, thorough planning, assures a bright future for Regis. As Alumni, the product and most important asset of any College, this confidence must transfuse into you, so that in your everyday dealings, you may know and be able to tell others where Regis is going, and proudly share in her progress.



An aerial view of the Regis College campus as seen from the north. In the upper left-hand corner is Loyola Hall with Carroll Hall immediately below. In the right foreground is the Administration building. The dotted area on the left approximates the location of the proposed dormitory. The dotted area on the right approximates the location of the proposed Student Center.

Academic Planners



Dr. Frank Ozog, Father Edward Wintergalen, Father Louis Bloomer and Adrian Dorzweiler, four members of the Academic Planning Committee, are pictured above.

The committee was appointed to handle the all-important self-analysis of the college, to explore all the possibilities in Regis' academic future, and to decide upon the norms which would serve as aiming points in Regis development. Their study took more than a year and resulted in a thorough evaluation of the progress of the college in meeting its educational responsibilities, present and future.

Pictured at right is Architect Edwin A. Francis' rendering of the proposed dormitory, designed to accommodate 203 male students. Construction hinges on final approval of the college's \$810,000 government loan application, for which preliminary approval was received in late February. The loan provides \$600,000 for the dormitory.

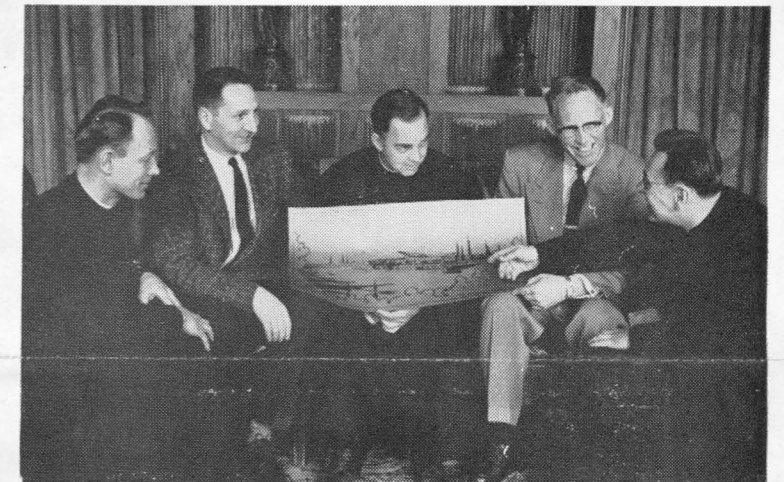
The notification of preliminary approval came from the office of the Regional Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency. Final approval is dependent upon the submission and satisfactory review of the full application and addenda.

Father Ryan termed the preliminary approval "the first step in a long-range program for the development of college facilities." He pointed out that Regis recognizes the immediate and continuing need for expanded educational facilities for the Rocky Mountain Empire and will continue to assume its share of the educational responsibilities of the area.

"Confidence in the future is the basis for the assumption of the large obligation, to be repaid out of future income," the President added.

For the past five years, Regis has been one of fewer than 50 percent of the major private colleges that have operated without deficit.

Campus Planners

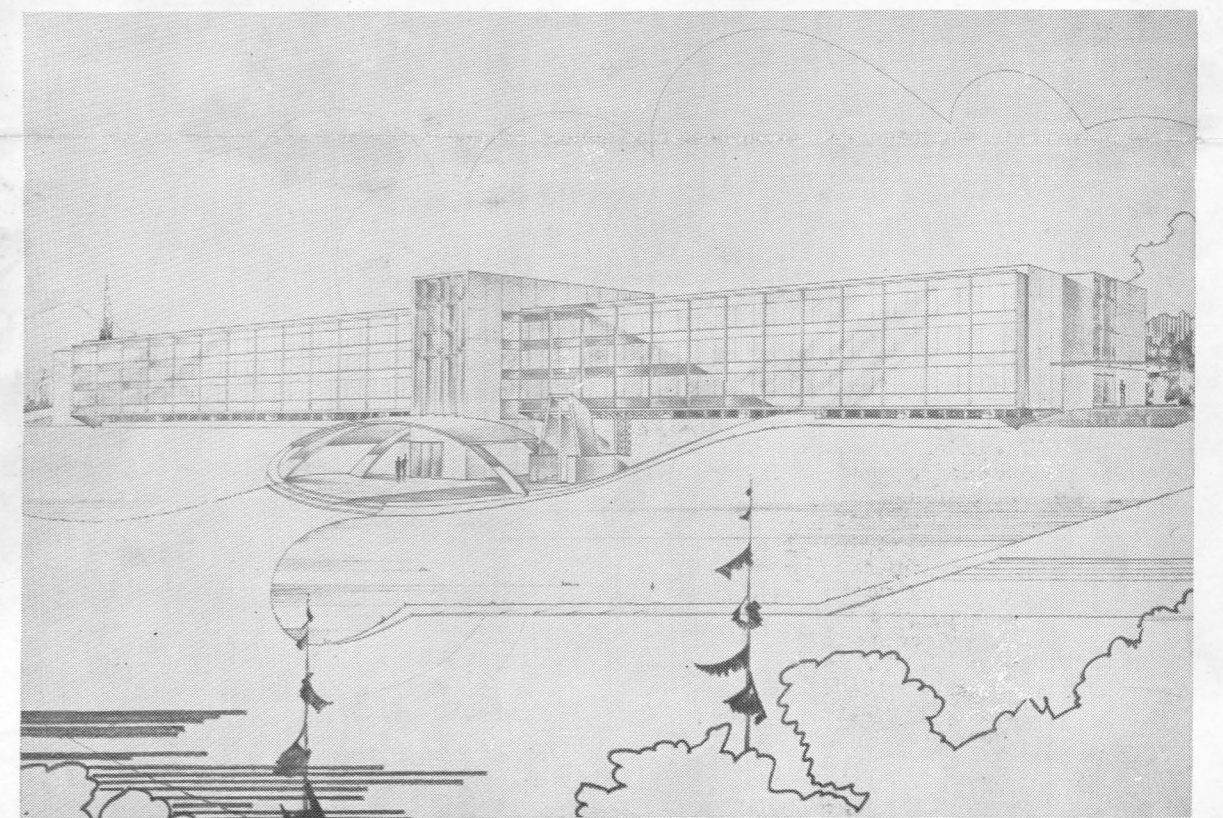


The Campus Planning Committee confers on a design point in a preliminary rendering of a Regis Student Center. Left to right are: Father William Steiner, David Hoene, Father Fred Daly, John Coyne and Father Christian Bonnet.

This committee took the recommendations of the Academic Committee in terms of future growth of the college and translated their findings into a Master Campus Development Plan.

The Student Center will be designed to house kitchen and food storage facilities, a cafeteria, a snack bar, student recreational facilities, a television viewing area, a campus shop-book store, and mail facilities for the students. Final approval of the government loan would provide \$210,000 toward construction costs. Total cost of the Center is expected to exceed the government allocation with Regis to supply the additional building funds.

Architect's Rendering of Proposed Dormitory



About Regis Alumni . . .

Regis alumni in the Sisterhoods added a new name as **Ruth Shy**, Night School, '48-'50, received her habit as a Sister of St. Joseph.

Joe Grace, S.J., '54, recently had his wise smile on the Regis High bulletin board. The picture was taken by Fr. McGloin, S.J., during a recent visit to the Jesuit Novitiate at Florissant.

Jim Wright, '55, joined the ranks of the married during Christmas week. Jim has been doing substitute teaching in the Night School besides his regular teaching duties at Adams City, Colo.

Ted Trumble, '51, serving his internship at De Paul Hospital in St. Louis after finishing his M.D. at Creighton last year.

Jim Hogan, '51, is working with the office staff at Ft. Lewis Agricultural College in Hesperus, Colo.

John Tamburello, '50, is still planning ski trips for the Cathedral Young People's Club.

Arnold S. Bunte, '22, is the present head of the Petroleum Department of the Denver National Bank.

Ferman Bischofberger, '21, is with the Community Lighting Department of the Public Service Co.

Sam Echer, '54, is now living at 441 6th St. in Durango, Colo. He teaches English and handles coaching duties at the high school there.

Leo P. Dolan, '51, is now with the U. S. Army Engineers. He is working as a Research Chemical Engineer at Ft. Meade, Md.

James Barry George, '55, is working as an executive trainee with the P. D. George Co. of St. Louis.

Robert R. Druding, '50, is now with Oldsmobile Division of General Motors. He is a district manager of sales and lives at 2502 Hills St., Flint, Mich.

Eugene F. Costello, '51, is serving with the Army. His short address is as follows: HQ & HQ Co., 447 Sig. Bn. (Const.), APO 189, New York City, N. Y.

Charles Brittan, '39, is a general agent for the Ohio National Life Insurance Co. He is living with his wife and family (four boys and one girl) in Alliance, Nebr.

Capt. William Kern Byle, USAF, '55, is living at 6000 B Pl. N. W., No. 201, in Washington, D. C.

Ron Long, '49; **Charles (Bob) Elliott**, '51; **Jim Harvey**, '51, and **Dan Mahoney**, '51, have been doing quite a bit of skiing lately. Fr. Faherty saw them "on the slats" at Winter Park.

Vince O'Brien, '51, has moved his home from Brooklyn to Brentwood, Mo. After cheering the Dodgers to their first world championship, he decided to leave Flatbush.

Fr. Dan Campbell, S.J., '28, has finished his second tour of duty with the Air Force. He has been given a teaching assignment at Parks School of Aeronautical Technology near St. Louis.

Joe Torres, S.J., '52, pronounced his first vows as a Jesuit at Florissant, Mo., on December 8.

Robert Kelly dropped us a note the other day to report that he's now out of the Army and working for the State of Wyoming in Cheyenne. Bob is living at 3019 Thomas Ave. in Cheyenne.

Joseph Martini, '50, is living in Pittsburgh and working as a research chemist for the Koppers Company at Verona, Penn. His address is 533 Paulson Ave., Pittsburgh 6, Penn.

Ed Schafer, '53, is a lieutenant (jg) in the Navy assigned to flying duties in Squadron VS-23, N. A. S. North Island, San Diego, Calif. The Schafers have a year-old daughter, Kathryn Marie.

Dr. Joseph Salcetti is now practicing dentistry in Washington, D. C., and living at 5207 Wisconsin Ave. N. W.

Joseph Mathews, '26, is a chemist and civil defense instructor with the U. S. Food and Drug Administration. His home address is 1619 35th St. N. W., Washington 7, D. C.

Robert Schaffer, '42, is a consulting engineer with the R. D. Rodwell Consulting Engineering firm. He is living at 1408 N. 70th St., Wauwatosa 13, Wis.

Leonard Elsbernd, '50, is working as an auditor with Phillips Petroleum. His current address is 335 W. Idaho St., Blackfoot, Idaho.

George Eckert, '53, is working as office manager and salesman with Eckerts' in Albuquerque. His home address is 10613 Baldwin N. E., Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Tom Darcy, '32, is an advertising salesman with the Pueblo Star Journal Chieftain. Tom lives at 919 Berkley Ave. in Pueblo.

Philip Curtis, '39, is an attorney with Zenith Radio Corp. in Chicago. Phil lives at 815 S. Western Ave. in Park Ridge, Ill.

Philip Callen, '42, is also working in Wauwatosa as a lithography salesman with the Arandell Corp. He lives at 7111 Maple Terrace. The Callens have two girls and two boys—Tom and Tim, ages 7 and 5, respectively, and Mary 2, and Patricia, 6 months.

Frank N. Lammerman, '34, is a superintendent of plants for the Union Oil Co. of California. The Lammermans have a son, 14, and a daughter, 13, and are living in Cut Bank, Mont.

Leonard Lalasz, '50, received his M.A. from Marquette in 1953 and is now teaching history and civics at the Bay View High School, 2761 S. Lenox St., in Milwaukee, Wis.

College Tuition To Be Raised

College tuition will be increased, from \$12 to \$15 a semester hour, in September. Fees will not be raised. For the average full-time student taking 15 semester hours of work, the cost will go up from \$180 to \$225 for each of the two semesters of the academic year.

Father Ryan said that "the decision was made with considerable reluctance and only after a long and careful study which evidenced its necessity." Costs of operation at Regis, particularly in the fields of teaching, administration, and plant maintenance, have risen 23.5 percent since the present seniors were freshmen, and it has become impossible to meet the financial obligations of the college with the present income.

Because of the fact that the majority of the faculty has been composed of Jesuit Fathers who serve willingly for no salary, the

Niels C. Beck, '54, is an assistant manager of program development with the Armour Research Foundation in Chicago.

Dr. John Harris Patterson, '20, is a surgeon in Phoenix, Ariz. He is now living at 316 W. McDowell.

Leonard E. Rolling, Jr., '49, is a salesman with the Carter Dry Goods Co. in Louisville, Ky.

College was able to offer a schedule of tuition and fees consistently among the lowest of the nation's private, non-tax-supported colleges. The college has operated on a balanced budget, something which less than half of the nation's private colleges have been able to do.

Father Ryan added, "We at Regis will do our utmost to continue the operation of the college on a sound financial basis and we hope to be able to serve an ever-increasing number of students who desire the Jesuit higher education available at Regis."

Over the past few years, Regis has developed new curricula and sponsored various educational programs, lectures, and clinics which have served to expand its educational influence. It has added a new classroom building with adequate facilities for over a thousand students. More Jesuit Fathers and laymen have been added to the teaching staff in order to maintain the desired faculty-student ratio which has characterized Jesuit higher education at Regis.

Enrollment has increased approximately 10 percent in each of the last three years and Father Ryan stressed the necessity that Regis continue to assume its proportionate share of the educational responsibilities of the area.

Rangers Card Army, Dayton

The Regis Rangers, seeking to regain the basketball prominence they enjoyed in the late forties, will play an ambitious schedule during the 1956-57 campaign. The schedule will include games with Army and the Dayton powerhouse in the east and with Loyola and Pepperdine Colleges in the west.

The Loyola and Pepperdine games are scheduled for December 7 and 8 in Los Angeles. Other season highlights will include games with Denver University on December 13 (home) and December 22, and Saturday afternoon doubleheaders with the Air Force Academy on December 15, January 5, 19, 26, February 2, and a March 2 closer against the Air Academy. The doubleheaders will be played at 2 p. m. and 4 p. m.

The complete schedule for next season has not yet been finalized.

For those Alumni who are interested, Regis College beer mugs are now available for functional or ornamental purposes. The mugs are being handled by the management of the DeSmet Snack Bar. A number of sizes and two designs are offered, with prices ranging from \$3 to \$4.50 per mug, including personalization. Further information and order blanks may be obtained by writing to Harry Quadracci in care of the College.

Alumni Honor-

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lem, stated: "I think that one of the things which everyone is noticing since the veteran population graduated from our colleges is the deterioration of the student of studiousness, moral quality, seriousness of purpose and sense of responsibility. This is an extremely serious problem. This number is a large minority, affects the calibre of our students, and will affect the calibre of society in future years." He stressed the need for scholarships and an active student loan system to ensure that we educate the right student, the serious-minded, interested man who otherwise cannot afford to attend college.

Father Hartnett questioned whether we will be able to meet the threat of the Communist world unless we produce children who care about their responsibilities and exhibit interest in their studies rather than indifference. He pointed out that parents must adopt a policy of making rewards depend on performance, thereby culling children from that improper attitude. "Colleges can't take children who don't care and make them productive," he added.

In concluding, Father Hartnett stated, "American Catholic education has had a glorious past. It must meet its future challenges. We must seek first the Kingdom of God and His Justice—the things that count for eternity. The proportions of the challenges are much greater than in the past, and ultimately, success will depend on our lay people."