NFCCS Strengthens Constitution, Expands Budget, Elects Officers

From the tumultuous and animated National NFCCS congress held at Toledo, Apr. 18-20, emerged a revised and concrete constitution. The revisions—mainly concerning commissions, the powers of the council and assembly, and the expansion of the budget to nine thousand dollars—are planned to strengthen the Federation in co-ordinating campus units.

Among the 150 delegates and observers present, some favored a strong, integrated national organization; others, a loosely knit federation of regions. Meetings lasting far into the evening evidenced the student interest in the success of the NFCCS.

Patrick O'Meara, president, opened the first formal session Friday evening by explaining the urgent need for "solidarity in the Catholic student community," thus, the conference theme, was carried throughout the talks of Miss Bever, national chairman, and Miss Bersch, vice-chairman, and Dorothy Fox, treasurer, by Miss Gertrude Sunderhaus, Joan Wolff, and Ann Kuebler.

Fox, representing the chapter, Miss Fuller, chairman of the council and assembly, and the expansion of the budget to nine thousand dollars—announced the elections of Joan Levinson, Mary Jane Peters, and Ann Kuebler.

Senior Piano Recital, Artists' Exhibits

A piano recital, May 3, and an art exhibit May 2-18, will substitute for senior comprehensive examinations for students majoring or in final year of study. Jeanne Stiens will be presented in her senior piano recital May 3, at 8:30 p.m., in Madonna Hall.

Jeanne has studied piano for 15 years, through grade and high school, and has majored in that instrument at Maran. She is an accomplished organist and clarinetist as well, and has acted as student conductor of the Maran orchestra, and as piano accompanist for the Bel Canto Club. She is also an active member of the Associated Women's Clubs, and has majored in that instrument at Indiana University.

The opening selection will be the Schubert-Liszt "Ave Maria." Compositions by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Brahms, and Liszt will alternate with such modern works as Gliere's "Romance," Debussy's "La Cathedrale Engloutie," and McDowell's "Fountains." The program of the Bel Canto Club will be presented on the evening of May 3, at the 8:00 p.m., in the auditorium.

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Plan a Mary Day

"Nothing Without Mary Everything Through Mary"

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Traditional Junior Prom, May 2

Ushers in Whirl of Spring Activities

The fourth annual and ill-concealed excitement preceding the junior class, was held on the evening of May 2, in the auditorium.

The senior class feted the junior with a grand tea party and dance.

The evening opened with the promenade of the members of the class, each wearing a floral arrangement and carrying a lantern.

The dance was held in the auditorium, and was attended by a large crowd.

The evening closed with the presentation of a bouquet to the prom queen.

Faculty, Students On N.D. Program

The National Catholic Music Educators Association, Indiana Unit, will hold its semi-annual conference in Washington Hall, Notre Dame University, May 19-20.

Litururgical and music will be the subject of the addresses, discussions, and clinics. The Pontifical High Mass Saturday morning at which between 700 and 900 elementary school children and the Deans and priests will be held, will be the focal point of the conference.

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Solidarity Sought Through NFCCS

All for One—One for All

by Irene Holtel

This is part of a discontinued presentation at the annual regional NFCCS conference May 30.

One of the purposes of the NFCCS as listed in the by-laws is to promote solidarity and unity among the student bodies of American Catholic colleges and universities... Solidarity and unity among the student bodies of these two hundred schools means essentially their being in step with the national and international standards in responsibilities.

It is noteworthy that all Catholic colleges now stand on the same principle and aspire to the same end. Realization of this fact is important in the view of the use of students a feeling of oneness with the total Catholic student community.

In this respect, at times, the ability to appreciate the value of the policies pursued by schools other than our own, even when those policies differ from ours.

When concerted action of many schools is needed solidarity and unity demand a willingness to cooperate, to seek individual differences for the common good.

In the light of Catholic teaching, and from the viewpoint of friendly and interested discussions.

A few weeks ago, Martin McLaughlin, in an article published in Our Student Visitor, made this statement: "Problems do not exist nationally; they exist on an individual level. And they can be solved best by Catholic students who take an interest in their solution, who are interested in the responsibility for the betterment of the student world—beginning with the local campus."

Our Catholic college student community is only as strong as each campus unit...

Through the NFCCS we have an opportunity to strengthen each link in the chain of the student bodies of American Catholic colleges and universities... One of the first steps toward this is the assurance that Christ's prayer for unity, offered to His Heavenly Father, is realized in the life of the Catholic community.

We Recommend...

For Your Blue Book

Culture comes in many ways. Here are some opportunities students may wish to take advantage of.

The Family Theater, heard over the Mutual Broadcasting System on Thursday evenings at 9:00 p.m., combines top talent, inlaid art, and Catholic thought in music.

The Third International Pattern Institute sponsored by the National Commission on Interracial Relations of NFCCS will meet in New York the week of June 8 to 13. Students will be able to attend sessions of the United Nations and will have open sessions of Commission and Committees.

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Who Can Say "No School Spirit?"

It has been happening lately that when a project or drive sponsored by a class or campus organization does not meet with immediate response from the student body, three determinants little words diffuse in every direction, to locker rooms and classrooms, "No school spirit."

Proof positive that school spirit is more than watchdogging in the shade of the general student body could be seen at a glance just last month when three major projects were launched almost simultaneously.

The flowering success of any drive is largely due to the oxygen that is diffused upon it.

The oxygen is the personal appeal, the reasonable explanation of the purpose of the drive or endeavor, plus concrete stimulation. Interest is necessarily preliminary to enthusiasm. If the student or student body in charge of the project does not show sufficient interest, the general student body will not respond.

Magnetism is fun-ho!fer. If the leaders would, from the beginning, provide the students with various forms of entertaining discussion, as well as with those students' support, they would rejuvenate their spirit with genuine enthusiasm before anyone could say, "No school spirit!" yet even before they could say "Jack Robinson."

And Incidentally

Magistrates are adding their endorsement to the spell of spring around Marias... the first Catholic homecoming and the Blessed Sacrament... walks down to the bridge are becoming the daily ritual.

Senior Worries

Currently known as the library's study room, the seniors are seldom seen without a textbook or magazine pertaining to their major subjects... they say, "Comprehension is a kind of that you understand."

Overtime?

Have you noticed that everyone is twice as busy as usual? Marius Hall fairly bums with playrooms, playrooms, classes and committee meetings, not to mention overtime schedules for Brendels and Woodlands.

Faux pas?

As apparently checking coats at the rear of the fresman-sophomore dance, almost simultaneously asked a sophomore, "May I take your coat?"

Play Musings

With characteristic accommodation Mildred Daniels, page in the "Queen of Hearts," introduced the month-end curry casserole jam, just as, the usual chatter about the new face at the Crispin Coppied woman. Responding to an appeal from the Arts Club, the Women's Voluntary Service, thus garnered an enthusiastic and appreciative reaction instantly accepted.

Easter Spirit

Not street-preaching but soliciting donations for a worthy cause kept Marianites Patty Carr, of 1972, Adele Weiden, of 1974, Irene Hold, of 1948, and Mary Jo Sweeney, of 1950, on the streets.

Return to Duty

Were hoping that Mary Helen Kumar, returning from an operation at the Mayo Clinic, will soon be well enough to fill the soprano vacancies created by St. Cato and Don Trip by her absence.
Photographed in the Mary Room against a background suggestive of the court scene of the Queen of Hearts, Lady Violette (Geraldine Schleiman) and the Knave of Hearts (Marjorie Markham) strike a familiar pose.

Women in Politics, Social Life, Religion ... North and South of the Gulf

Pan American Day, observed April 14, the anniversary of the founding of the Pan American Union in 1910, is an expression of the mutual desires for closer relationship between the Americas. As this relationship has blossomed into friendship, a movement development is traceable in the political and social status of Latin American women. Just two years after the struggle for women's suffrage in this country was carried to victory by Susan B. Anthony, the first Pan American Congress for women was held in Baltimore, 1922, under the auspices of Martha Stewart Pomeroy.

Legion Insturctions; Plans Fish Fry

Hesitant and play-plainly directed alternate with the more serious work of religious instruction for legionsaries assisting at the Instruction Center for colored children.

Mary Louise Alt is helping the children construct a miniature striated to be displayed at the annual festival in May. Jane Peters and Lucy Maytag direct the games for the little boys and themselves serve on their baseball teams.

Barbara Hipp and Mary C. McCarty recently accompanied Sister Alice in taking new families to distribute food and clothing.

This legions annual social function will be held in May. It is a day of fun for active and auxiliary members, the National League of Women Voters of the United States.

Women Secures Suffrage

Ecuador was one of the first of South American countries to grant woman suffrage in 1928. It was followed by Peru, 1933, Chile, 1934, Cuba, Uruguay, and Brazil, 1944, and Mexico, 1947. Among Latin American feminist pioneers, representative of Harriet Beecher Stowe, Jane Addams, and Clara Barton, and Paulina Lodi, Uruguayan physiologist and social reformer of the 1920's, and Bertha Lett, organizer of a Brazilian federation for women, perhaps the first influential Latin American organization of its kind.

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New Bill of Rights

Heads Club Topics

The Declaration of Rights submitted by the American Catholic Bishops' Conference (N.C.W.C.) to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights was the subject of discussion at the World Politics Club luncheon meeting Apr. 24.

This document, drawn up by a committee of twelve, lists fifty "inalienable rights" grouped into four categories: the rights of the human person, the rights pertaining to the family, the domestic rights of states, and the international community.

Its formulation and presentation were occasioned by the creation, Dec. 14, 1946, of the U.N. Commission composed of nineteen national delegations and charged with the task of drafting a charter of human rights.

Co-chairmen Jane Gaughan (left) and Mary Steff (right) discuss last month's details of Junior-Senior Prom festivities with Junior class president Dorothy Branch.

N.D. Program

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The Bel Canto program follows:

1. (Arranged by)
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Preludes

1. "Ave Maria"—Chadwick
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3. "Ave Maria"—Chadwick
4. "Ave Maria"—Chadwick
5. "Ave Maria"—Chadwick

Recital, Exhibits...

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With Picnic, Election, Problem Bouts

Science Club, Eta Delta End Year

Science Club rendered Apr. 14 when it played its final meeting of the year. A vote of thanks is due to the Science Club for its excellent work and for the hospitality shown the members.

New officers for the year were President, Lois Smolen, second-year student; Secretary, Jane Gildersleeve; Treasurer, Dorothy Smith; Social Chairman, M. J. Porter; Vice-President, Dorothy Backer.

Chairman of the Science Club, Eta Delta, for the third year was James Smith, President, with Miss Smolen as Secretary.

The executive committee consisted of Miss Smolen as Secretary, Jane Gildersleeve, Eta Delta; Dorothy Smith, Vice-President; M. J. Porter, Treasurer; and Dorothy Backer, Secretary.

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