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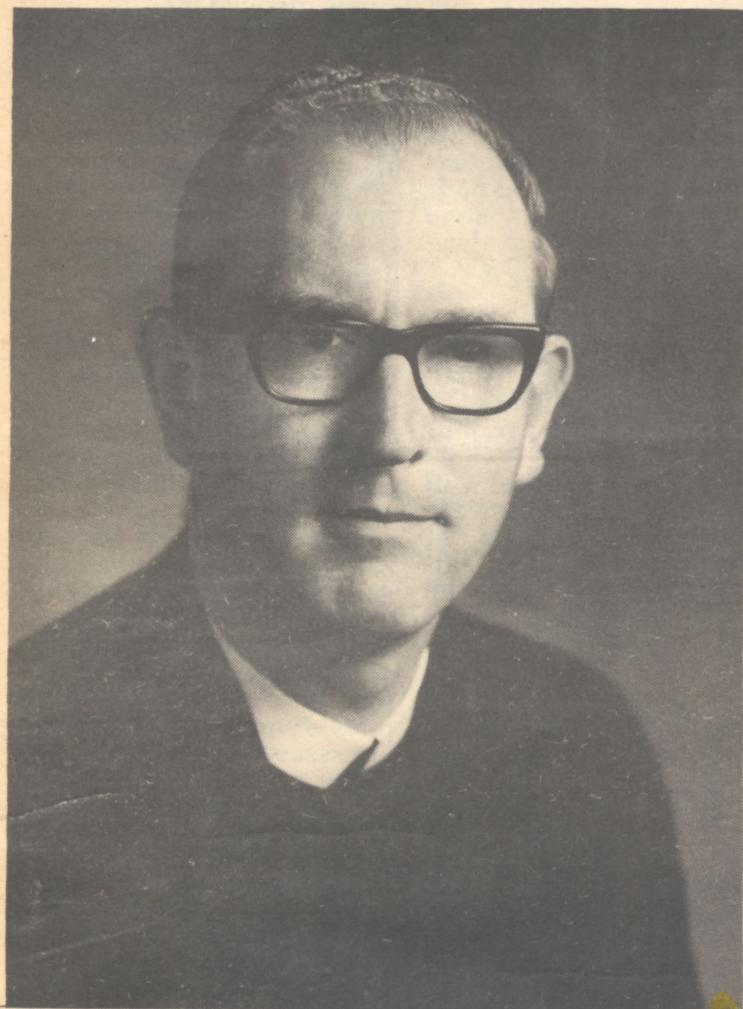
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President's Message



Brother Mel Anderson

Saint Mary's College begins its 108th year on a note of hopeful optimism. At this writing the hard-working registrar, Mr. Rod Arriaga, reports that the college enrollment will be the highest in its history, some 1,200 students. Such an optimistic report also means inherent problems, such as insufficient housing, heavily scheduled usage of all classrooms, and more hours of work for several offices on campus which directly serve student needs. There is also an increase, 100 per cent over last year, of women students. While many colleges are suffering from a decrease in enrollment, SMC has had a 50 per cent increase over the past few years. The peak, at least for a time, has been almost reached, since there are no anticipated increases in housing, and classrooms will not be multiplied in the near future to accommodate more students. Some will be added for more flexibility and a better instructional environment, notably in science.

I welcome Mr. Thomas J. Slakey as the Academic Vice-President of Saint Mary's. I hope that many students will have the opportunity to meet him during the course of the year. I know that his profound interest in both students and scholarship will prove a great asset to the furthering of the traditions of Saint Mary's.

I know you will all join me in wishing every success to Brother Cassian Frye, who will become Director of Education of the Christian Brothers Schools on the West Coast in January. He has dedicated twenty years of very generous service to thousands of students by way of counsel and academic advising. Brother Ronald Isetti has energetically taken the reins of Dean of Studies, part-time for the present, full-time in January.

Escalation of costs and much red-tape has delayed the ground-breaking for the College Union. Hopefully, the

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Orientation

Student Government

In conjunction with the numerous changes being effected over the past couple of years at St. Mary's, the student government has also undergone a major reform in terms of student representation. Departing from the traditional form of each class electing a group of officers and having these representatives perform the function of a legislative body, i.e.-the Executive Council-the legislative duties are now divided between two distinct bodies:

- A) The Executive Council
- B) The Dormitory Council

Which derive their representation from:

- A) the individual floors of each dormitory-(Dormitory Council)
- B) each dormitory or dorm group (Augustine, De La Salle, Aquinas, Mitty, Justin and St. Joseph, Becket and More, Assumption and Benilde)-(Executive Council)
- C) the off-campus students-(also the Executive Council)

This re-distribution of the representational power highlights two main disadvantages which have been plaguing the effectiveness of student government. For with the call structure there was no effective or practical way for the four officers to communicate "en masse" with the members of their class and solicit suggestions and criticisms to relay back to the Executive Council. This problem even increased when class officers tried to disburse information from the Ex-Council back to their constituents. The "track work" involved proved to be too burdensome (which means nothing got done!).

Besides the difficulties encountered by dormitory residents, there was the responsibility that the

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Dr. Thomas J. Slakey

Dr. Thomas J. Slakey, a graduate of St. Mary's College, Laval University, and Cornell University, this term assumes the position of Vice-President of Academic Affairs, in which office he replaces

Dr. Rafael Allan Pollock. A Doctor of Philosophy, Slakey returns to St. Mary's with four years experience as a tutor at St. John's College of Annapolis and Santa Fe, during which time he served on that institution's Instructional Committee, a faculty group which advises the Dean on the

whole range of his responsibilities, on curriculum, on faculty appointments, and on general policies relating to students.

As Academic Vice-President, Dr. Slakey also intends to remain a teacher, although in his first term he shall forego any classroom activity so that he may first adjust to the responsibilities particular to his new station.

Admittedly baffled by the nature of his task as a result of the conflicting opinions of various members of the faculty,

student body, and administration of St. Mary's regarding what needs to be done at this campus, Dr. Slakey has not decided on a definite set of plans or intentions with which to effect any alterations at

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Welcome Week

By Jim Rodgers

The New Student Orientation Program for 1971. Sounds very imposing, formal and commanding, doesn't it? Scratch that impression because it is all wrong and has nothing to do with the feeling we want to convey.

What we do want to convey is welcome, relaxation, enjoyment, and friendship. St. Mary's is your home for a good part of the year and one should feel at ease in one's home. I know that to feel this way is not the easiest thing to do, being in a new place, surrounded by strangers. But that is why all the people involved in orientation are here--to make you feel welcome and at ease.

An orientation is a period of introduction and adjustment to a new environment and situation. This is just what we are trying to do, provide a time during which you can get used to living at St. Mary's. You will have to go through a lot of changes. Some of you have never been away from home on your own before. You will be meeting new people, be exposed to new ideas and life styles, and discover more about yourselves. You have to adjust to living with a roommate and to bring responsible for the course of your education.

We planned the various activities of Welcome Week to give you an idea of some of the aspects of living at St. Mary's. You will discover others on your own, from dorms, classes, and people. No one is obliged or forced to

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SAGA'S BACK

Saga Food Service has replaced Christian Brother's Catering which replaced Continental Foods, which replaced Saga in the first place. In this second venture at satisfying the voracious appetites and high standards of St. Mary's gourmet students, the saga personell have their work cut out for them.

Administrative Shuffle



(left to right) Brother William Beattie, Brother Louis Civitello, Brother Ronald Isetti.

New Assistants

Two newly established posts of presidential assistance as part of the revision of the administrative organization of the College have been filled by two faculty members, Brother William Beattie and Brother William Louis Civitello. In addition to their newly acquired positions both will continue as faculty members.

Brother William will assume the duties of presidential assistant for student affairs, becoming the chief student affairs officer of the College. In this respect he may recommend to the president the appointment, promotion and retention of the dean of

students, student body chaplain and director of athletics. He will assist and work in close conjunction with the chief administrators who retain broad authority for supervisory activities in the areas of policy, development, coordination and evaluation of student affairs.

Brother William graduated from St. Mary's College in 1952. For the next eleven years he taught in Christian Brothers high schools. From 1952-56 he was at Sacred Heart in San Francisco. He then taught at San Joaquin Memorial in Fresno for two years until 1958. His next assignment was Bakers-

Brother Mel

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nine to ten month project will soon be underway. There will, undoubtedly, be some inconvenience during construction. Your patience and cooperation will be greatly appreciated. The plans had to undergo modification to come within budget projections, but most of the desirable features have been retained.

Saga Food Service, Inc., is back at Saint Mary's after a three-year absence. We all hope that a balanced and agreeable program in food service has been selected. As you are probably aware from your own family experience, the inflationary spiral makes it difficult to keep quality food service within reasonable financial reach of most students. We hope that the Saga expertise, gained from service with many colleges across the Nation, can achieve agreeable results at SMC.

Welcome is extended to several new faculty members as well as to Mr. Thomas Brown, Assistant Dean of Students, Mr. Joe Cornelius, newest addition to the coaching staff, and to several new administrative and staff personnel.

The changes which have taken place during the summer were all made with the promotion of a vital intellectual life in mind. Also intended is the improvement of the quality of life supporting the traditional academic goals of the College. May all of us working together make the 108th year of Saint Mary's College one of great progress.

Brother Mel Anderson
President
Saint Mary's College

CHANGES

By Chris Warnshuis

Some changes have recently been made in the administrative organization of Saint Mary's College. This past July, a memorandum was released by Brother Mel Anderson in an attempt to clarify the motives behind these revisions. In the memorandum, Brother Mel reported the fact that the College enrollment in recent years has increased by 50 percent; and that more services are being offered to minority and female students. The College is now more than ever trying to offer more assistance to students in the non-academic areas. Brother Mel stated that "The internal operations of the College thus have become more complex, requiring some redefinition of administrative roles in order to improve the planning, coordination and evaluation of our work."

Due to this recent growth of external College affairs, the President will be less able to concentrate on the supervision of internal affairs. In an attempt to reduce the number of people reporting directly to the President, and, at the same time, in order to improve the coordination of internal operation, some reorganization of the College administration was found necessary. Now the College administration is divided into four broad sections: academic affairs, development, business affairs and student affairs.

The positions of Presidential Assistant for Business Affairs and Presidential Assistant for Student Affairs are newly created and are intended to emphasize the importance of the "educational mission of the College." Brother Mel stated that these positions will be filled by faculty members who will continue to teach. The Presidential Assistants will represent Brother Mel in the internal affairs of the College and "their primary duties will be to assist the administrators in those areas in policy development, planning, coordination and evaluation of all the activities in those areas." The duties of those administrators already involved in business and student affairs will not be changed except that they are now expected to report directly to and work with the Presidential Assistants.

It is hoped that these revisions will help to make the internal operations of the College function more

Slakey is New VP

The new Academic Vice-President hopes to spend this first portion of his tenure in discovering where the need for change lies with regard to the further development of St. Mary's as a liberal arts college. Dr. Slakey's concepts concerned with liberal arts education, and particularly Catholic liberal arts education, are, however, quite unambiguous.

Firstly, says Dr. Slakey, liberal education is not so much dependent on the subject matter with which it deals as with the manner in which a subject is taught. That is, more specifically, biology and physics can be proper content for a liberal arts curriculum if taught liberally, whereas literature and philosophy, if taught illiberally, defy the goals of such an education. Since he has been an instructor in all the aforementioned subjects, as well as in mathematics and foreign languages, Dr. Slakey has both experiential and conceptual grounds for his position. In a letter to Brother Mel Anderson, F.S.C., in which he accepted the request of the search committee to apply for the academic vice-presidency, Dr. Slakey expressed his viewpoint as follows:

"I am devoted to liberal arts colleges, and to St. Mary's College in particular. Such colleges take young men and women at one of the most crucial periods of their lives, the period of transition to full citizenship in the civil, moral, and intellectual worlds. They strive to help them become citizens who know what they think and why, and who therefore, when they lead or when they follow, do so not blindly, but as free men. Indeed I think that liberal education is of particular importance at this time, when the young seem less than ever disposed to be guided by established beliefs and customs and when they must genuinely make their own, what is valuable in the past if they are to expect it at all."

In his new post, Dr. Slakey is to be assisted and advised by four committees, namely the Academic Council, the Faculty Rank and Tenure Committee, the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, and the Library Committee.

orderly. Some work still remains to be done towards other standing committees within the College in order to improve administrative organization.

Student Government

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student government had in representing the students who lived off campus. Aside from a few notices placed in the Brickpile, the day-students had no practical voice in student government affairs.

However, students returning this September will take part in activating the new government structure. During the first several days of Freshman Orientation, new and transfer students alike will be acquainted with the structure and procedures for electing representatives. There will be two meetings schedules for these students by the Assmc officers to discuss a day-student organization to supplement the three elected day-student Senators who will be part

of the Executive Council. The first meeting will be on Monday the 11th at 10 o'clock a.m. in Dryden. The second will be Thursday at 3:00 p.m. at the same location.

The election on Thursday will be for a representative from each floor who will then become a member of the Dorm Council. Their term of office will last through January at which time there will be another election.

Then of course there will be the regular four ASSMC officers and four reps-at-large of the Ex-Council who are elected at the end of each fall semester thus providing for a carry-over in administrative personnel.

New Assistant Dean

Thomas Brown of Oakland has been named to the post of assistant dean of students for special programs at Saint Mary's.

Included among the duties of the position, which was established a year ago, is the coordination of special supported services for minority students. The new assistant dean will also take part in recruiting minority students, assign tutorial services, and develop a cultural affairs program.

Announcement of Brown's appointment was made in early July by the president of the college, Brother Mel Anderson. Brown, 22, recently graduated from the University of Southern California, from which

institution he earned a bachelor's degree in English. Previously the new assistant dean had attended Merritt College in Oakland and Saint Mary's College High School in Berkeley.

Along with his other duties, Brown plans to concentrate upon the retention of students through such means as councelling, a reexamination of curriculum, and remedial academic aid. "It's not enough to admit minority students, but every reasonable effort to retain them must be made," Brown stated.

Brown replaces Lenneal Henderson in this position, since the former assistant dean resigned earlier this year to accept a position with the University of San Francisco.

Ronald In

Cassian Out

Brother Mel made the following statement in announcing Brother Cassian's appointment to his new office: "On behalf of all of the College Community, our sincere gratitude goes to Brother Cassian for his tireless efforts and unexcelled dedication to the College. He will probably most appreciate our gratitude for the role in which an entire generation of

students remember him - trusted friend and valued advisor. I am sure everyone joins me in wishing him success and happiness in his new position."

In making the transition, however, Brother Ronald will share the office of dean of studies with Brother Cassian during the fall semester and will assume full responsibility



Brother Cassian Frye

at mid-year. The new dean of studies will also continue in his role as an assistant professor of history.

Brother Ronald is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of California, Berkeley. He received his B.A. degree with a major

Letter from Brother Albert

To the Class of 1975,
Greetings!

In this autumn semester when we formally convene for another academic year, it is a pleasure to extend a word of welcome to another class. Hence, I am happy to have the opportunity to greet the Class of 1975 -- and, also our transfer students to this campus -- through the medium of this issue of the Collegian.

At the outset, I should say it is the fervent hope of all of us associated with this campus that the experiences of this class in its curricular and extracurricular activities may be but prologues to lives that will be lived splendidly and usefully as alumni and alumnae in the years to come. We trust that the college careers of our men and women may prove to be investments which will pay them high dividends as they advance in the status of adulthood. And we pray too that the students of this class, through their fruitful exchange of ideas and through their stimulating confrontations with the personnel of this college community, may be adequately prepared to meet the challenging issues of our time.

The faculty will endeavor to reach the lives of the students who come to their classes not just through the fields of their competence alone; rather, they will endeavor to establish a healthy rapport with the students as they cultivate a spirit of understanding and even comradeship with them. This esprit-de-corps constitutes the very essence of the spirit of this campus. This spirit is initiated in the students' early years of campus life and nurtured through their upper division years. And such a spirit abides in the busy lives of our men and women as active, dedicated alumni and alumnae.

During the course of the current semester, it is my hope to meet the students of your class frequently. Good luck! God bless you! Have a good year!

**Brother U. Albert Rahill,
F.S.C.
Assistant to the President**

in history from the University of Pacific in 1959. In 1960 he obtained a

M.A. degree in history from UOP. He taught at Cathedral High School in

Los Angeles from 1963 to 1966. From 1966 until

joining the College faculty in 1968 he was at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento.

THE FORUM

The purpose of this column is to provide space for concerned faculty and students to express themselves, whether meaningfully or not, on whatever they may believe to be crucial to the community. Offerings may be of any length. It is not necessary to sign articles submitted to the Forum, if one is not interested in that sort of thing.

LECTURE PROGRAM DISCONTINUED

Funds have been withdrawn from the Saint Mary's lecture committee headed by Dr. Townshend for the coming school year. The program failed to arouse student support commensurate with the expense which it entailed. It appears, as a result, that no guest lecturers will speak on campus for a term.

In order to compensate for the dearth of external stimulation formerly supplied by the lecture program, some teachers in the college are already planning to provide discussions for the student body. If sufficient support for this makeshift lecture series is noticed, there may be some hope for a reinstatement of the former program.

The present author feels that these lectures should be regularly publicized, as it is conjectured that lack of information concerning the former series was in part responsible for the scanty attendance which the prior program had. The Collegian is to be exhorted to provide information for this new series, lest it continue to share the opprobrium consequent from the student lack of interest in these affairs.

If any member of the Collegian's staff, or any other student for that matter, considers that there are stronger reasons for neglecting this or any other sequence of lectures, he is invited to either express his own ignorance or explain everyone else's in this column.

Editor's note:

For those students who do not deserve the intimidation of the above Publius, the integral program still maintains its weekly symposium with guest speakers on subjects of general interest, which all are invited to attend at their own risk.

Also, in order to exculpate the administration of any premeditated viciousness, the funds were withdrawn by mistake. Brother Mel has stated that he will in fact reapportion the college's budget so that the guest speakers continue to come to the college. Still, the points made in the above articles are salient. It is true that almost no one has attended lectures in the past, and it is also well taken that the lecture series has received no publicity whatsoever from the Collegian. At least the latter of those two disgraces will not be true this year.

To succeed Brother Cassian Frye as dean of

Brother Cassian has been named to the post of Director of Education for the Christian Brother's West Coast Province by the Provincial of the San Francisco District.

After twenty years of outstanding service to St. Mary's College, Brother Cassian will be leaving to assume his new position. During the past twenty years he has served as a teacher and in various positions dealing with administration. He has held such posts as dean of men, dean of the college, and administrative president prior to latest position at St. Mary's College as dean of studies. He was a founding member of the Board of Regents in 1952. Since 1959 he has been a member of the governing body of the college, the Board of Trustees. He has also been director for the Christian Brother's Community at St. Mary's since 1969 in addition to his academic duties.



Brother Ronald Isetti

studies, Brother Mel Anderson, St. Mary's College president, has appointed Brother Ronald Isetti.



Joe Cornelius

Intra-Murals

By Gregg Helvey

St. Mary's has experienced many innovations in the past three years. The 4-1-4 semester system, dormitory renovations, the beginnings of a student union and co-education are among the many changes. Co-education, itself, has brought and will continue to bring modifications. This year, with the arrival of more women, the Intramural Program must expand appreciably.

Since the school has changed the Intramural Program must too. The first all-girl football team will be one of the many expansions. To initiate more participation, articles and pictures will appear in the Collegian. This will be headed by Joe Lightsey. John Fanucchi will introduce a Referee Review Board. John and the Intramural staff will interview and select people applying for

The athletic department has done more shuffling of coaches this year than might perhaps be imagined...One coach has resigned and two have been already appointed. One of the latter is Joe Cornelius.

Joe is the newest ad-

referee jobs. Bill Halford will handle all equipment. Any material to be used will come through Bill or the Director of Intramural Sports.

Another measure to increase participation will be a larger range of activities. We will continue with the three basic sports; football, basketball and baseball, but also provide additional sports to insure over-all participation. Another move will be the awarding of trophies to the outstanding players, teams and captains. A final trophy will be issued to the team, at the close of the year, with the best over-all record.

If you are a freshman or transfer student be sure to fill out the Intramural Questionnaire at registration. You must fill out this questionnaire if you expect to participate. You may also acquire forms from the Director of Intramural Sports. A selection of teams will begin the first week of school. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please contact the Director of Intramural Sports, Gregg Helvey, room 221, De La Salle.

Bookstore Hours

The St. Mary's College bookstore has announced that it will be open evenings during the opening week of school for the convenience of all students. During this time the bookstore is at the

service of those interested from 6:30 til 9:00 p.m. as well as the usual hours, 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 in the afternoon. The bookstore also reminds you that campus-pacs are already available.

CORNERED

Well, as far as the Athletic Department is concerned, there has been quite a bit of movement over the summer. This past vacation has seen one coach resign and two added to the athletic staff. Baseball Coach Floyd Baker left St. Mary's because of a difficulty in salary, and no replacement has been found yet. While Coach Baker was leaving two new faces showed up. These belong to George Rousakis and Joe Cornelius.

Although not much is known about Mr. Rousakis, I have found out

that he was the freshman and assistant soccer coach at Cal Berkeley under head man Bob Di Grazia. George, who is also a lawyer, will have some type of work in front of him if he expects to meet the Naval Post Graduate School by mid September. The coming football season not only has the best home game schedule that has ever been on the campus, but the team is likely to be at its strongest

• Those who owe Short Term emergency fund please try and settle up soon. Note change

• Sr. Therese

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Cornelius to head Track Team

dition to the coaching and academic staff within athletic department. His job for the coming year will consist of the creation and the operation of a track team, assistant football coach, teacher and to help Gregg Helvey with the development of the Intramural League.

It is interesting to note that Joe will have no easy go at establishing a track team. At the present there is very little equipment and no money for a team. However, some of those problems may be solved by the use of neighboring schools facilities that seem to be available.

Saint Mary's Collegian Sports Section

Baker Resigns

After a year which yielded the Gaels Baseball team with a W.C.A.C. record of 11-8-1 and fourth in league play, Coach Floyd Baker reluctantly resigned. Unfortunately Coach Baker left this summer over a salary difficulty and has left Athletic Director Don McKillip in search for an adequate replacement.

This coming year would have been Floyd Baker's third year as coach and, perhaps the most promising for St. Mary's, since the trend under his leadership has been one of winning. In his first year as coach, St. Mary's compiled a record of 11-33 for the year. Last year's team, strengthened by some key transfer students piled up an 20-19-2 record; the first .500 year that St. Mary's Baseball has seen in a long time.

Coach Baker, who holds M.A. and B.A. degrees in history, will take up duties in the Fall for the San Ramon School District. At that time he will teach history and become the head baseball coach for one of their teams.

in four years of varsity competition. Many of the regulars will be back like Julio Lopez, Jim Datrice, Pat Madison, Jerry Murphy and also many transfers and in coming freshmen that are sure to add strength to the Gaels. Such names as John Dyer, a freshman from Clayton Valley High School and Jim Peters from the College of Marin may be heard quite often. Dyer was voted to the Contra Costa All-Star Team and Jim, who is a 6-2, 206 pound quarterback, was named the top athlete for two years at his old alma mater. Coupled with last years winning season, a strengthened Gaels football team should be very interesting in the Fall.

Football Schedule

Sept. 18-Claremont-away
Sept. 25-Pomona-SMC
Oct. 2-La Verne-away
Oct. 9-Asuza Pacific-SMC
Oct. 23-USF-SMC
Oct. 30-Sac. State-SMC
Nov. 6-Loyola-SMC
Nov. 13-Oregon Tech-away
Nov. 20-Cal Poly Pomona-away

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go anywhere or do anything. The idea of one class having control over another went out long ago, fortunately. You are on your own here. We hope you will enjoy what we have planned because you want to.

I had no intention of listing every activity of Welcome Week in this article. Nor did I have the intention of giving one of those living-here-is-what-you-make-it speeches. You will soon form your own opinion of our community life. I wanted to impart only the spirit of Welcome Week. I can only say look around and enjoy yourselves!

Jim Rodgers

Help Wanted!

This year's Collegian is out of everything. There is almost no staff, no materials for production (i.e. typewriters), and no respectable tradition. In light of these disconcerting facts the Collegian now asks that anyone interested in contributing to a sensible school newspaper come to the paper's office in the basement of Augustine Hall, or leave his or her name and room number in P.O. Box 13.

A meeting for sympathizers and mockers of all sorts is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Collegian office, Augustine 110.

Student Center

From the office of Brother Jerome comes unfortunate but not disastrous news concerning the commencement of construction of the proposed student center, which was to take place this summer. Groundbreaking on the \$1.4 million college union, Ferrogiaro Center, is now anticipated for late September.

To be completed in the fall of 1972, this new addition to the campus will contain facilities for such student activities as publications, clubs and organizations, student body offices, student-faculty lounge, a new Brickpile, post office, recreation activities, and music-drama-movie center.

Spiraling construction costs, however, have necessitated some changes in original plans. Since the lowest bidder submitted a contract \$350,000 in excess of projected costs, major revisions had to be made.

Following lengthy discussions that included a meeting on June 22 between the campus planning committee and Brother Mel, a decision was made to cut back on the size of the project and stay within the budget rather than seek more funds in either the form of a larger HUD loan or additional donations from private sources.

The reason for such a decision was largely the concern that such a move would have detrimental effects on other projects, especially the proposed science complex. It was the feeling of the committee in general that by seeking additional funds for the college union the science complex could very well suffer.

In assaying priorities in the college union the campus planning committee reached a unanimous decision to eliminate the multi-purpose room. This elimination at once keeps the essentials of the college union project intact and also enables the project to proceed with minimal delay.

Representatives of HUD have met with college officials and general approval has been granted for the changes. Anticipated cost for the development remains at \$1.4 million, with the financing consisting of a long term loan of approximately \$900,000 from HUD and \$500,000 from private donors.