Fr. Gardner Named To Student Relations Post

The Rev. Royal J. Gardner, O.P., has been named Vice President for Student Relations at Providence College. The announcement was today by the Very Rev. William Paul Haas, O.P., president.

Father Gardner succeeds the Very Rev. James Michael Murtaugh, who was recently elected Prior of the Dominican Order of Providence College. Father Gardner has been on the Providence College faculty in 1955, served with student-community relations, and is also concerned with student-community relations, and is also concerned with student-community relations.

The Vice President for Student Relations will be responsible for the Directors of Residence, Students Affairs, Placement, Counseling and Research. In his new position Father Gardner maintains communication with all student leaders and is also concerned with student-community relations.

Father Gardner, who was first assigned to the Providence College faculty in 1956, served as director of admissions until 1966 at which time he became Prior of St. Thomas Aquinas Priory at Providence College.

Father Gardner is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., where he received his early schooling. He is a 1945 graduate of Providence College and entered the Dominican Order the same year. In 1950, he received the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology and was ordained to the priesthood the following year in Washington, D.C. He received the degree of Master of Arts in Moral Theology.

He was president of the New England Association of Admissions Officers and Registrars in 1965, and also served as dean of admissions at Providence College. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Catholic College Admission Council. The Dominican Order has appointed him to the England Guidance and Personnel Committee of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph.

Evaluation Set For February; Results To Be Made Public

This year the faculty evaluation poll will again be conducted over a three-day span in open form and arranged similar to that used in previous years. The first semester evaluation, scheduled for February 4, 5, and 6 will be held in the Alumni Hall Annex.

The Faculty Evaluation Committee of the Student Congress had hoped to be able to conduct the evaluation within the individual classes, and was unsure of a greater degree of student participation. It was decided, however, that the response to a letter sent to the entire faculty staff regarding the evaluation was not sufficient to make this project feasible.

Sixty-five per cent of the 121 faculty members submitted responses to the committee letter. Of those answering the letter, 88 faculty members agreed to allow the poll to be conducted within their classes. Twenty-three teachers refused to grant this permission, and an additional six members wished to reserve their decision until after they had seen the questions.

The committee is in the process of preparing the ballot. The format of the questions will be similar to that used in last year's poll. Evaluation in use at other colleges and universities have also been studied, and the committee will attempt to incorporate the merits of these forms into the evaluation questions.

The Very Rev. Royal J. Gardner

The planned production of "Marrat Sadu" by the Genesians and "She Loves Me" by the Providence Players will be held at the Alumni Hall Annex.

"She Loves Me" will be performed in its entirety. The production has been designed by Mr. Robert Deasy, Fr. Thomas Cunningham, and Mr. Daniel Graziano '70. Non-student participants will be Fr. Robert Deasy, Fr. Thomas Coskey, and Mr. John F. Cunningham.

Both of these forums will be open without charge to all students and guests. Questions and comment from the audience will be encouraged.

Genesiens Scrap 'Sade' In Favor of Musical

The hit Broadway musical "She Loves Me" will be produced by the Genesians and scheduled to run in the Alumni Hall Annex. The production was decided upon by the committee in charge of the Musical Festival.

John Kenny, chairman of the Student Congress, has enlisted the help of Guido Zannini, a junior psychology major. Zannini spent last summer in New York working on a large-scale drive for Biafra. Mr. Stephen Lammers of the Religious Studies Department is serving as faculty advisor to the drive.

Kenny said, "the main purpose of the drive is to help in the alleviation of human misery caused by the Nigerian-Biafran conflict. Hunger is the overwhelming problem that necessitates this campus drive, for it is estimated that 6,000 Biafrans die every day from starvation. To some minds this is a conservative estimate, for the most part these deaths are among women and children. Another tragic problem is in many cases the degree of malnutrition is such that these lives may not be reversed. If you desire to take an active part in the elimination of this human misery, then plan to attend the organizational meeting."

Fr. Gardner will speak at the organizational meeting on Tuesday, December 11, and the forum will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Hall Annex.
Although nearly three-quarters of the seniors majoring in Political Science signed a petition asking for the abolition of the comprehensive examination, the Department has decided to retain the exam. The consideration of this issue, the intention of the exam should be noted by the student, and its only quasi-permanent nature should be realized by the department.

The intention of the exam is to see how well a student is able to generalize on the subject matter with which they have been acquainted. For those who have been reading these studies, this does not seem too much to ask. Those who do fail the test are able to retake it.

It must be remembered that the entire Political Science Department has undergone an extensive upgrading over the last few years and that this examination is a part of the upgrading. It is true that one of the exam's initial and, to a certain extent, for the present purpose, was to act as a final screening tool, but now it serves more as an examination of the presentation of the course material. This is an essential part of the Department's attempt at upgrading.

The results of this year's exam will be very significant, for the present seniors are the first to go through the "new system." On the basis of their performance, the Department should seriously examine re-taing these exams. Dr. Friedemann has said that he is in favor of doing away with the comprehensive, but not until he is satisfied with the quality of the Department and its students. As the exams have not been able to project exactly when this will be, but if it is shown in the near future that the students in the exam of the desired high quality, then the comprehensive exam would not be kept unnecessarily.

The Department should be commended for its request to the Committee on Studies to change the format of the exam, but it also should not look upon the comprehensive as a permanent requirement of the department.

After consideration by the members of the Political Science Department, it was decided that comprehensive examinations will again be required by all seniors in the department.

Consideration of the exams came about due to a petition which was submitted to the department asking for the abolition of the comprehensive exams. After looking at three of the four seniors in Political Science signed the petition.

Department head Dr. Zygmunt Friedemann said that he realizes that the student's have a valid objection in that the questions on the exams do seem redundant, but the department is making an attempt to correct this. Written comprehensive examinations are required this year, but before Friedemann, the Political Science Department petitioned the Committee on Studies to eliminate the requirement that these exams be taken.

"We are asking the Committee on Studies to eliminate the requirement of written comprehensive so that the department can have more flexibility in administrative tests. If this occurs, then the students will have a choice either to take a written or an oral exam," the department head said.

He also suggested the possibility of allowing selected members of the department to write a thesis instead of taking the comprehensive exam.

According to Friedemann, the comprehensive is designed to see how well a student is able to generalize on the subject matter he has been acquainted with.

The exam itself consists of three questions which correspond to the three required courses in the department. Of these three questions, one is mandatory and the remaining two must be answered. A bonus question concerning something that you are also on the test.

"A basic misconception," Friedemann said, "is that this exam serves as a supportive tool. At first it was used as a final screening, but now it is not used to screen. We want to find out how our student's can generalize on the mathematics that they have been dealing with and if it is also a test for the faculty members, it shows how we are faring in presenting our analytical tools.

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Examination of Black Power: Part III

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By ROBERT MCINTYRE

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In the Monday night meeting of the Student Congress, three proposals introducing changes to the official student handbook were approved. Ralph Pagliari was discussed and approved.

Pagliari's first bill requested that the Office of Administration at the college provide a copy of the official student handbook to all freshmen candidates for enrollment prior to the mailing date of the letter of acceptance by the College.

In presenting the bill, Pagliari argued that the students had received a copy of the handbook only after having returned their acceptance notice and initial tuition payment. Since most freshmen are within the limits of their personal contact with the academic and administrative atmosphere at F.C., it was felt that the handbook cannot be taken as a sufficient and responsible consideration in one's decision to enroll at the College.

The second piece of legislation to be considered was a bill created in the Senate and referred to the Office of the Dean. The proposal stated that the current standards for graduation with honors, as they pertain to the present Junior Class, had been increased to the previous level. In effect, this bill would require the present "cum laude" requirement of a cumulative point index of 3.25 to 3.1, which had been applicable in past years.

Pagliari stated that since the Class of 1970 had entered the College while the 3.1 cumulative grade point was in effect and since it had spent half of its time in college career and five years that requirement, the newly instituted standards should not apply to the Class.

The final bill introduced at this meeting was an annual award to be presented by the Student Congress to the non-Congressman who has exhibited the most interest and involvement in student government.

Pagliari suggested three criteria for awarding this honor: the individual's participation in Student Congress meetings, the amount of work a candidate has done in conjunction with the Congress, and the degree to which he has influenced student opinion as a whole. The award would be presented in addition to the Man of the Year Award which the Congress traditionally gives to the faculty or alumna member who has shown sincere dedication to the progress of the College community. In contrast to the Man of the Year award, the recipient of the award was to be a specific student, and a person in reasonable condition can pass this test.

Once this series of tests was completed, the Company K moved to the Physical Training Center (PTC). The physical training test is a test given to all army personnel and every cadet must pass it if he is to graduate from summer camp. The last test this Friday the first person participating in the test must do the low crawl for forty yards in the quickest possible time. The second phase of the test is composed of a horizontal ladder with rungs of the ladder as possible within the time span of one minute.

The third section of the test consists of the run, dodge and jump. Here the cadet must use his speed and coordination to maneuver through a series of gates and jump a six foot wide ditch in the quickest possible time. The fourth phase of this test can be either the grenade throw or the 150 yard man carry. This weekend the Pershing Riflemen did the man carry which consists of running with a person of smaller weight on your back for a distance of 150 yards. The fifth and last test in the Physical Training Test is the mile run. This test is designed to be a test of endurance, speed and teamwork.