

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Report of the Instructor of Journalism

To the Head of the English Department

Father:

I have the honor of submitting this report of the Journalism Section of the English Department.

I. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT.

With the opening of the 1947-48 college year, journalism courses were offered at St. Bonaventure College for the first time since before World War II. It is primarily to apprise the Dean of Studies of St. Bonaventure College and the chairman of the Arts and Science Division and head of the English Department, as well as other interested persons, of what has been accomplished since the re-introduction of a journalism curriculum in September, 1947, that this report has been prepared.

There is a second purpose. The report has been arranged to serve as a guide to responsible faculty leaders in taking any steps towards the expansion of the journalism program, now or in the future. As an extension of this purpose, certain points are delineated in the form of recommendations. These are based on experience and research, much of the latter gathered through personal studies and surveys and published here for the first time.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE JOURNALISM PROGRAM

The peace and progress of the world today depends in great measure upon a responsible use of press and radio. We have at hand the means of sharing our thoughts and our ideals with every nation in the world. Now, more than ever, when the Catholic college has special responsibilities toward society, the need is clearly manifest and urgent to prepare young men and women of responsible character to enter professional careers in journalism and other fields of communication.

The Journalism Section of St. Bonaventure College, marking the challenge, has formulated these distinct objectives:

1. To educate students to understand and apply the principles of journalism;
2. To provide, as far as possible, means of practical application of techniques learned in the classroom;
3. To stress in any journalism program a cultural background gained through journalistic and non-journalistic courses, and to incorporate some knowledge of relationships between journalism and Catholicism.

These objectives are related, of course, to the larger objectives of the college in educating men and women in basic human knowledges