

Report of the Head of the Department of Journalism  
at St. Bonaventure University  
for the Academic Year, 1950-51

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Division of Arts and Letters

The following report of the head of the Department of Journalism for the academic year, 1950-51, is hereby submitted for your information and approval.

I. Accomplishments

1. Status of the Department. Development of the Department of Journalism during its second full academic year continued along a course aimed essentially at improvement of existing facilities. No major problems, with the possible exception of the university-wide decrease in enrollment, presented themselves. The quality of instruction was improved and at times corrected to meet the requirements of a changing profession through minor revisions in course content. In general, then, this first academic year under the new university was one of refining upon that which had been blocked out roughly in previous years under the college.
2. Courses. The curriculum of the department remained the same with one exception. Journalism 340 (Journalism in Secondary Education) was offered during the 1950 Summer Session for the first time as an answer to the demands of those teaching journalism or directing public relations policies in high schools. The course was decided upon after studying the initial results of the change in New York state requirements which permits journalism as one of the substitutes for fourth year English. Graduate credit is granted for the course provided a term paper is written.  

Syllabi for all courses were revised and mimeographed during the summer of 1950 and made available to all interested persons.
3. Personnel. Continuing efforts were made to improve the professional standing of faculty members by encouraging advance study, writing for publication, and attendance at professional meetings.
  - a. Studies. Faculty members continued advanced studies during the summer of 1950. Mr. John Maloney took graduate courses in English and history at St. Bonaventure while also teaching. Professor Jandoli started work on a doctorate at New York University and in September began studies at St. Bonaventure for a second master's degree.