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The Rev. Brian F. Duffy, O.F.M.
Dean of the University

Reverend and dear Father Brian:

In response to your request, I am hereby submitting a brief outline of our academic objectives for 1955-56.

It is expected that our situation next year will be one of status quo as far as the physical necessities of the department are concerned.

Our plans for improvement in the quality of instruction include (a) the use of more professional lecturers in the classroom; (b) a continuing emphasis on integration of journalism course material with the humanities and the social sciences; (c) intensification of laboratory experience; (d) wider use of audio-visual material; (e) instruction in certain classes in photographic work; (f) the breaking down of formal class instruction in some classes to discussion groups.

Our plans for research and self-improvement on the part of the departmental faculty include (a) continued article writing; (b) attendance at scholarly meetings, particularly those of the Catholic Press Association and the Association for Education in Journalism; (c) the production of a mimeographed outline history of Catholic journalism in the U.S.; (d) the production of a paper on an analysis of recent educational thought regarding social studies instruction for students in schools and departments of journalism in the U.S.; (e) completion of class work by the department chairman on a Ph.D. degree at New York University; (f) starting on a master's program by Mr. Mlachak.