

ACADEMIC PROGRESS AT PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

During the past few years Providence College has made definite progress in all fields of academic endeavor. The curriculum changes necessitated by war in preparing young men for responsible positions in the Armed Services of our country as well as the academic adjustments necessitated under the Army Specialized Training Program were met with a minimum of conflict.

The Commanding Officer of the First Service Command, General Sherman Miles, made a special trip to the College shortly after the termination of the program to extend his personal thanks and sincere appreciation for the high caliber of instruction which more than 700 young enlisted men had received at Providence College.

With the return to peacetime education, Providence College has been just as alert to meet the needs of returning service men for peacetime pursuits. Providence College has been under contract with the Veterans Administration for the past two years to educate veterans both under Public Law 16 (Disabled Veterans) and Public Law 346 (the G.I. Bill of Rights.)

Departments have been enlarged both in faculty and facilities to meet these needs. At present we are laying plans to meet the highest enrollment in the history of the College with the registrations up to the 1,000 mark already for next September. In fact, we have had to curtail and then stop registration of new students for September. We intend to take back all former students returning as veterans.

During all this time we are deeply grateful to the faculty for their cooperation and untiring efforts to keep these varied programs operating with the highest efficiency. We fully realize that at times they have carried heavy programs and taken on new courses which call for many hours of preparation. Under an accelerated

program with their many other duties, including meeting Sunday assignments, they have at all times given generously of their time and their counsel in drawing up new programs. We are also grateful to them for assistance in helping us to draw the accelerated program to its termination by teaching a Summer Session for all second term students. In this way, we shall be in a position to start a normal school year in September and terminate in June.

We feel honored in the services rendered by so many of our faculty to the Armed Services of our Country and the enviable records they have made. It not only sheds glory on Providence College but on the Dominican Order. We are further inspired by the real enthusiasm with which these chaplains have returned to the classroom.

All indications point to further academic progress at Providence College, which in no small measure is due to the keen interest manifested in Providence College by our Very Reverend Father Provincial.