

# Grad Department Boasts Distinguished Personnel

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Less well known among the departments at Canisius is the Graduate Department which offers Master of Arts degrees in English, History, Education, and chemistry.

According to the Rev. Herbert J. Clancy, S.J., Director of Graduate Studies, there are at the present time approximately 300 students in the program, with a faculty of 26.

The Education Department, headed by John A. Muscalus, Ph.D., has the bulk of the students enrolled. Over 200 are studying for their degree of Master of Education. Most of the students are teaching in schools; a great many Sisters are also completing their graduate work.

In the graduate program of the Chemistry Department are about 50 students. The History and English Departments divide the remaining 50 students almost equally.

## Faculty Members

Charles A. Brady, Ph.D., whose latest literary work, a novel, will be published in the spring by E. P. Dutton, is chairman of the English Department. Roger B. Dooley, James J. McKenzie, Ph.D., and William V. Sieller round out that department. Father Clancy himself heads the History section.

Perhaps the most familiar name on the faculty is the Rev. Robert T. Bapst, Ph.D., former Superintendent of schools in the city of Buffalo. He is teaching Personnel Relationships in School Administration to a class of about 33 students.

Two graduates of the University

of Budapest who were forced to flee before the Communist tyranny in Hungary are also on the faculty. They are the Rev. Stephen Gerencser and the Rev. Damian Szodenyi. Both are Doctors of Philosophy.

Although there is no guarantee that a student will be permitted by the Selective Service officials to finish his graduate work once he has started, Father Clancy does not think this is a serious threat to the future of the school. He feels that the presence of many women and sisters will offset this loss. In addition, almost all the male students are veterans or are out of the age classifications currently being called by the draft.

Father Clancy pointed out that registration has risen this year and is hopeful that in the future several new courses will be offered. He has high hopes that within a few years a program leading to the doctorate will be established.

The usual time for work on a Master's Degree is two years, although it is possible with Summer Sessions and accelerated classes to fulfill the requirements in a shorter time.

The classes are held in the late afternoon and evening and on Saturday mornings. These are scheduled so as to fit the time requirements of those who hold outside jobs.