Departments in distress

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ENG 376 - The Intransigent Experi- ence. ENG 262 - Images of Aging in Li- terrature. ENG 331 - Joyce & Yeats. What do these courses have in common? They are all English courses offered in the Spring. Of 1997. None of them, however, will be offered in the Spring of 1999. While the number of overall courses and sections has gone up, the numbers in certain areas, English among them, has gone down. The main reason, according to Mr. Thomas W. Schroeder, acting chair of English, is that his department, like others, is losing professors. "Quite simply, for one thing, they have not found anyone to take the place of people in this department who have retired fully, are partially retired, or otherwise left. "They haven't replaced shoreperson—they're let it slide. What this means is every semester is that quantity..."

Senator Schumer speaks on schools

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The College was honored Monday night to welcome University Senator Charles E. Schumer to the Canisius community in the Grupp Fireside Lounge.

A capacity crowd attended Senator Schumer's presentation, part of the William H. Fitzpatrick Chair of Political Science Lecture Series inaugurated in 1962 with a visit by the Honorable Harry S. Truman, thirty-third President of the United States.

Paul E. and Walter D. Fitzpatrick will be offering 18 sections this Fall as opposed to the 23 it had the previous Fall. Physical Education has 44 sections this Fall as opposed to the 50 it had last Fall. In addition Sports Medicine offered only 18 sections this semester after offering 23 the previous Fall. Also losing faculty is Biology, as it will have 54 sections (including Labs) next semester as opposed to the 61 it had three years ago, a 10 percent loss. Despite the change in the course offerings, Dr. Paula Dehn of the Biology Department explained, "we've down one faculty member because of a loss but that person will be replaced. We're really not in dire straits." Similarly Dr. Peter Schaber of the Chemistry department noted that despite the loss of professors in analytical and organic chemistry, they will be fortified with replace- ments. "If we had more people we could offer more area studies," but, he de- clared, "we can't offer seniors a good variety of electives." F r .

Benjamin Fiore, S.J., chair of Religious Stud- ies clarifies that immediate faculty replacement is not always possible. "Two members of the faculty who left last year have taken very unique courses out of the lineup." He is referring to the department's loss of Fr. Steven Hawkes-Torres, S.J.

Dr. James P. McDermott to the Arts and Sciences dean, who has left a considerable gap in the Eastern and Comparative religious studies which formerly provided a wide array of courses that are now solely taught by students.

O n l y one adjunct professor has been al- lotted to help this situation, and Reli- gious Stud- ies doesn't predict getting funding to replace full timers any time soon. "People leave and the money doesn't remain in the department," Fr. Fiore commented. "The money leaves and goes to a department that the Col- lege decides has stronger needs."