

# 'Student Power' Meeting Yields Varied Opinions

New York —(RNS)— Definitions of "student power" varied during a conference on the topic at the John LaFarge Institute here.

The conference drew together nine leaders from Rutgers and Fordham Universities, Manhattanville College, and Hunter College-in-the-Bronx for an off-the-record afternoon session and subsequent press conference.

Typical of one approach was that of Dennis Ruppel, Student Government president at Fordham, who said the "whole question of student power is how the university can best be a stimulating atmosphere."

"What I'd like to see come from student power," said Mr. Ruppel, "is education power."

Dr. Glen T. Nygreen, dean of students and professor of sociology at Hunter College in the Bronx, agreed, claiming that student power advocates "make a serious mistake when they attack structures as the things they oppose. . . . Student power should not focus in structure, but on what education is about."

Dr. Nygreen argued that structures are a necessary part of the university experience,

but called for radical changes in the curriculum. "Curriculum," he quipped, "is precisely the enrichment of self-interest in the faculty." Following the press conference, Dr. Nygreen explained that curricula are usually developed "by the faculty playing in departmental politics."

Another approach was voiced by Dean Earle Clifford of Rutgers University. "I'm glad to see the word student attached to student power," he said.

"This means they're seeking power as students."

"The reason students are seeking student power is because in the past they have been denied appropriate power (as students) and forced into the position of becoming experts in food service, curriculum, social rules, athletics and grading."

Some of the participants called for more student involvement in the politics of university decisions. Steve Weissman,

a political science teacher at Fordham, charged that the university has refused to let students develop "a real political constituency."

Although Miss Mary Beth Berry, president of the Student Council at Manhattanville College, said the Student Power movement "has to deal with the educational experience (no one understands how to educate people, or with what)," she called for student control over the personal aspects of their

life, such as parental rules.

The vice-president and Dean of Students at Fordham, Dr. Martin Meade, observed that the dictum, "education takes place in spite of the university," is a basic point of student power. But he argued that curriculum changes could take place only through a change in structures and the basic attitude of all involved.

As an example of a structural change he cited a proposal being considered at Fordham for a University Senate, which would give, to 20 students, 20

faculty, and seven administration officials the determination of university policy—on a one-man-one-vote basis.

Dr. Reginald Bishop, associate dean and romance languages professor at Rutgers, said the student's participatory right in university affairs rests on his right to be educated. "The student is educated in spite of the university," he claimed. "Each man has to educate himself."

The John La Farge Institute is an interreligious conference center affiliated with America, national Catholic weekly, and directed by Father Thurston N. Davis, S.J.

## Anglican Service For Mixed Marriage

Oxford, England —(NC)— A Catholic was granted permission to marry a Protestant in the Anglican cathedral here.

Both, however, assured Catholic authorities that any children will be brought up as Catholics.

The marriage, with special permission from the Vatican, took place in the Anglican cathedral here between Dr. Priscilla Fogarty, 24-year-old daughter of Prof. Michael Fogarty, well-known Catholic sociologist and economist, and Dr. Matthew Stallard, 28, son of Canon Frederic Stallard, and Anglican clergyman.

Canon Stallard conducted the Anglican marriage service and Father John Crozier, a Catholic pastor in Oxford, read the Gospel and Collect, spoke and gave a blessing. The cathedral dean also gave a blessing.

In connection with the wedding Archbishop George P. Dwyer of Birmingham issued a special statement:

"The essential requirement for marriage is the exchange of consent by bride and groom," the statement said. "However, when a Catholic marries the Church normally requires for validity that the priest officiate at the marriage as official witness of the Church. This is to safeguard the sacramental validity of Christian marriage."

"Since Canon Stallard was naturally anxious to celebrate the marriage of his own son, the bishop of the Catholic bride laid the matter before His Holiness the Pope, who, in view of these exceptional circumstances and on hearing that the Catholic upbringing of any children was assured, readily relaxed the Church's law to allow him to do so."

## Salaries Increased

Evansville, Ind. — (NC) — The Evansville Senate of Priests recommended, and Bishop Paul Leibold immediately approved, increased priests' salaries.

Also approved was a plan for altering Mass stipends. Stipends will be set at \$2 a Mass, regardless of whether it is a high or low Mass. All offerings for weddings and funerals will go to the officiating priest, and other stole fees will be eliminated.

Priests' salaries will go from \$100 to \$145 a month, and their car allowance will be raised from \$20 to \$40 a month.



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## Urge Catholic Colleges To Federate

Cleveland —(RNS)— A committee of experts has advised the six Catholic institutions of higher learning here to establish a federation.

Under its proposal, the four colleges and two seminaries would retain their own identities but would cooperate in these ten fields:

Seminary and theological studies, nursing, teaching and graduate study; exchange of men and women students; coordination of programs and courses; library and facility sharing; faculty and student recruitment; and in business affairs and development.

Schools involved in the study are John Carroll University, 4,600 students; Ursuline College for Women, 520; St. John College, a nursing and teaching school with 675 students, nearly all women; Notre Dame College, 610 students, all women; and two seminaries, Borromeo College with 200 men and St. Mary Seminary with 110. John Carroll is considered a "male college" but many students are women enrolled in "night school" classes which often begin in the morning.

The schools have been cooperating for several years in many areas, notably library interchange and a few instances of classroom interchange. They maintain a common school calendar.

## Catholic Schools Expansion Plans

Flint, Mich. —(NC)— Spiraling construction costs have made it necessary to abandon plans to build two new Catholic central high schools here.

Instead, two existing parish high schools will be modernized, expanded and converted into central schools.

The cost of erecting two new central high schools to serve some 4,000 students in the Flint area had been estimated at close to \$10 million. A fund drive begun last March has thus far reached only \$4.6 million in contributions and pledges.

Under the new plan, the two existing schools will be converted for an estimated \$4 million. They will enroll 2,800 students.

Seven parish high schools will be closed when the converted Catholic central schools are opened in September, 1970.

Father William F. Meyers, Lansing diocesan superintendent for education, said the revised plan has his full support and will equal the discarded plan for high standards of curriculum, administration, facilities and staffing.

"We want to teach children," he said, "not build buildings that keep us from teaching children."

Additional funds raised in the school campaign will be used for endowments, scholarships and similar purposes.

## Plan Shopping Center Church

Bristol, England —(RNS)— Bristol's Baptists will build a church above ten shops in the heart of this busy city's main shopping area, at a cost of \$520,000. It will be reached by stairs and an elevator.

The new church will be in the Broadmead shopping area, where an existing church, which has stood on a Baptist site since 1640, is being demolished. Broadmead's modern shops are a result of post-war development.

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