

Nazareth Educator Assesses Role

'You Realize You Need Something Different'

By MONICA REEVES

Leaning back in one of those marvelous chairs that swivels, rocks and does everything for your comfort but stand on its head, Dick Donovan looks across the mass of papers, books and notes on his desk and then lets his eyes wander to the window overlooking Nazareth College's rolling greenness of East Avenue.

Standing up, he walks to the window and looks down and out. Now he's surveying much more than the scenery. You've just asked him to look over the 31 years of his life and tell Courier-Journal readers all about it in 25 words or less.

An hour and a half and many more than 25 words later.

The First Year

Richard Donovan's present claim to fame (in his business, there's little talk of fortune) is that he's chairman of the English Department at Nazareth College and just generally helped to generate much of the activity that's been taking place there this year, his first on campus.

There was that Oscar Wilde birthday party in the fall, the theater trip to Montreal, the James Joyce soiree in February . . . or yes, the Canterbury Pilgrimage at the end of April. James McCallers was here a few weeks back. . . .

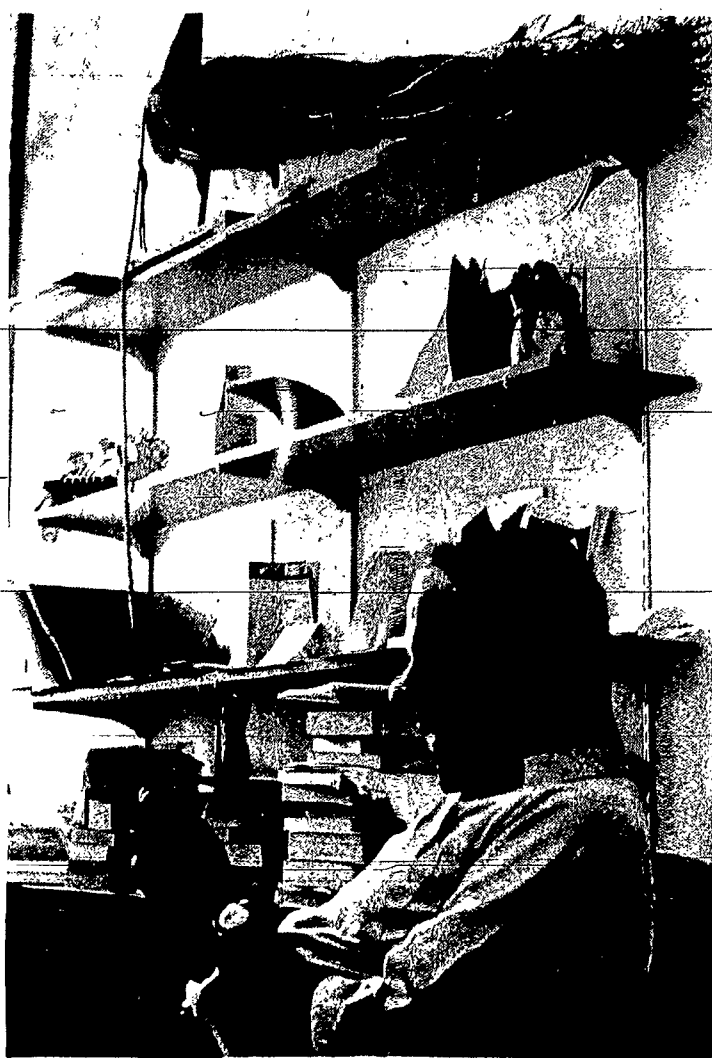
A Rochester native, Donovan is a graduate of John Marshall High School, worked at Notre Dame University for his B.A.

and M.A., and did his doctoral work at the University of Minnesota. He taught at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Stonecrest in Washington, D.C. (a government-sponsored school for bright, disadvantaged youngsters), and summer school at both St. John Fisher and Nazareth colleges.

"Next year ought to do this one. For one thing, there'll be a larger English department. I've been bouncing around recruiting . . . from Trinity, Princeton, Calcutta, India. There'll be a film-making course next fall. And, if funds are available, it looks as if Project Upward Bound, the government's program for encouraging kids from low-income families to get themselves into college—and stay in—may find itself in operation at Nazareth next summer."

Taking a Stab

More immediately, Donovan is taking a modern drama course into Rochester's inner city this fall, and bringing inner city people to Nazareth for a Shakespeare seminar. Both projects are aimed at taking a stab at metropolitan problems and exposing Nazareth students to the "other half." Working with Project Unique in an attempt to define a relevant program of adult education for persons with neither the resources nor the time to obtain a college degree in the conventional manner, Donovan intends to lay out a course of action and send an appeal for funds to Albany this summer.



Dick Donovan in his office at Nazareth College.

looking over various Upward Bound projects, and he'll continue to do so this summer.

How does a man, who has, up until now, spent most of his life in the "Ivory tower" that is so often the academic life, become so involved with what it's like on the "outside"?

"I supposed its a case of reaching a point where you begin to believe what you're seeing. A degree itself becomes important . . . your priorities are reversed.

"You just become suspicious of the atmosphere . . . you realize it's divorced from life. Everyone who you see in scholarship 'the surging life force.'" The day you received that Ph.D. you thought you had really arrived.

"You realize that you need something different . . . something more challenging and meaningful than the system that has sponsored you. You need an immediate antidote to the stodginess and conservatism that scholarship often encourages. It's important to reappraise yourself and your philosophy of education.

"When I was working at Stonecrest, in D.C., I saw the 'ambulance.' You can't live in a city that is 65 per cent black, living in squalor . . . seeing this in contrast to the rest of those operating in the upper echelons of the government. It's a constant dramatic reminder of the horror of the ghetto, and a crushing commentary on our society."

This will not be Donovan's first experience with the heartaches and headaches of the urban crisis. As a consultant for the Office of Economic Opportunity since August, he's been

Gets Naval Academy Appointment

Alfred M. Joseph, an Aquinas Institute senior, has received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, according to an announcement received this week from the Secretary of the Navy. A member of Holy Rosary parish, Joseph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Joseph, Kisslingbury St.

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Assisting the Bishop in the blessing ceremony were Father Herbert Sturges, former pastor from 1934 to 1951, Father Bernard Kuchman, pastor and Very Reverend Father Raymond J. Wahl, vicar of the area.

General chairman of arrangements for the Bishop's visit was Eudice St. Pierre, assisted by Lena Hartman, organist; Corinne Wilkes, choir director; Gerald Baader, ushers; Robert Cullinan, decorations; Agnes Musnicki and Frank Eckert, programs; Don Bouchar and Julian Fox, traffic.

Bishop Sheen's talk at Mass stressed Old Testament history on the construction of the "House of God" and the significance of the opening of a new temple.

Nuns Invited To Lectures

Sisters of the Rochester Diocese are invited to two public lectures on religious life next week at Nazareth College.

Augusta Neal, SND, will be the speaker.

Both talks will be given in the college gymnasium. Between those two sessions, conference participants will hear speakers on such topics as: the theology of vocation, role of the vocation director; and practical helps for developing visual programs. The conference, a first for this group, will explore plans for setting up the Eastern-regional section of this vocations committee.

Sister Anne Mary, vocation director of the Sisters of St. Joseph in this diocese, will act as chairman for the conference.

"Fullness of the Person in Religious Community" will be the topic explored by Sister Melinda Marie, SSND, at the first general session on Tuesday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m.

"Stirrings in the Religious Life: Reflections on the Sisters' Survey," is the subject for the second general session on Friday, June 14 at 9:30 a.m. Sister Marie

Study in Puerto Rico
San Juan, P.R. — (NC) — A socio-religious study to determine the basis of pastoral reality in the wake of Vatican Council II and the best means of attaining the goal has been launched here by the Church of Puerto Rico. The two-year study will cost some \$50,000.

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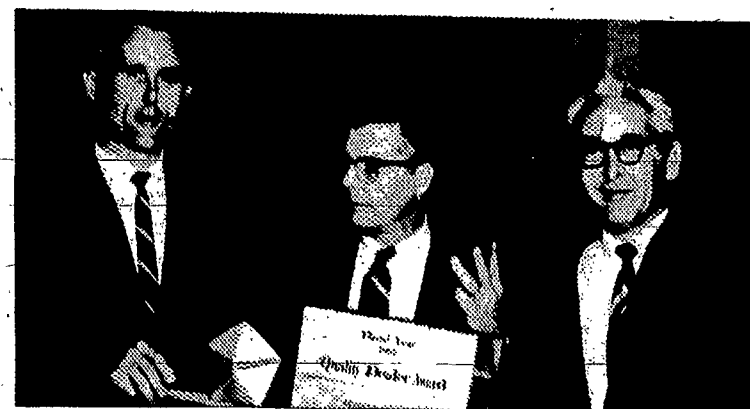
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