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ROUND-UP

Albany — Both Senate and Assembly are busy these days with routine, run-of-the-mill bills. In fact you've probably seen few headlines from Albany except for the Campus Disorder bills which are discussed below.

The reason for little significant action is simple: without the Budget no bills carrying any appropriations can be passed... so many major pieces of legislation are still pending.

Most of the noise hereabouts has been about the student disorders bill. It was passed on Feb. 12 and a bill covering SEEK (aid to disadvantaged) students was passed on Feb. 18. In both cases it was Senate passage. Both bills are now in the Assembly awaiting action.

The aim of the bills was to withhold state financial aid from college students convicted of campus disorders. Serious question was raised on the floor as to the "constitutionality" of the bills since they seem to place the student in double jeopardy for the same offense.

The Abortion Hearing in New York City on Feb. 13 was unique. For the first time a senator from another state reported to our legislators on what another legislative body had discovered and what action it had taken.

Sen. Wilfred J. Ulrich of Indiana, was vice chairman of the Indiana Study Committee which made four interesting discoveries that led to their recommending no change in the present law:

- 1) that statistics showed only three deaths per year in Indiana from all maternal reasons (including legal and illegal abortions). That meant there was no possibility the supposed figure of 125 to 250 deaths from illegal abortions in the state each year could be true. Such figures had to be grossly exaggerated.
- 2) the best, informed estimate of illegal abortions being performed in Indiana showed pro-abortionists often exaggerated the number by 1500 per cent. The illegal abortion rate was determined to be 1500 to 2000, not the 30,000 annually alleged in many publicity releases.
- 3) that the present abortion law was more than sufficient to protect the physical health of the mother (the Indiana law is similar to the current New York law).
- 4) that there was an appalling lack of information on psychiatry studies dealing with pregnancy and the only conclusion to be reached was that a mother's mental health could be damaged temporarily during or following the period of pregnancy but it could also be damaged by an abortion.

(He noted, too, that it was the medical doctors, not the psychiatrists who plumped for abortion to help the mother's mental health. The psychiatrists were nowhere near certain that this would help at all.)

At one of the Governor's town meetings about the Budget (the one in Watertown), the Governor had an unusual citizen present—Ogdensburg's Bishop Stanislaus Brzana. The Bishop outlined the problems faced by the diocese's Catholic schools, calling the situation "really desperate."

The Governor's reply got little attention around the state. Yet it was a significant statement. He told the Watertown audience it is "our common problem" (Catholic and public schools) and citing the parents supporting the Catholic schools he said: "These parents have done a fantastic job and I think they deserve a sincere debt of gratitude from all of us in the State."

He also said the special committee created to study the cost of public and private elementary and secondary education in the state would be appointed in March and would be able to present "the realities of the total picture we face."

Confrontation

A Spur to Adult Faith

By JOAN ZUMMO

In several recent Confrontation columns we have discussed the very urgent need for adult programs in religious education. In addition to the general comments on establishing such a parish program that were made in last week's column there are a few specific suggestions that I would like to pass on to you. These suggestions are ideas that have come to me as I have been involved for the past several weeks in an adult theology program in my own parish.

Although a well thought out and organized approach is necessary, do not be too concerned with programming material down to the minutest detail. Several discussions in our program have taken very unexpected but most rewarding turns. Also, do not underestimate the quality and variety of interest and response that such a program may generate.

Our parish program — and I know that others have followed this same general format with success — consists of a series of four Sunday evening lectures-discussions. The first three programs feature a speaker on a specific topic; and the fourth session will be a question-answer-discussion program with parish priests.

The speaker programs have consisted of a 30-40 minute presentation by the speaker followed by a break for refreshments and then a discussion period. Attendance has been about 40 persons per session. In general a group of 25-50 persons is a workable number for such a format.

One very interesting fact has come to light as these meetings have taken place. Despite the variety of topics featured one theme has come up over and over again in the discussions. It is not really surprising since it is a theme that is at the very heart of Christianity and is probably the most significant and motivating idea behind the vast changes and upheavals in the Church today. The theme is Community.

We find our liturgy changing to make us more aware that we are a people worshipping our God, not just a group of persons, we find religious education emphasizing our social responsibilities. Though all the shifts in emphasis and attitudes there runs this one common thread of the unity of all men.

It is, therefore, an excellent theme around which to form an adult education program in your parish. Revolving around this concept of community you can explore innumerable aspects of our faith. A truly Christian concept of community will act like a lens, focusing into proper perspective so many other aspects of our developing faith.

There are a number of good films that are especially suited to programs concerned with the concept of community or brotherhood. The CCD Office can advise you about these. The Office can also advise you in regard to speakers on various topics — and don't overlook your own priests and informed parishioners.

One final thought — do not put off establishing an adult religious education program in your parish. It is time for people to realize that religious education is not something to grow out of, but rather something within which to grow as Christians.

Greece Churches Plan Exchange Of 'Open Houses'

Two Greece churches — Our Lady of Mercy and Bethany Presbyterian — will sponsor "open house" exchange visits on successive Sunday afternoons, March 9 and 16.

Congregations of other churches in the Greece area have been invited to both programs at 2 p.m.

The first "open house" will be at Bethany Church on March 9. It will include a complete devotional service, followed by an explanation and a tour of the church and buildings.

The second "open house" is scheduled at Our Lady of Mercy Church on March 16. It will include a mass, an explanation of various objects and points of interest in the church building, and a tour of the school.

Refreshments will be served and "baby-sitting" facilities will be available on both occasions.

Cole Expert To Speak At Gallery

Howard S. Merritt, professor of fine arts at the University of Rochester, will present an illustrated lecture, "The Art of Thomas Cole," at the Memorial Art Gallery Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m. An authority on the work of this 19th century master of landscape painting, Merritt was responsible for selecting the paintings included in the Gallery's current major exhibition of Cole's work.

Forty Hours

Forty hours will begin March 9 in the following places: St. Theodore, Rochester; Sacred Heart, Auburn; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; Palmyra, Van Eiten and Waterloo.

ST. FRANCIS NOVENA

Bishop James E. Kearney will celebrate Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church, Bay Street, at 7:30 each night, through March 12. The parish is having a Novena of Grace in honor of its patron saint.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

The members of Saint Philip Neri Parish would like to extend our sincere thanks to those of you who helped make possible the reconstruction of our church.

To celebrate this most festive occasion, a dinner-dance will be held March 21, 1969, at Logan's, 1420 Scottsville Road, with music by the Mike Arena Orchestra. We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend.


Reservations may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Grace Colarco or Mrs. Mary Cordaro at 482-2400 or by mail from: The Dedication Committee, c/o St. Philip Neri Church, 1782 Clifford Avenue.

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8 Diocese Seek Coaches

Eight Catholic boys' schools of the diocese will participate in the 11th annual Basketball Tournament, two successive weekends, 7-8 and March 15-16.

Results of games on the weekend will send winners to the semi-finals on Saturday, March 15, and the championship game on Sunday, March 16. These games are scheduled at the Monroe Community gym.

Tourney participants:

Knights

A new addition to Quaid's lineup almost guaranteed two victories over the top-rated schools state last weekend. On Saturday, a tremendous effort by junior Joe Lane, McQuaid lost, 35-30, to Cardinal Mooney. But on Saturday, the 11th-ranked team bounced back behind Lane and Nick Combs to defeat High, 49-35.

The Knights thus set a 11-7 record heading into tonight's Diocesan Tournament final game against Carmel of Auburn-at-S Fisher gym.

Against East, McQuaid control early and lost only once, at 3-6. Ahead at the quarter, the

Aquinas

Aquinas Institute's ball team survived the nine-lead period to edge up Kearney, 50-49, last evening at the old R.I.nasium.

The Irish, who looted their own record, withstood a surge to throttle the Kearney quintet, a shooting 35-per-cent,

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St. Charles Ladies

Arline Volkmar 630-202
Glaeser 611-634 Barbara Co
217; Helen Herring 470-166
Baurachmidt 467-188; Dorot
468-651; Marie Pines; Joh
461-921; Don Grab 628-6
Jerry Merkey 625-228; Jim Piz
George Bailey 621-211; Pa
610-222.

Rochester Catholic Women

Rosemary Crane 471-169
O'Hanlon 460-171; Bernice
156; Grace Giacina 482-146 (

Irish Bowlers

Aquinas Institute v bowlers took top honor fourth season in a row annual Catholic In Bowling Championships weekend at the Maiden The championships the bowling season for McQuaid, Mooney and high schools.

Bishop Kearney finds out in the varsity divi took first place in the varsity division. Aquinas second.

New records were set individual and team even Salway of Mooney rolled game for single game Tom Bronzo of Aquinas a 724 series for the high record. Aquinas bow high four man team, 845 and high four man series of 2445.

Members of the Jim Aquinas team are Jim (20) (average), Tom (189), Sara Malone (1 Jim Collins (162).

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