



Fisher Students, Faculty Take Part in Dialogue

Lines of "communication" were enlarged at St. John Fisher College March 20 when students, faculty and administration members took part in what was described as "not a confrontation but a real dialogue."

Among general purposes of the student-inspired dialogue, according to one of its instigators, senior Ted Baenziger, was to bring about "a re-evaluation of the core curricula" at the college.

Father Charles Lavery, CSB, college president, who attended the meetings and who spoke at their close, said he was "greatly encouraged" by the attitude of the students and their interest in improving education.

Father Lavery said attendance was purely voluntary, and that a number of teachers dismissed classes so students could attend the morning and afternoon sessions.

Two separate gatherings were held — the larger one in the cafeteria, and another for "dorm" students in

a dormitory. Baenziger said approximately 700 of the 1,500 students attended.

Baenziger said some of the students have felt that there should be "an ongoing re-examination of the courses in the various disciplines," with the possibility of updating some courses, eliminating some and introducing others.

"Some feel we are running the danger of getting 'out of touch,'" he said, "and they want to be sure we get back into the 'main-stream' of today's thinking."

He added that most students felt the day's meetings had "made some real progress," and that there will be much more dialogue in the future.

St. John Fisher is an all-male liberal arts college directed by the Basilian Fathers.

Baenziger, an English major, is a graduate of Catholic Central High School, a Basilian-conducted school in Detroit. He is scheduled to teach English at Aquinas next September.



Byzantine Art Sale at St. Josaphat's

Native-costumed members of the Ukrainian Youth Club of Rochester display Byzantine icon featured at art sale sponsored by Club Mar. 22 in St. Josaphat's School, Stanton Lane and Ridge Road East, Irondequoit. They are William Lenyk of McQuaid High School and Mary Wasowicz of Franklin High. Proceeds of art and food sale went to fund for proposed new St. Josaphat's Church building.

Sex Education Meeting Topic

An informational meeting to discuss the sex education program for diocesan schools was expected to attract a large crowd to Our Lady of Mercy High School auditorium Thursday night, March 27.

Sponsoring the meeting was the recently-formed Rochester Association of Catholic Laymen.

Sister Ruth Agnes, SSJ, of the diocesan education office, was scheduled to outline the historical background and the content of the programs, its objectives, and the experiences in schools where it was piloted in 1967-68.

Other representatives of the diocesan school office had been invited to attend.

Reactions to the program also were expected from four parents who have children in parochial schools participating in the program. They include Dr. Donald D. Hassett, Dr. Lawrence J. Garfield, Mrs. Richard Muzakakis and Mrs. Robert J. Joynt.

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500 Attend Meeting To Combat Obscenity

Nearly 500 people, drawn by concern for public decency in Rochester, met last Sunday in Gates-Chill Junior High auditorium to hear leaders of the Citizens for a Decent Community sketch the problems of local obscenity and plans to fight its growth.

The CDC, founded in January by Michael Macaluso and Mrs. Carole Mulhern to draw attention to films shown at a movie house in the 19th Ward, now claims a membership of 300 individuals.

They have solicited 8,000 names on petitions circulated in the county asking for stringent legislation against pornography in movies and reading material.

Speakers on the program included Louis Dollinger Jr., Dr. Robert Duncan and Anthony Annunziata. A docu-

mentary film on Supreme Court rulings concerning illegal obscenity was shown.

Plans were announced for a letter-writing contest involving children of St. Michael's and St. Bridget's parishes who would prepare letters on the topic, "Why I would like a family-type theater in our neighborhood."

One target of quiet picketing by the CDC has been the Lyric Theater on North Clinton Avenue which is alleged to have a "policy" of showing nude and girlie films unfit for children.

The letter-campaign will interest 5th and 7th Ward families in the need of a family-theater, the CDC hopes, and show the Lyric management the mood of the neighborhood. A prize for the best letters will be a theater-party for the writer's whole family.

Pre-Cana Conferences Set in 3 Communities

Pre-Cana Conferences — a marriage preparation course for engaged couples, will begin next month in parishes in three diocesan communities — Auburn, Newark and Elmira.

The four-part conferences, sponsored by the diocesan Family Life Bureau, are scheduled as follows:

April 13, 20, 27 and May 4 — St. Hyacinth's, Auburn, 7 p.m.; St. Michael's, Newark, 3 p.m.

April 13, 16, 20, 27 — Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira, 8 p.m.

Diocesan Appointments



Father Joseph O. Gorman, from assistant at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Rochester, to assistant at St. Michael's Church, Lyons.

Father John Gormley, from director of Galilee House, Cayuta, to leave of absence for studies.

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Bishop Kearney at Knights' Dinner

Bishop James E. Kearney (seated right) was principal speaker at St. Patrick's Dinner of Knights of Equity Mar. 17 at Sheraton Hotel, Rochester. Shown, from left, are: seated — Martin F. Scallill, worthy knight, KE Court 10; Dennis O'Reilly, dinner chairman; Emmett Schnepf, toastmaster; Bishop Kearney; standing — Thomas Davis, Court 10 trustee; Michael T. Ryan, past supreme Knight of national KE; Father Eugene Sweeney, assistant at Sacred Heart Cathedral and chaplain of Court 10; Father George S. Wood, pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows Church and chaplain of Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Speaks at St. John Fisher

Fr. Baum Sees 'New Openers'

Vatican Council II helped to bring "a new spirit of universal brotherhood and a new openness to truth," according to Father Gregory Baum, noted author and lecturer.

Father Baum, professor of theology at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, and an outspoken proponent for change in the Church, addressed nearly 300 persons Tuesday night at St. John Fisher College.

Man's horizons are being broadened, Father Baum stated. "We are beginning to realize," he said, "that some of the institutions we've inherited reflect old conceptions which no longer fit." Some Church legislation, he added, "no longer is in harmony with experience."

While the Church may seem to be disintegrating in some areas, the theologian admitted, he said it will be sustained by the Holy Spirit.

For those who may question the need for Church structure, the speaker noted that "the Church proclaims and celebrates the Mystery of the Redemption. We need it as a coordinating system with its divinely-appointed leadership."

Some of the hierarchy, Father Baum, indicated, have not seemed ready to recognize the necessity for change. He expressed an optimism, however, that this situation will undergo alteration.

Emphasizing the virility of the Church, the speaker said the Vatican Council was "in itself 'a miraculous thing.'" He noted that "no other form of society has been able to initiate such a transformation."

Many Catholics today are realizing, he declared, that they need not "completely abandon the old" in order "to accept the new."

Man is entering "a new way of experiencing himself," he said. God is continuing to make Himself known not only through the Church and through "older terms of Divine Revelation and articles of faith," but also through "on-going realities in our relationships with our fellowmen."

He said he felt that "discernment of the Spirit" is being found "in self-revelation and in dialogue with others, and in the ecumenical movement."

Offering a parallel, Father Baum commented on the modern university: "Students are becoming more community-minded. They want not only to be asked to find answers to questions but also to participate in asking the questions."

A native of Berlin, Germany, Father Baum came to Canada from Eng-

land in 1940. He is editor of the *Eumenist*, and has written several books on Catholic theology. His talk was sponsored by the Christian Affairs Committee of the college.

Decentralized Schools Seen Growing Issue

Black community control of its schools is an issue "that will hit every city in America," Rhody McCoy of New York City told 250 persons at a meeting in Aquinas Institute Sunday, March 23.

McCoy is administrator of the experimental Ocean Hill-Brownsville ghetto district which was a principal issue in the New York teachers' strike last year.

His speech was sponsored by the Rochester Catholic Interracial Council.

"White America," McCoy contended, "has enjoyed community control all its life — control by the people." But this control "has done a pretty miserable job" for blacks and Puerto Ricans, preventing proper education for them.

Bishop to Speak

Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty will address the annual Acies ceremony of the Rochester Comitium, Legion of Mary, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at Annunciation Church, 1754 Norton St.

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Two \$5,000 checks for McQuaid Jesuit High School and the Jesuit Missions, were presented as the climax of the fourth annual Jesuit Benefit Dinner Monday evening.

About 550 guests at Logan's cheered Anthony G. Cashette, co-chairman of the dinner, as he handed the gifts to Father Ronald Sams, S.J., Buffalo director of the Jesuit Mission Bureau, and Father Albert P. Bartlett, S.J., rector of McQuaid.

Father Charles F. X. Dolan, S.J., was principal dinner speaker and Father William Reilly, S.J., president of LeMoynes College, Syracuse, was toastmaster.