

Not Your Usual Library (Or Librarian Either)

By JOHN DASH

Seems quiet enough, the new Lavery Library at St. John Fisher College. But there's still dust in the air. And it'll be hanging there for some time to come if Bob Gullo, director of the facility, runs true to form.

He claims it took him and his staff and Fisher students two weeks to move the 95,000 books, maps, artifacts and curiosities from the old library into the new building; but the job of sorting out the rare materials and special projects, and finding room for his ever increasing collections, will take a bit longer.

Cynthia Prewit, head of the college public relations department, notes that the entire move was done without the aid of professional movers, and that students gave up their mid-semester recess to help Gullo. Curiously, she also warns visitors about Gullo and his "Jesuit Rings."

The caution holds good as Gullo explodes on the scene, tells a reporter an outrageous lie, followed quickly by "that's a lie," throws the communications director out of his office, verbally pummels his visitor into a chair, and starts hauling out a bedazzling display of goodies he has managed to collect over the years.

Stunned, the reporter hears, "I am the sort of guy who leaves no stone unturned," when it means building a resource center for both Fisher students and the general public.

First off, sometime back Gullo received a collection of 100 antique postcards of turn-of-the-century scenes at the lakeside community of Charlotte. He's built that collection into several volumes containing more than 3,000 cards.

His office holds tokens of the hodge-podge of his interests and enthusiasms. "I'm not bragging," he says, informing his visitor that he has 13 certificates from the Foreman Center — woodworking, plumbing, auto mechanics etc. He's happy to explain how he created a sculpture out of a four-by-four, or how he turned a pair of teakwood candlesticks on a lathe, or how he managed to teach Latin, or how he is proficient in electronics.

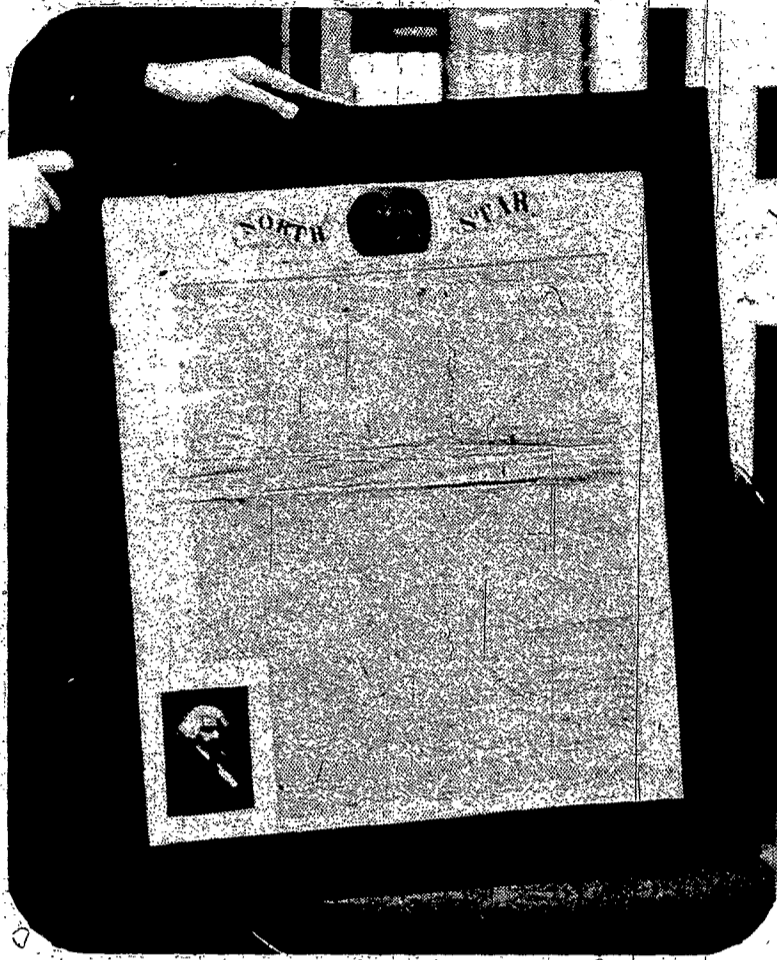
Gullo is also a buff on the history of the Genesee region; and he wants to apply his eclectic abilities, to the assembly of a complete view of the Genesee Country from the earliest days. He has an idea of building a display which will represent the area from geologic times through the establishment of the City of Rochester.

And he's gathered a number of links in that history, from his digging in fossil beds, through the purchase of Indian artifacts, some as old as 3,000 years, to collecting area newspapers, histories and diaries.

He wants history majors to take an interest in the region "from the very beginning," and so he has ready for display trilobites, brachiopods, celts (stone axes) of the Lamoka period, arrowheads, bone needles, venetian glass "trade beads," books, diaries, newspapers and maps.

He presents his collections with the vigor of a mother serving Sunday dinner to a thin son. He hauls out histories, ancient books, trays of beads, stones, artifacts — precious relics of the past — and he wants his visitor to touch them, hold them, hear the sounds they make.

The new library is vital to the life of the campus, because it's "so necessary" for students and



Among the library's rare newspapers is this edition of The North Star, edited by Frederick Douglass and published in Rochester.

other people to see just what has preceded them.

The 57,000 square foot facility located in the center of the Fisher complex is named for Father Charles Lavery, CSB, who has been president of the college since 1958.

Gullo says the building is designed to house "the most recent technical advances in communication sciences," including micrographics, tape recording and computer technology.

The building also has 150 carrels for closed circuit TV monitoring and will seat 525 of Fisher's 1925 students. Also housed in the building is the Bill Givens Multimedia Center, named after a popular Rochester broadcaster who died while the library was under construction. The opening of the building leaves only a student union to be completed to round out the

college's master plan through 1980.

Gullo delights in showing visitors an electronic device for catching book snitchers. He explains that a metal strip in the binding of each book is specially coded. When a book is checked out, this strip is decoded. If a book is taken out without going through this process, an electronic detector discovers it and a bell rings and the exit gate locks. He whispered that the first person to be trapped by the device was a professor.

But Gullo's prizes in the library are the "Jesuit Rings," of prior mention. When the early missionaries baptized natives of the area, they would give them such rings, emblazoned IHS. Gullo has encased three of these small rings and they will be displayed in the Rochester Genesee Country Room, when that is completed.

Morality Lectures Slated in Auburn

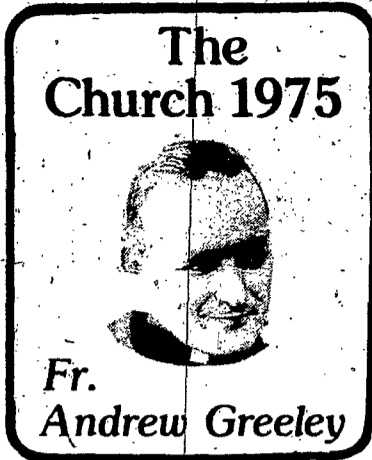
Auburn — A four-session course on Christian Morality: Faith Values and Human Experience will begin March 12. It will attempt to show how our changing times have evoked new perspectives in basic ethical questions that look to faith for clarity and action.

The course, under the auspices of the St. Bernard's Seminary Office of Continuing Education, will be given at Holy Family School from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. March 12, 19, 26, and April 2 by Father Joseph Jankowiak, S.T.L.

Father Jankowiak, a lecturer at St. Bernard's, has been teaching

courses in fundamental moral theology, medical ethics, and "political theology." In addition he has been active in the work of Diocesan Renewal as a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Formation Committee and the committee which proposed the recent constitution for the Pastoral Council. He says the mini-course will examine the twin focal points of Gospel values and human experience.

Registrations will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 25, by Sister Dorothy Quinn at St. Mary's Convent, 40 Clymer Street or Mary Ann Ginnerty, 294 South Street Road. The cost is \$20, with groups rates available.



A friendly Catholic editor (anyone who uses the column is friendly in principle, but this man is even more friendly) recently commented that while he agreed with a sociological analysis of mine, I did not take into account sufficiently the work of the Holy Spirit. The point is an important one because it is paradigmatic for a number of related areas of human behavior.

First of all, in the strict literal sense, the editor is correct. In principle, the National Opinion Research Center would be perfectly happy to interview the Holy Spirit should he fall into our sample. Unfortunately, he is out in the universe somewhere blowing whither he will, as is his custom. Less facetiously, the operation of graciousness in the universe is simply not measureable by social-science techniques and cannot be taken into account by sociological analysis even when the sociologist believes — as I do — in the work of such graciousness.

But then neither can anyone else measure the work of the Spirit. Frequently I have been told by priests and bishops that I do not leave room in my analysis for the operation of the Spirit. "The Spirit is still in the Church, Father," they remind me. The implication, of course, is that because of the Spirit, things cannot get as bad as my data suggest they well might. In other words, such critics think that the Spirit will become a kind of Deus ex machina who will sweep down out of the clouds and save the day for us. Perhaps.

I think those who claim to a knowledge of the Spirit's plans while decrying the sociologist's lack of appreciation for his work could do with a little more humility and a little more respect for the whimsy of the Spirit who blows whither HE wills and will not whither those who think they have arranged his timetable for him want him to blow.

There are marvels and surprises. The extraordinary event that no one could possibly expect — Pope John, and, more recently, the new apostolic delegate to the United States, are two examples. But there also have been times when people confidently expected the Holy Spirit to pull their chestnuts out of the fire, and he just never showed up. He did not prevent the break between church and synagogue, between East and West, between Protestant and Catholic. He did

not save the Church in North Africa, he did not protect the experiments of De Nobili and Ricci from destruction. He comes when he wants to and not when arrogant, self-righteous clerics expect him to — eliminate the results of their own disastrous mistakes.

Most important of all, then, is that talk of the Spirit being at work and not subject to sociological measurement is frequently (though not, I think, in the case of the Catholic editor who set me thinking about this column) an excuse for dispensing ourselves from our responsibilities for both the mess we are in now and for the obligation to get ourselves out of it. The cardinal who said that the Church doesn't need planning because it has the Holy Spirit has now gone to his reward, and he was doubtless right in the long run. The Lord Jesus will eventually come back in the Parousia. But in the less than ultimate run the Church does need planning; and he who expects the Holy Spirit to provide churches for new suburbs when diocesan non-planning does not is guilty of the old sin of tempting God.

I believe the Spirit is at work, though I am not so arrogant as to assume that he is more at work in our time than in the past. But such a connection does not dispense me from using all the human skills and resources at my command to make the work of the Church effective. God grants the increase all right, but only when we plant and water.

And if the American Church has major troubles just now, the reason is that a lot of people have neglected the planting and the watering, and are standing around saying, "All right, Holy Spirit, what about the increase?"

Methodists they have a long wait.

Nazareth College Student Wins College Grant

Miss Anne Elizabeth Smith of Bath, a student at Nazareth College of Rochester, has received a \$50 American Association for the Advancement of Science Award administered by the Rochester Academy of Science. Advising her on her study of active transport of glucose across animal intestinal tissues are Sister Grace Geisler, Ph.D. and Dr. Frank Peek, both of Nazareth College.

Since its affiliation with the AAAS, 25 years ago, the council of the RAS has selected recipients for the awards based on the quality of their original research in progress. Sixty-eight grants have been given to 74 students since 1950 to assist in financing the cost of their studies and to encourage interest in research.

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