

Spencerport Resident Plans Summer Work-Study in Africa

By Michael Groden

Why would a young, intelligent college student want to pay \$1,700 to travel halfway around the world to work in an impoverished African village for eight weeks without getting paid?

"Africa has always intrigued me," said Lawrence Nau, and "hopefully the information that I will bring back will educate our community as a whole and explode the numerous myths and misconceptions about today's Third World Africa."

Nau, a junior biology major at the University of

Episcopal Diocese Sets Urban Hearing

The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester proposes to investigate the causes of urban decay and the problems of city life, and to assess parish and diocesan resources for dealing with them. A hearing will be held all day Thursday, June 7, in Rundel Library, with the Rt. Rev. John Krumm, Bishop of Southern Ohio, presiding.

Such investigations have been in progress since the Urban Bishops Coalition was formed at the church's general convention of 1976. Data collected will "help shape the mission of the Episcopal Church to our urban areas for the next several years," according to a release from Stephen Gehrig, coordinator.

Individuals and groups wishing to present testimony are asked to contact Urban Hearing, Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, 935 East Ave., Rochester 14607; telephone 716-473-2977. The hearing panel of five to seven persons will assemble at 9 a.m. in the downtown library's third-floor auditorium, and sit until 10 p.m. The public is invited.

The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester comprises eight counties — Monroe, Wayne, Ontario, Livingston, Yates, Schuyler, Steuben and Allegany. In Rochester and Monroe County, the church has about 7,600 members in 2,524 families.

Pope Concerned In Beatification Of Newman

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope John Paul II has expressed "personal interest" in the beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman, the 19th Century English convert to Roman Catholicism.

In a letter to Archbishop George P. Dwyer of Birmingham, president of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, the Pope expressed "my personal interest" in the process for beatification of this "good and faithful servant" of Christ and the Church.

Cardinal Newman was a leader of the Oxford Movement — an Anglo-Catholic, theological and spiritual renewal movement — in the first half of the 19th Century. He was received into the Roman Catholic Church in 1845 and ordained a priest in Rome in 1847. He became a cardinal in 1878.

Rochester, is a participant in Operation Crossroads Africa, Inc. Crossroads is a private, non-profit organization which sends college students from Canada and the U.S. to work in African communities on self-help projects.

Nau is an active member of St. John the Evangelist Church, in Spencerport, where he has taught CCD classes and served as a swim instructor.

When in Africa he hopes to work on "general construction projects, or in a health care program."

Crossroads Africa was started in 1957 and was called the "progenitor of the Peace Corps" by president John F. Kennedy. It has sent some 5,000 young people to 43 countries in Africa.

In order to qualify for the program Nau had to pass "intensive physical and mental examinations," and also must raise \$1,700 for the trip. Crossroads gives par-



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Participants a \$1,100 scholarship to cover the remainder of the \$2,800 fee.

He has raised \$650 so far from several groups and individuals, and hopes to raise the rest before his scheduled departure in July. Crossroads helps each participant by suggesting different fund-raising techniques. So far Nau has contacted nearly 50

different possible money sources.

Several of the donations already received were from parents of youngsters Nau taught at St. John's.

The communities he will visit are very poor and isolated, no running water, electricity or bathroom facilities. He has not learned which country he will be sent to as yet. His assignment may take him to Sudan, Tunisia, Egypt, Algeria, the Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria or Sudan.

Upon his return Nau will report on his experiences to the people who helped him get there. His goal in the project is to "make a tangible contribution to the developmental needs of a rural country," and he hopes to "gain knowledge about a culture, so fundamentally different from ours, that I will be able to examine our own culture with a new perspective."

A very different summer vacation to be sure.

Funeral Directors Meet

Funeral directors from communities in Maine, Michigan and New York State gathered here recently for a four-day seminar on new approaches to the services they render. Edwin Sulewski Jr. of St. Margaret Mary parish, representing the Schauman Funeral Home, said the seminar was designed

"to help funeral directors examine perceptions about their own deaths and to become more sensitive to the feelings of the families they serve." An alternative to the traditional funeral home service, he said, would be one that "focuses on the life-style, accomplishments and personal convictions of the deceased."

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