

Cancer Center Draws Scientists, Journalists For Anniversary Fete

The University of Rochester Cancer Center, a consortium of five Rochester

hospitals including St. Mary's Hospital, will celebrate its 10th anniversary

with an open house March 1 and 2.

In addition, to note the occasion, four leading scientists and six of the nation's top science and medicine journalists will discuss the status of cancer research and treatment in forums open to the public.

A three-part session on basic and applied science and their effect on clinical care of patients will be chaired by Dr. Alexander Rich, Sedgwick Professor of Biophysics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. Frank J. Rauscher Jr., senior vice president of the American Cancer Society and Dr. Bruce Chabner, director of the Division of Cancer Treatment of the National Cancer Institute, 1-5 p.m., March 1, in the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, Lower S-Wing Auditorium.

During the afternoon, members of the Cancer Center faculty will present brief scientific papers detailing progress made on DNA and genetic research, drug interactions, experimental tumor modeling systems, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, immunotherapy and pediatric treatment of tumors.

That evening Dr. James B. Wyngaarden, director of the National Institutes of Health, will deliver a major address entitled, "Politics, Science and Dread Disease." His address will start at 9:30 p.m. in the Memorial Art Gallery.

A dialogue among the scientists and such journalists as Robert Bazell, medical correspondent for NBC-TV; Jules Bergman, medical correspondent for ABC-TV; Jane Brody, science and medicine writer for the New York Times; Paul Raeburn, science and medicine writer for the Associated Press; Al Rossiter Jr., science editor for United Press International; and Jonathan Wood, editorial director for Oncology Times, will be held 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Friday, March 2, at Strong Auditorium on the U. of R. River Campus.

The dialogue, chaired by Dr. Robert A. Cooper, director of the Cancer Center, will be a modified discussion and debate. Audience participation in the form of written questions directed to the scientists and journalists will be a part of the morning dialogue.

The Cancer Center will also sponsor an open house for the general public at the Ambulatory Care Clinics at Strong Memorial Hospital. Individuals and groups may tour the Cancer Center Radiation Treatment Facility, the Medical Oncology treatment unit, and the Gynecologic Oncology clinic. Cancer Center laboratory areas will also be open to the public, where demonstrations of equipment and tours of each lab will be conducted by Cancer Center researchers.

ME INFORMATION

Ithaca -- A Marriage Encounter Information Night has been scheduled at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, at the Women's Community Building, 100 W. Seneca St. All are welcome.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Where Vocations Superabound

Mr. Peter Hopkins, a barrister in Cazenovia, and his wife have a daughter, Mimi, who teaches at St. Thomas the Apostle School, Rochester. She has three brothers in the Legionaires of Christ, training for the priesthood. Two are in Mexico, and Edward is in Rome.

I am mystified by the Legionaires, because they are badly criticized by many priests and sisters who say: "They are over-structured. They all wear the same double-breasted black suits, carry the same kind of brief cases, have the same short haircuts. They are addicted to the cassock and have nothing to do with other students at the universities. They are clones."

This whetted my curiosity, because my own brief experience was quite the contrary. So Fathers Heisel, Wohrab and I took a taxi to their Generalate on Via Aurelia in Rome. Brother Edward was occupied so Brother Jerry Spillane from the Bronx talked with us for 80 minutes. He is 28, vivacious, intelligent, loquacious.

The seminarians at the Generalate are clean-cut, fine-skinned, cassocked, hair-trimmed, self-assured, intelligent and dedicated to Christ, the Church and our Holy Father. Using an interview method, we talked.

Q. You are said to be clones -- all alike, no individuality.

"With the world as it is, drenched with self-satisfaction and self-centeredness, it is necessary to have a strong, firm reaction. We rise together; pray together; eat together; study together. We value community greatly. Our discipline is such that we are formed not to acquiesce to moods or whims."

Q. Legionaires even look alike. They come to school on a bus. They get out as a group. They do not mix with other students, but deliberately ignore them.

"There is a positive side to uniformity. There are few vocations in Rome, and the young perceive the clergy as old men. (Excuse me, Fathers. No reflection meant.) But when they see young men in cassocks obviously happy and dedicated to Our Lord and His Church, there begins the feeling of kinship

through youth. Do you think Pope John Paul's witness would be more effective if he wore a brown suit and tie? The cassock speaks to anyone who has eyes."

Q. Some think of you as Catholic Moonies, brainwashed by your leader and your formation.

"There may be some parallel. Moonies are drawn by the personality of Rev. Moon and formed by a strong discipline, great demands and close comradeship. The Legionaires are drawn by the Person of Christ Whom we wish to serve completely, through the Church. Our founder is indeed a charismatic person, whose leadership is an inspiration. This was true of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the early Jesuits. Our dedication is supernatural. If the world is a mess through the charismatic leadership of bad men, should anyone complain at the leadership of great and holy men? Our comradeship is a holy, happy bond."

Q. Legionaires are alleged to be elitists, working only with the rich.

"The aim of the Legionaires of Christ is the sanctification of families! I worked for two years behind the scenes as director of an elementary school for poor children in Monterey, Mexico. The school was founded, financed and furnished by seven women who were involved in what you call 'an elitist school.' The purpose of our work is to inspire to a strong Catholic Christian life, so Catholics, instead of being nominal and spiritless, will become a blessed leaven in society. If you study the record you will see the purpose of bearing fruit. We are far more community-centered than self-centered."

Conclusion: At this point, Brother Edward Hopkins came in. His appearance and words and manner manifested all the things brought out in the interview. I think the Legionaires are to the Church what the Marines are to our country's military. And men are knocking at the doors of the Legionaires of Christ seeking admission. They have 180 priests and 800 seminarians in Mexico, where they were founded only 40 years ago; and in Spain, Ireland, Chile, Rome; and in the states. Address: Legionaires of Christ, 75 Oak Ave., Cheshire, Conn., 06410. The Rector is Father Anthony Bannon.

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