

## Carter

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has compiled hundreds of interviews supporting the allegation. Carter said Sick had met with him a few months ago and shown him notes from the interviews.

"I don't know if there is any truth to any of the allegations," Carter said. "I think the allegations themselves are very damaging to the integrity of our nation."

President Bush should appoint an independent commission to investigate the allegations, Carter declared. The allegations — which he admitted that he still doubted — "ought to be laid to rest."

During his address, Carter focused on what he saw as key changes in the world in the past decade and his own activities since leaving office in 1981 — particularly those with the Carter Center.

Carter noted the increase in the gap between the rich and the poor around the world. The needy, he said, don't have adequate food or health care. As an example, he cited Africa, which — over the past 20 years — has experienced a decrease in food

produced per person equivalent to 70 calories per day, according to Carter.

To help address problems of this sort, Carter said, he founded the Carter Center to "take on projects that others are not doing or can't easily do."

For example, the center convened a task force on child survival, which has helped to coordinate efforts to immunize children in Third World nations against such diseases as measles, polio, diphtheria and whooping cough. Over the last five years, Carter claimed, the rate of immunization against these diseases around the world had increased from 20 percent to 80 percent.

In addition to farm projects in Africa, the Carter Center has also been involved with efforts to preserve rain forests.

The center has also been increasingly involved with monitoring conflicts around the world in an effort to help find peaceful solutions, Carter said.

At the beginning of April, Carter said, 111 conflicts were taking place throughout the world. Thirty two of those conflicts caused more than 1,000 deaths, and all of those 32 were civil wars. International law prohibits the United States and the United

Nations from getting involved in countries' civil unrest.

As a non-government agency, the Carter Center can help resolve civil wars and has created an international negotiating network. One method the center uses is elections.

"In the case of a war, where people cannot talk with one another, we can get both sides maybe to agree to let us hold an election and let the people decide who will be the leader," Carter explained.

The organization has sponsored elections in such nations as Panama, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

In looking at tensions in the Middle East, Carter declared, "I personally did not support military action in the Middle East."

"I'm not sure anyone really came out a victor in that war," Carter continued. The war left Kuwait and Iraq devastated, he explained, and added a million new exiles to the refugee population worldwide.

"Even a great victory for the most powerful nation on Earth should not be the prime ambition of patriotic Americans," Carter stated. "We should use our tremendous political, military, economic strength to promote peace."

Further, Carter noted, the United States has not paid enough attention to the Middle East. He also suggested some measures that could help ease tensions, including suggestions that Israel take some steps toward peace by reopening universities in the Gaza strip and on the East Bank. He

added that Israel could also grant the Palestinians some autonomy, such as allowing them to elect their own local officials.

The Palestinians, on the other hand, could avoid using violence, and remove from the charter of the Palestinian Liberation Organization all provisions calling for the destruction of Israel.

In looking at the broader world picture, Carter said the Cold War has given way to more open relations between the United States and the Soviet leadership.

"I think the Soviets are no longer capable of competing with the United States on an equal basis," Carter observed. "I think if (Soviet President Mikhail) Gorbachev, if his policies can be perpetuated, has in effect ended the Cold War."

"We can't assume the Soviets are our friends," Carter concluded, "but I don't think they can be equal challengers any more."

## Gulf chaplain

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Kuwait and how Saddam Hussein himself was treating his own people," Father Mattie said.

While he served in the gulf region, Father Mattie said he was bolstered by the strong support in the United States for the soldiers. The Mercy received many packages containing drawings from school children, letters, card games, puzzles, toothpaste, clothes and food.

"The support was overwhelming," he said.

Father Mattie received letters from such Rochester Catholic schools as St. Charles Borromeo and Our Mother of Sorrows. He visited Our Mother of Sorrows School on April 23 to present students with a plaque in gratitude for their support.

He remembered that when the Mercy arrived back in Oakland April 22, crew members were enthusiastically welcomed home. And when he flew into the Greater Rochester International Airport April 25, Father Mattie was met by approximately 50 relatives and friends.

"I think the American people did not want another Vietnam," Father Mattie said of the support the U.S. soldiers received during and after the war. "People did not want another case where (soldiers) fought for the country and it was not even acknowledged."

After visiting the diocese, Father Mattie returned to Oakland May 4 to resume duty as a chaplain at the naval hospital. He has one year left in his tour, at which time he will likely return to the Rochester diocese.

As for his six months in the Persian Gulf, he concluded, "One war is enough for me. Hopefully, it's my first and last one."

## Tuition

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the increase to McQuaid's desire to retain its relatively high level of teacher salaries, one of the highest in the diocese among Catholic schools.

The average teacher's salary at McQuaid is \$36,055, Father O'Brien said, noting that "a good number of the faculty" — many of whom are seasoned teachers — are paid more than \$41,000 a year. That figure increases to more than \$48,000 a year when benefits are included, he added.

By comparison, salaries at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Brighton run between \$25,000 and \$30,000 a year, according to Charla Klucko, director of enrollment and public relations. Klucko cited inflation — "the need to raise more funds to boost our teachers' salaries, and to pay the bills" — as the cause for Mercy's 14-percent high school and 11-percent junior high tuition increases.

She added that Mercy hoped to build a television production studio in the school sometime in the future, further adding to school costs.

Klucko pointed out that Mercy has no endowment fund, and that the Town Board of Brighton dealt a blow to the school last month when it refused the school's proposal to run bingo games. Mercy's administration had hoped to raise about \$70,000 a

year through bingo, she said, adding that another fundraising proposal is in the works.

High school officials acknowledged that they were concerned about the possibility of pricing themselves too high for school parents, but noted that even with increases, tuition covers only 60 to 70 percent of a school's real per-pupil cost. Klucko said that private and parochial schools all over the country are charging greater tuition rates than those found in the diocese.

Adele McCarthy, director of community relations and development at Nazareth Academy, commented that "people who send their daughters know why they're paying for a private education." She acknowledged that the school's tuition meant a "struggle" for some families, but she pointed out that 27 percent of the school's families receive some financial aid.

While other diocesan schools — particularly those in Monroe County — watch their tuition rates climb, DeSales has managed to slow the ascent. In part, slow tuition growth is rooted in the fact DeSales' teachers have taken on an increasing amount of extra-curricular duties without receiving a simultaneous raise in pay, according to Edward J. Tracey, principal.

"Teachers have never been paid for extra-curricular activities," Tracey said, noting that DeSales also focuses a good deal of effort on alumni fundraising drives to finance school operations.

## Strouse

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all dream of doing is here. Having him here is kind of a connection," said the senior actress.

After the show, Strouse went backstage once again to critique the piece. Although he thought the performance had some strengths as well as weaknesses, he said it didn't affect the enthusiasm of the play.

"It didn't dampen the spirits — the spirit of the show was just wonderful," said Strouse, who admitted that he has only seen *Bye, Bye Birdie* performed three or four times since he saw it on Broadway.

As far as providing guidance to the aspiring actors and crew at Aquinas, Strouse said he knows better than to give advice. But he did urge all young people considering a career in the theater to realize that it's not always easy to make it "big" right away.

"Survival is everything," he said. Having survived many years on his talent, Strouse said composing is the only thing he knows how to do. Currently, he is working on a sequel to *Annie* and the score for a show entitled *Nick and Nora*.

"Not until I drop will I stop," he said with a smile.

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## Schools

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*Humanae Vitae* — "Catholic people are supposed to love children and want them," Father Stravinskis said, but "87 percent" of Catholic couples of child-bearing age practice artificial contraception in spite of *Humanae Vitae's* prohibition thereof. "The clearest pastoral effect is empty seats in Catholic schools," the priest said of disregard for the encyclical.

More than 100 years ago, Father Stravinskis said, "penniless immigrants" built and sustained "the largest private school system known to man." But modern-day Catholics — who are more affluent than their ancestors — are suffering "a crisis of faith" which has hindered them from supporting Catholic schools, he said.

"If we can make people understand the realities of life, then the next time we have a discussion on Catholic education, you might have to rent a stadium to discuss it," he concluded.

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