

Newman Foundation Inc. at the University of Kentucky - Lexington, Kentucky

Cottrill-Rolfes Endowed Chair Announced

Tim Wills, Endowed Chair Committee Chair

On January 12th, Newman Foundation, Inc. hosted a reception at the Newman Center announcing the Cottrill-Rolfes Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies at the University of Kentucky. Carol Cottrill, a pediatric cardiologist, and her husband Tom Rolfes, a retired religion teacher, are long-time Newman Center parishioners. Prominent guests speaking at the reception were: Steven Hoch, Dean of the UK College of Arts & Sciences; Scott Smith, Interim Provost of UK; and Bishop Ronald Gainer.

Dean Hoch said, "The College of Arts & Sciences is grateful to Dr. Cottrill and Mr. Rolfes, as well as the Newman Foundation, for the establishment of the Cottrill-Rolfes Chair in Catholic Studies." He also said that the Chair is a "significant step toward the creation of a vibrant Catholic Studies program at UK." In his remarks, Bishop Gainer expressed his gratitude and stated that "the establishment of a Chair of Catholic Studies at UK represents the fulfillment of a dream. Many in the Catholic community, over the course of the past thirty years, have envisioned a course of study at UK that would expose students to the contributions of Catholicism in the fields of philosophy, theology, history, music, and the arts."

A search committee has recently been appointed by Dean Hoch to begin the search for a prominent scholar to fill the position for the 2007-2008 academic year. The Newman Foundation will be forever grateful to Cottrill and Rolfes for their generous gift which launches the Catholic Studies program at UK.



Back Row: Tim Wills, Endowed Chair committee chair; Steven Hoch, Dean of Arts & Sciences at U.K.; J. Thomas Rolfes; M. Scott Smith, interim Provost; Bishop Ronald Gainer; Lou Swift, Endowed Chair committee
Front Row: Fr. Tom Farrell; Dr. Carol M. Cottrill; Marcus McEllistrem, Endowed Chair committee

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Merton Play: Success!

Homer White, Distinguished Speakers Program Committee Chair

About two hundred people attended the most recent installment of the Distinguished Speaker Program: Still Point Theater's production of *The Hermit in New York*, a two-person play on the life and spirituality of Thomas Merton. We consider the event to have been a great success and look forward to hosting future Still Point plays.

We eagerly await our two speakers for the 2006-2007 academic year, who will focus our attention on some lively current issues in the Church. John F. Haught, University Distinguished Research Professor in the Department of Theology at Georgetown University, will present the Father Moore Lecture, Friday evening September 26. Dr. Haught specializes in the relationship between science and religion, cosmology and theology, and religion and ecology. He is noted for his recent work on Darwinian evolution, which he characterizes as a great gift to theology. Among his most well-known recent books are *God After Darwin: A Theology of Evolution* and *Deeper Than Darwin: The Prospects for Religion in an Age of Evolution*. He served as an expert witness for the plaintiffs in the 2005 Katzmilller vs. Dover trial in Pennsylvania, which concerned the teaching of Intelligent Design in the public schools. He is also a member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. Tentatively, the topic of his lecture is the concept of divine providence in light of evolutionary theory.

On Friday March 30, 2007, we welcome Father Joseph Komonchak, the John and Gertrude Hubbard Chair in Religious Studies at the Catholic University of America. Fr. Komonchak is an expert in modern theology and ecclesiology, especially with regard to the reception of the Second Vatican Council. He is the editor of the English language version of the five-volume *History of Vatican II*. Recently he has written on the vision of Benedict XVI, and his address will introduce us to the currents in Church thought that underlie the theology of our new Pope.

It is both a privilege and a pleasure to serve the Foundation and the Newman Center through the Speakers Program, and we are always looking for ways to improve. Among our goals for this year are to acquire:

- a projector for displays from laptop computers;
- expertise in working the sound system at the Newman Center;
- volunteers with flexible daytime schedules, who can help with transporting and hosting our speakers.

Persons wishing to pass along advice on these matters, or who have suggestions for future speakers, should contact Homer White at hwhite0@georgetowncollege.edu.

Excitement at Newman Center and NFI

Caroline Francis, NFI President, UK Alumna 1988

Each Sunday, attending mass at the UK Newman Center revitalizes my Catholic faith. Like many of you, I took advantage of the Newman Center during my student days. It was a home away from home - a place to grow in my faith, and learn from other students, parishioners and our faithful ministry team. Besides celebrating mass with incredibly moving music, there were morning liturgy of the hours in the chapel, student retreats, Lenten and advent reflections, community service and many social activities. Perhaps this brings back memories of your Newman Center days.

It remains an exciting time to be a part of the UK Campus Newman Center. We are blessed to be moving forward with the establishment of the Cottrill-Rolfes Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies so that future students may learn more about our rich Catholic heritage. Our Distinguished Speakers series is alive and well and our grants program continues to fund worthy student and diocese initiatives such as Spring Break Mission trips.

On behalf of our Newman Foundation Board of Directors, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the countless donors, and especially our Fellows and Founders who through the years have contributed to our Newman Center and made it such a powerful place to worship.

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Grants Awarded

Dave Uckotter, Grants Comm. Chair

The Newman Foundation Grants Committee met in April to review and take action on a number of grant applications. Four grant applications were submitted before the final grant deadline of the fiscal year.

The Board approved a grant application from the Newman Center Health Ministries Program for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for installation at the Newman Center. The unit will be mounted in an area that will be readily accessible in emergencies. The Health Ministries Program will provide information and training for use of the new equipment after it is installed. Installation is expected to be completed in the spring of this year. The amount of the grant approved was \$1657.20.

The second grant application was made by the Newman Center High School CCD for two high school students to attend the Christian Leadership Institute for networking and leadership training, to be held at the Cliffview Retreat Center on June 25-30, 2006. The Board approved the request for the \$510 grant. The Rose Gallt Fund will pay \$100 of the grant application and the Foundation will pay the remainder of the grant.

The Grants Committee also approved two additional grants. One of the grants approved was for \$330.00 to the Catholic Social Service Bureau (CCSB) for the purchase of books for the CSSB resource library. The other grant approved was for \$300.00 to the National Catholic Student Coalition (NCSC), to permit Amanda McCollum, a 2006 National Team member and a UK student, to attend the National Catholic Student Coalition long-range planning meeting. The goal of the meeting is to create a new five-year plan for the NCSC.

The next grants committee meeting will take place in the fall of 2006. The deadline for the next grant application cycle is October 5, 2006.

Grants Committee Deadlines

Oct. 5, 2006

Feb. 1, 2007

April 5, 2007

Students Build on Spring Break Trip

Collin Linebach, NFI Board member, UK student, and Newman Center Student Director

The nine hour ride to South Carolina gave nine strangers plenty of time to bond. The first day we walked the Kiawah Island beach, throwing the Frisbee and testing the water. It was too cold for me! Monday, during orientation at the Habitat-owned resale store, we learned the money the store makes funds several houses a year, and the number of houses it can fund is increasing yearly. After orientation, we went to the Lowcountry Food Bank where we worked to sort salvaged food. The food bank salvages food from grocery stores, which includes food that has been mislabeled, food with damaged packaging, over-ordered items or discontinued items. Our job was to sort through it, throw out the bad stuff, clean off and repack the good stuff. The food bank feeds mostly children, elderly, and impoverished families. Monday afternoon, after the food bank, we went back to the Hope House, the Habitat home in which we were staying. While some of our group rested, the rest of us went out and walked the new suspension bridge that was completed in 2005. Talk about cool! Tuesday through Friday we worked with Habitat on several of their building sites doing anything from foundation digging to laying block to framing sheds to roofing.

We had a wonderful experience, both as individuals and as a group. We learned about building not only structures, but also relationships. Working in an all-Habitat neighborhood, we were able to see the benefits that home ownership had given these people. The people who lived in the houses around our worksites moved from miserable little shacks with the roof caving in and the walls barely standing to these homes that have since given them the ability to get their lives under control. The most prevalent sign I saw of Habitat's success was all of the nice, new cars in the driveways. Thanks to the Newman Foundation and support from the parishioners at the Newman Center for funding spring breaks that are fun, rewarding and meaningful to our UK community and to the communities we touch through our service.



At the Lowcountry Food Bank

Spotlight: New Board Members

KC Meadows

Catherine (KC) Meadows, native of Owensboro, KY, came to Lexington in 1996. She is the mother of two daughters. KC has been a member of the Newman Center since 1997 and sings with the 9:00 a.m. Sunday choir and teaches 3rd grade CCD. Employed at Chase as a Senior Administrative Assistant in the Middle Market Commercial Banking, she has been in banking for 29 years. KC also facilitates the Chase Leadership Academy corporate mentoring program in Lexington which mentors and prepares local high school seniors for the next level in their life. KC has coordinated/participated in many charitable events throughout her banking career, including March of Dimes, Junior Achievement, YMCA Black Achievers, Big Brothers Big Sisters and the American Cancer Society.

Kevin Steele

Kevin began working full time for the Newman Center as Minister to Students sixteen years ago after completing his Masters in Theological Studies at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, CA. He and Susan Bybee have been married for eleven years. Kevin received his certification as a professional Catholic Campus Minister from the Catholic Campus Ministry Association. While in grade school, Kevin's family moved to Lexington from California when his father joined the faculty at UK in electrical engineering. Kevin has five siblings and received his bachelors degree in journalism from UK in 1983. Kevin has also been a youth volleyball coach for twenty years and served as an assistant coach on the UK women's volleyball staff.

Jim Ziliak

Dr. Ziliak is Professor of Economics and holder of the Carol Martin Gatton Endowed Chair in Microeconomics in the Department of Economics at the University of Kentucky. Also Director of the UK Center for Poverty Research, he is a research affiliate with the National Poverty Center at the University of Michigan, the Joint Center for Poverty Research at the University of Chicago, and the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from Indiana University and has held faculty and professorship positions at other universities since 1993. Ziliak's research expertise is in the areas of labor economics, poverty policy, and tax policy. He is married to Gena Mark and they have two children, Aidan, 9, and Celia, 4.

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- Collin Linebach (jr.) Louisville; Habitat for Humanity & Service Committee
- Stephanie Martin (jr.) Irvine; Religious Education & Hospitality
- Lee Metzger (jr.) Villa Hills; Intramural Sports
- Maria Teresa Reynolds (jr.) Indianapolis; Cultural Events
- Allen Rust (soph.) California; Pizza Theology & KY Cath. Student Coalition
- Colleen Santo (jr.) Louisville; Intramural Sports & Faith Sharing
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