

THE NEWMAN CENTER NEWSLETTER

Spring 1992

Distinguished Speaker Series Celebrates Ninth Year

by Mary Parlanti

The Distinguished Speakers Program at the Newman Center, sponsored by Newman Center, Inc., is in its ninth year of provocative and exciting speakers.

Started in 1983 by the Board of Trustees of Newman Center, Inc., the Distinguished Speakers Program was organized to achieve the Board's goal of using monies raised by its members to enhance the role of the Newman Center as the Catholic Center of the University of Kentucky.

The Distinguished Speakers Program has offered nationally prominent speakers beginning with Robert Drinan, S.J. in 1983 ("Beyond the Nuclear Freeze"), down to the final speaker for the 1991-1992 series - Richard McCormick, S.J., who will speak on bioethical issues. The lectures have been a mixture of controversial, mind-bending, peace-making, prayer-centering subjects, examining topics from nuclear war, to ecology, to religion and sports.

The lectures, which are free and open to the public, are attended by a wide variety of people. A large audience of students will always be present, especially when the speaker or the topic is controversial -- such as Daniel Berrigan who offered "The Deterrent Nation vs the Disarmed Conscience," or Coleman McCarthy who spoke on "End Violence by Teaching Peace." The impact of these speakers was demonstrated after McCarthy's visit, when students petitioned and were successful in initiating a class in non-violence at UK.



Sr. Diane Fassel

wanting to learn more about co-dependence, workaholism, and addiction in the work place.

On the other hand, when Father M. Basil Pennington ("Recovering Our Contemplative Dimension: Finding the True Meaning of Life") spoke, there was a full house audience from all walks of life, learning the contemplative form of prayer known as Centering Prayer. Diane Fassel, a sister of Loretto, ("The Addictive Organization") attracted a large audience of psychiatric and psychological counselors,

A new dimension was added in 1991 with the introduction of the WINTER EVENINGS program. These evenings offer regional speakers addressing a common theme from their personal or professional viewpoints. The WINTER EVENINGS are held on three consecutive Mondays in February.

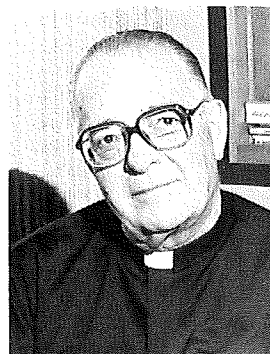
WINTER EVENINGS programs for 1992 were as follows:

February 3: "*Humanae Vitae*: Basic Family Values - What are they now?"
by Prof. Joanne I. Bell
UK Dept. of Social Work

February 10: "The Challenge of Peace: Can War Be Continued as an Instrument of Public Policy?"
by Prof. Ernest J. Yanarella
UK Dept. of Political Science

February 17: "*Centesimus Annus*: Economic Policy, Responsibility to America and the World"
by Prof. Richard C. Edwards
UK Dean of Arts and Sciences

As the ninth year of this outstanding program draws to a close, **Jack Considine** and other committee members are busy contacting prospective speakers for the upcoming years. Some speakers are scheduled three years in advance, so committee members must work hard to achieve their goal of bringing exciting and well-known speakers to the Newman Center.



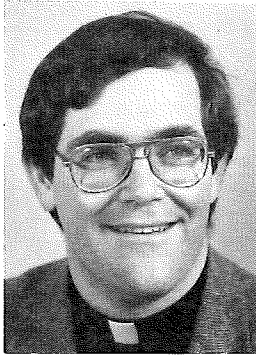
Fr. Richard A. McCormick

Ethics at the University of Notre Dame.

The final address of the 1991-92 season will be by Richard A. McCormick, S.J. on "Bioethical Problems of the Nineties."

Fr. McCormick will speak at **7:30 p.m., Friday, April 3** in the Newman Center main hall. His address will be followed by a three-hour workshop on Saturday morning, April 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon entitled "**Decision Making in Bioethics.**"

Fr. McCormick is John A. O'Brien Professor of Christian



From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Dan Noll On Sabbatical

Fr. Dan Noll, Pastor of the Newman Center/Holy Spirit Parish, began his sabbatical January 19, 1992. He is studying at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, California, and residing at the Sarpi Priory in Berkeley. In Fr. Noll's absence, Fr. Walt Bado, Associate Pastor, will be assisted by Fr. Elmer Moore and Fr. Charles McDonald in presiding at eucharistic liturgies. Fr. Dan sends this report:

I am happily planted in the San Francisco Bay Area till mid May. Part of my sabbatical includes participating in two courses entitled: "Preaching and Prayer Leadership" and "Spirituality and Relationships." I'm securing a spiritual director and am in process of discovering educational opportunities in Spanish and computer literacy. I'm also investigating Tai Chi classes and volunteer opportunities to serve the homeless of the area.

Father Dan

Memorial Gifts

Memorial Gifts have been given to the Newman: Alive and Growing Building Fund in memory of

- C. Henry Besten
- Alma Gormley
- Agnes Schlosser
- Charles Wethington, Sr.
- Monsignor Cy Wood
- Fred Yonke

Memorial Gifts have been given to Newman Center, Inc. in memory of
B. J. Killian

Thank You and God Bless You.

Grants Program Continues To Do Good Deeds

by Jan Swauger

When the Newman Center, Inc. grants program was reevaluated several years ago, the theme "Planting Seeds for Good Deeds" was adopted. The basis for this theme was that the **Small Grants Program** was "doing good deeds" by providing "seed monies" to support worthwhile projects and programs **within** the Newman Center parish community.

At the same time, the Grants Committee wished to reach out to our "neighbors" and so it initiated the **Community Matching Grants Program**. By also supporting worthy organizations outside of our parish, Newman Center, Inc. furthers the Newman apostolate and makes a difference in our larger community.

Grants are limited to \$500.00 and must be matched by an equal amount raised by the recipient organization.

The Community Matching Grants Program funds projects that are educational in nature and provide direct services to others. Since Spring 1989, the Community Matching Grants Program has provided funding for 31 non-profit organizations throughout Fayette County and for several organizations in Eastern Kentucky. Grants are limited to \$500.00 and must be matched by an equal amount raised by the recipient organization. This Program has received positive response and many organizations have expressed their grateful appreciation for this opportunity for funding.

Some recent grants recipients include: Catholic Social Service, Harlan, KY (funding to purchase a copier); Lexington Child Abuse Council (funding for a training seminar for volunteers); Diocesan Peace and Justice Coordinator (funding to participate in a study tour to benefit Appalachian region of KY); Alzheimer's Association (funding to purchase educational equipment for the Helping Hands Program) and Sr. Virginia Farrell/Hazard-Perry County Community Hospice (funding to purchase library reference materials on dying and grief).

Organizations seeking funding from either the Small Grants Program or the Community Matching Grants Program must participate in a formal application and review process. Applications are reviewed by a committee composed of ten to fifteen persons including UK students, faculty, Newman Center parishioners and trustees of Newman Center, Inc. Applications are reviewed quarterly. The next deadline is April 1. The fall deadline will be October 1. Interested persons or organizations can obtain information and an application from **Jan Swauger** or **Jo Wilhite** through the Newman Center office.

Thanks to all who contribute to the mission of the Newman Center, Inc. Through your charitable donations we are able to provide this important support.

Renovation Program Completed Fund Raising Continues

The Newman: Alive and Growing program, sponsored jointly by the Newman Center Parish and Newman Center, Inc., has completed the remodeling and expansion of the Newman Center facilities at a cost of over \$1.1 million. Some of the obvious improvements include enlarging the lobby; addition of a wing for a conference room and a music room; remodeling of the main hall; and expanded and modernized kitchen and bathroom facilities. Less obvious improvements include upgraded sprinkler and safety equipment; improved handicapped access; a new roof; and a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. This was the first major renovation in the twenty-year history of the current facility.

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According to Alive and Growing chairman **Tim Wills**, the response from parishioners and friends of the Newman Center has been fantastic. "We received gifts and pledges exceeding even our hopes. Consequently, we were able to do some things, such as replacing rather than repairing the roof, that we knew we should do but we thought we could not afford. Thanks to everyone who has given - and who will give in the future."

To date, the campaign has collected just over two-thirds of the \$1.13 million pledged, according to **Joel Strangis**, chairman of the Continuation Committee, which is charged with collecting pledges and presenting Alive and Growing to new parishioners. The committee continues to seek additional funds for the program. "At the current level, we project a \$10,000 shortfall after all costs, including interest on the construction loan, have been paid," predicts Strangis. "In addition, there has been talk of a program to upgrade the Newman Center landscaping, a cost that was not included in Alive and Growing. We will continue to seek funds to complete the program and meet the Newman Center's physical plant needs. Thanks to everyone who has given."



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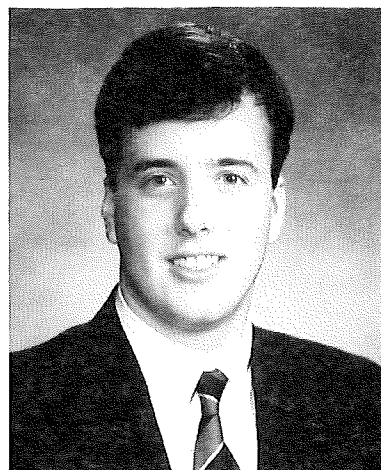
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Remodeled Kitchen To Memorialize Fred Yonke

by Joel Strangis

"It is fitting that we remember a young man who loved good food by dedicating this room to him." Those were the words of **Fr. Dan Noll** at a ceremony last fall dedicating the remodeled Newman Center Kitchen in memory of **Fred Yonke**.

The son of **Stephanie** and **Arthur Yonke**, Fred grew up in Rock Island, Illinois. He played football, was an all-state track star and graduated with honors from Rock Island High School. He also achieved honors as World Junior Champion with a .410 shotgun and participated in the 1984 U.S. Olympic trials for skeet shooting.



Fred Yonke

Although Fred visited colleges in Illinois, Texas, and Louisville, it was love at first sight when he visited Lexington and he chose UK. At UK he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and received his undergraduate degree in chemistry. He was active at the Newman Center and often attended with his close friend, **Kim Buehner**, a UK student and daughter of **Joyce** and **Bill Buehner** of Lexington.

Fred was a graduate student in chemistry, planning to enroll in dental school, when he was struck by cancer in January of 1990. Fred and Fr. Dan became especially close during their hospital visits. Fred died on February 24, 1990. A memorial service was held at the Newman Center and Fr. Dan traveled to Bourbonnais, Illinois to represent the Newman Center at the service held there for Fred's family and friends.

Fred was a talented young man who enjoyed life and brought joy to those around him. Our Newman Center is better for his having been present.

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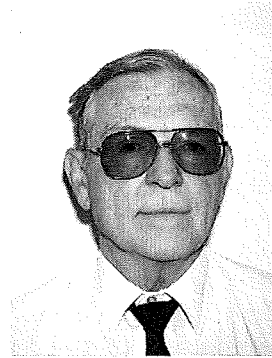
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McEllistrem To Lead Newman Center, Inc. Board of Trustees



Marcus T. "Marc" McEllistrem has been elected 1992 President of the Board of Trustees of Newman Center, Inc. A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Marc received his Ph.D. in physics from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Marc has been at the University of Kentucky since 1957 and he is the 1991-92 president of the University Senate. Marc and his wife, Eleanor, have six children.

Eleanor is in real estate sales with Prudential/A.S. de Movelan.

"We want to build the Newman Center apostolate and bring it to the larger community," says Marc. "Our efforts in the Distinguished Speaker Series and in the Community Matching Grants Program are examples of this outreach and we will continue to look for other services."

The activities of The Newman Center, Inc. are made possible by the generous gifts of parents, alumni and friends throughout the United States. Your support is deeply appreciated. Please send your tax deductible gift to Newman Center, Inc. at the address indicated below.

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