

THE NEWMAN FOUNDATION INC. NEWSLETTER

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Newman Foundation Has A New Leader

by Joan Stoeckinger, NFI Board Member

After two busy years of evaluation and transition, Jan Swauger passes her presidency of the Board of Trustees of Newman Foundation, Inc. to Bill Green, in his third year on the Board. Jan, who is an administrator in the University of Kentucky Office of Development, said of the Newman Foundation changes, "We reached a milestone in 1993, our 20th anniversary, and it was an opportunity to see where we have been, where we are, and where we want to be."

Newman Center, Inc. (the former name) was established in 1973 as a fund-raising group to build a facility for worship and fellowship for the UK Catholic community and friends. With the structure on Rose Lane completed, then recently renovated, NCI hired a professional facilitator to review its achievements, and plan for the future.

The name change from Newman Center, Inc. to Newman Foundation, Inc. now identifies the group as an ongoing fund-raising arm to provide programs to educate intellectually and spiritually within the Diocese of Lexington. Continuing projects include the Distinguished Speakers Series and a Grants Program.

New president Bill Green, a professor in the UK Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic, and long-time member of Holy Spirit Parish, sees the new thrust of NFI "to develop new programs and continue to raise revenue to fund them." Other officers for NFI are Mike Besten, Vice President and Treasurer and Barbara Wills, Secretary.



Newly elected Newman Foundation, Inc. President Bill Green and former President Jan Swauger .

Confirmation Is Here Again!

by Kellie Kute, Student Member NFI Board

Once again it is a Confirmation year at the Newman Center, and just as any other activity here, the Newman Center has a unique way of handling this sacred sacrament. Since Confirmation only comes to the Newman Center periodically, the 7th-10th grade Sunday CCD students were confirmed together.

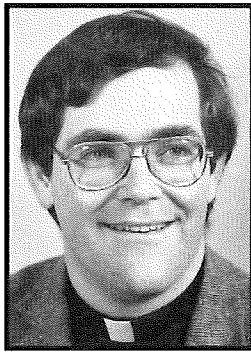
What makes this unique is the involvement of UK students in the preparation of candidates. Each grade level is taught predominately by college students at UK. The involvement of these students is one way many students feel they can give back to the Newman Center a portion of what they have received -- plus it is a great spiritual experience!

When asked what she thought were the benefits of students teaching students, 9th-grade teacher (and UK student) Sarah Bonewits responded, "It allows young students the opportunity to hear about our faith from someone they can relate to, and it opens their mind to learning about God. Also, as students, we can make the experience a little more fun because we have an easy time remembering what it was like to be thirteen."

This year's Confirmation was enlightening for all those involved. The Foundation welcomes the new adults into the parish and thanks the students for their continuing involvement in their faith.

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Fr. Dan Noll

From the Pastor's Desk

This February I went to Germany to baptize the twin children of a former Newman Center member. The baptisms took place in a small town called Ising, on the shores of the Chiemsee, about halfway between Munich and Salzburg.

The sacristan at the church was a friendly man in his sixties who was extremely helpful. Even though he spoke no English and I spoke poor German, we connected.

After the ceremony, he began to speak in broken English and he told me that he had spent one year in the United States. I asked him if it had been to visit with relatives or to work. He said that it was because he was in a prisoner of war camp in Virginia. Fifty years ago, this new friend who made these baptisms possible was the enemy.

The power of our faith can and does tear down the walls of nationality, age, and political differences. God can bring together those who have been scattered. This is my experience not only in Ising, but also in the great diversity of people found at the Newman Center.



Newman Center staff Fr. Walt Bado, Sr. Ellen Kehoe, Fr. Dan Noll and Kevin Steele enjoying the food, fun and fellowship during a break at the Newman Center '95 Spring Student Retreat.

"Super" Spring Retreat

Where would you likely find a group of UK students on Super Bowl Sunday weekend? Camp Andrew Jackson near McKee, Kentucky, may not be high on your list of guesses, but this was the site of the Newman Center '95 Spring Student Retreat attended by approximately 65 students during the January 27-29 weekend.

The retreat provided ample time for the students to participate in large and small group activities including reflection, prayer, sharing experiences and social events aimed at making new friends. Also, a Penance Service was held and opportunity was available for individual counseling. After returning to Lexington the students had time to watch the UK-Arkansas basketball game as well as the NFL Super Bowl game.

'94-'95 Distinguished Speakers Program Heats Up

by Joan Stoeckinger, NFI Board Member

The success of the Distinguished Speakers program can be measured by the ample crowds attending the talks at the Newman Center, and by the unexpected numbers of people who attended the Enneagram series in February.

Since 1983, the Newman Foundation's Distinguished Speakers Series has attracted audiences throughout Central Kentucky -- Catholic and non Catholic -- to hear such notables as Robert Drinan, S.J., Michael Novak, Father Andrew Greeley, Dr. Michael Kinnamon, and Sr. Mary Luke Tobin. The Winter Evenings series was added in recent years to feature local and regional speakers in periods of unattractive weather.

Outgoing Distinguished Speakers chairperson, Jan Mullaney, describes this February's series on Enneagrams as "so successful it overheated the copying machine." Program handouts were prepared for an estimated crowd of 50, Jan explained, "but more than 300 people showed

up, and we weren't prepared, so the copy machine was put through an emergency run."

Jan also describes how the series can have evangelization as a bi-product. One woman who attended the Enneagram series (a method of typing basic personalities) was neither Catholic nor Christian. After hearing the last speaker, Father Bill Cleves, president of Thomas More College, the visitor wanted to be informed any time he gives a talk or a retreat.

Jan attributes the Distinguished Speakers success to "a terrific committee." Her successor as chairperson, Tom Miller, also lauds the committee as a "deeply dedicated group."

Distinguished Speakers for Fall, 1995 include:

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, social activist and well known religious leader, will speak on "Fanning the Flame of Non-Violence" on September 29.

Margaret Steinfels, editor of *Commonweal*, a Catholic periodical, may speak on some controversial authors featured in *Commonweal* on November 10.

Student Fund Boosted by Parent Phonathon

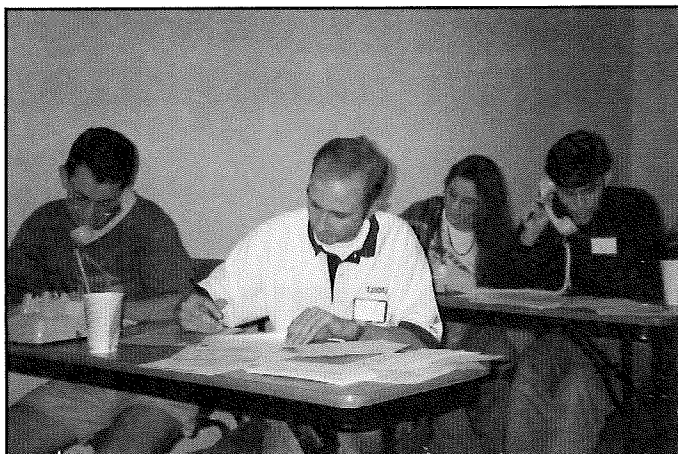
by Kellie Kute, Student Member NFI Board

Calling all parents: Thank you for your tremendous response to the first annual Newman Foundation Parent Phonathon. The resources generated from this campaign will be applied to the Student Special Activities Fund, a fund established specifically for student programs at Newman Center. This fund enables the students to receive money for student leadership activities outside of the Foundation's Grants Program, thus freeing up grant funds for other groups within the Diocese of Lexington.

An executive board of students from the Newman Center, along with two Newman Foundation, Inc. board representatives, have the responsibility of controlling where the money from the student fund is spent. For example, over this semester's Spring break, forty students have been awarded scholarships from the student fund to help with the cost of an alternative Spring break trip to Homestead, Florida, to aid in hurricane relief. The students will be part of the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge working to build homes.

In addition, the student fund supports such activities as a graduate students' retreat, a trip for 10 students to the National Catholic Student Coalition in St. Louis, and pizza is served once a month following the 8:30 pm mass.

As you can see, this year the students have many worthwhile activities -- thanks to the hard work of the students, NFI board members and of course, thanks to the parents who responded so generously.



Above from left: Kip Perkins, Paul Stahara, Catherine Spran and Chris Bruggeman spent several hours on the phone during the first annual Newman Foundation Parent Phonathon collecting for the Student Special Activities Fund.

Below: UK students in Homestead, FL. during 1994 Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge.



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Who are these masked men?! Fr. Dan Noll and Fr. Walt Bado at the annual Newman Center Mardi Gras celebration.

Lenten Preparation

With the festivities of Fat Tuesday behind us, now is the time to prepare ourselves for Easter. Following is a prayer from the book, *The Liturgy of the Hours*:

Father, through our observance of Lent, help us to understand the meaning of your Son's death and resurrection, and teach us to reflect it in our lives. Grant through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



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