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NF Congress Focuses On Civil Rights Theme

The Mason-Dixon Region of the National Federation of Catholic College Students opens its February Congress in Cincinnati today. Sponsored by Our Lady of Cincinnati College, the College of Mt. St. Joseph and Xavier University, the Congress will be in session at the Netherland Hilton Hotel until Sunday.

The theme of the Congress, "Civil Rights Tomorrow and You," will, according to Nancy Wachter, Edgecliff's NF senior delegate, "concern the Catholic college and university students' need to develop a strong sense of Christian responsibility with regard to civil rights."

The purpose of the Congress, continued Nancy, "is to help college and university students to gain a proper perspective towards civil rights as it might affect them in the future."

Speeches by prominent authorities on civil rights will be followed by panel and group discussions. "Through the speeches and discussions we hope to help the delegates to become good citizens who are aware of their Christian responsibility concerning civil rights," explained Nancy.

The keynote address will be given this evening by Congressman John J. Gilligan. On Saturday morning, Dr. Bruce H. Greene, president of the Cincinnati Chapter of the NAACP, will address the Congress. Dr. Greene's speech will be followed by a panel discussion with representatives from various civil rights organizations.

On Saturday afternoon, Attorney Franklin Whitaker, assistant on the late President Kennedy's civil rights committee, will speak. On Sunday afternoon it will be Mr. Martin Sullivan, national once president of the NAACP.

In addition to the speakers and discussions, the Congress will include an evening banquet at the Grand Hotel, a social entertainment at the Netherland Hilton, a dinner in the Garden Room at the Hilton Hotel until Sunday.

Colleges represented at the Congress include Ursuline, Catherine Spalding and Bellarmine colleges, Louisville, Ky.; Nazareth College, Nazareth, N.Y.; St. Catherine's Junior College, St. Catherine, Ky.; 44th and Christian Brothers college, Milwaukee, Wis.; and Benedict College, Ferdinand, Ind.

Plans for the NFCCS Regional Congress are mapped out by Kathleen Smith (fore­ground), Arlene Schmidt, Nancy Wachter, Edgecliff's NF senior delegate, and Colette Brehm.

Sacred Heart College, Cullman, Ala.; St. Leo's College, St. Leo, Fla.

Xavier University, UU Newman Club, Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Mt. St. Joseph College and Our Lady of Cincinnati will represent the Cincinnati area.

Nancy Wachter, Our Lady of Cincinnati College; Carol Delaney, College of Mt. St. Joseph, and Thomas Stisko, Xavier University, NF senior delegates at their respective institutions, are chairman of the Congress.

NJ Leader Speaks

Dr. John Sullivan, national presi­dent of the National Federation of Catholic College Students, will speak on "The Importance of Civil Rights in the College Setting." The meeting is open to NF senior delegates at their respective institutions.

A representative of the United Nations Assembly is Mr. Vincent Schott, Jordan's delegates are Lynn Radford and Nancy Vonder­hoide. Faculty moderator of the Edgecliff delegation to this event and also of Edgecliff's own UN Assembly is Mr. Vincent Delauney, associate professor of history.

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Representing Argentina are juniors Patricia Donovan and Joanne O'Connell, and homework Frances Schott. Jordan's delegates are seniors Dorothy Pohlkamp, and juniors Lynn Radford and Nancy Vonder­hoide. Faculty moderator of the Edgecliff delegation to this event and also of Edgecliff's own UN Assembly is Mr. Vincent Delauney, associate professor of history.

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Business Leader To Speak On Biblical Archaeology

A Biblical archaeologist whose philosophic interest has led him to donate ancient finds to educational institutions will speak to Edgecliff students on "Biblical Ar­cheology," Feb. 18.

Mr. Stanley R. Slotkin, whose interests range from medicine to skin diving, is known as the "Dean of the Abbey Rents Foundation Clinic," which provides free plastic surgery for individuals without funds. An extensive world traveler, Mr. Slotkin is also interested in the field of health and medicine, espe­cially the invention of devices to aid those recovering from crippling diseases.

Mr. Slotkin's archaeological finds include a choir book from the 14th century, several copies of the Bible, and Egyptian paintings of domon and the Queen of Sheba. His hobby of skin diving led him to the discovery of several ancient Roman and Phoenician amphorae (jars) in the Medi­terranean Sea.

Hebrews

Matthew 16:17-18

Who do men say that I the Son of Man am? But who do ye say that I am? And Peter answering said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And Jesus answering said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon, son of Jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

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Marjorie D'Souza (center) of India models her native sari for Zita Zimmerer (left) and Dorothy Pohlkamp, co-chairman of the All Nations Dinner.

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Funding for the Congress has been extended to undergraduate and graduate international students attending Xavier University, University of Cincinnati, Mt. St. Joseph College and Edgecliff.

Co-chairs of the invitation committee are Mary Lou Reho, senior, and Ana Sack, junior; of the refreshment committee Susan White, sophomore, and Charlotte Nachtrab, freshman.

Planning the entertainment are Patricia Burns and Dorothy Pohlkamp. In charge of registration are Elaine Vorherz and Zita Zimmerer.

The Congress is being handled by Patricia Donovan and Irene Bishop; by Ruth Homan and Cathy Gerson; and Betty Atkinson and Lijette Hoflang.

Edgecliff Offers Second Semester Reading Course

A ten-week Visual Concepts Course in Perceptive Reading Development will be conducted at Edgecliff by representatives of Visual Concepts, Mentor, Ohio, beginning Feb. 15.

The course is open to all men and women who wish to improve their comprehension and speed in reading. Students must attend one class per week on Tuesdays, 3 to 3:30 p.m., or on Saturdays, 8:30 to 11 a.m. The fee for the course is $40.

No academic credit will be given. However, completing this course enables students to take a special Methods Course, which in turn qualifies them to teach the Perceptive Reading Course.

A demonstration in Perceptive Reading was given as Our Lady of Cincinnati Feb. 15.

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Campus Calendar

February

11-13 - NFCCS Convention
12 - Scholarship examination
13 - Fashion show
14 - Opening of Forty Hours devotion
16 - Speaker - Stanley R. Slotkin
17 - Closing of Forty Hours devotion
20 - Men's National Party
23-26 - Little United Nations Assembly at Indiana U.
26 - "Mother Courage" - A Lovely Month plays
March

16 - Mother Courage and Her Children opens
30 -11 - Graduate Recital examinations
Civil Rights and Human Dignity

Challenge

Indira Gandhi Faces Conflict

by Dorothy Pohlkamp '66

The election of Indira Gandhi, the daughter of Jawaharlal Nehru, as Prime Minister of India has been received with mixed reactions throughout the world. Many in India respect her election as a blow to anti-Communist elements, pointing to her past friendships with such left-wingers as former Defense Minister Krishna Menon, even under present Communist leaders.

Her supporters insist that she has consistently and strongly opposed efforts to subvert India. The Prime Minister herself has declared her intention to keep India neutral, and to accept aid from both the United States and Russia. At a press conference she said: "In a country like India, where the basic problem is one of poverty and of trying to convince the average man that you are on his side, you have to be more or less in the center and try to keep as many people with you as possible."

Mrs. Gandhi must face the Brat. As Davis Barlow, the bumbling nephew, is sometimes like "walking up the down staircase."

The theme of the book, while not new, is nevertheless pertinent. The pros and cons of the teaching profession are seen in Sylvia's gratifying and discouraging experiences. She has a difficult decision to make: whether to continue struggling with her slow section at Calvin Coolidge or to take an active position at Willowdale, a private school.

In order to reach a decision, she must look carefully at her accomplishments and ask herself if her efforts are "worth it all."

Bel Kaufman, daughter of Yiddish writer Sholom Aleichem, was born in Berlin, lived in Russia until she was twelve, and then came to the United States. Her style in Up The Down Staircase is highly original. She tells the story by using four "primary sources": that is, letters, memoirs, students' assignments and even slips from the classroom suggestion box. All of these bits and pieces are pasted together to form a complete mosaic—the story. This technique is instrumental in maintaining a lively, interesting pace throughout the book.

Up The Down Staircase is an enjoyable story, but it provides more than entertainment. There are moments of pathos and tragedy in its pages. The book runs an emotional gamut from hysterics and prejudice to a kind of tenderness— as when a tough, undisciplined boy writes his teacher: "I wish I could believe in God more..."

A word about the writing. Bel Kaufman gives the reader an inside look at the rather sad state of the teaching profession—the job which is sometimes like "walking up the down staircase."

The Arts

Movie Of 'Loved Ones' Misses Mark

by Laura Weaver '66

The Loved Ones, adapted from the novel by Evelyn Waugh, is an attempt at a sophisticated swipe at the funeral profession. Unfortunately, it doesn't quite come off. The book, which was a grand understatement and left the reader to imagine the mish of the mortuary, loses subtlety in the transition to the screen. The descriptions of the novel are too graphically portrayed and will tend to be a bit distracting for all but the most iron-stomached viewer.

The cast has its share of name stars, most of whom turn in strong performances—that is, in relation to the material they are given to work with. John Gulipal is convincing as the artist, Francis Hinkel. Liborraine does well in his cameo role of a casket salesman, and Milton Berle is marvellously-controlled (for him) as a bereaved pet owner.

James Coburn has a bit role as a customs official and Rod Steiger is appropriately unctuous as the ghastly mummy's pet, Mr. Joyboy. The real ace-scater, however, is the young British actor, Robert Morse, whom you will remember as the would-be ladies' man of The Loved Ones. As Davis Barlow, the bumbling nephew, he is a visual delight. His features convey every thought of the character. He wrinkles his nose, widens his eyes or purses his mouth at what seems to be the most opportune moment to convey a communication or get a laugh.

Jonathan Winters has a dual role in the movie. He plays both the "Blissed Reverend," director of Whispering Glades Cemetery, and his n'er-do-well brother, Harry, who runs "The Happier Hunting Grounds," an establishment for pet interment (or should one say, "interment,immurment, or incineration").

The movie has its moments but the thread holding it together is rather worn. Billed as the film "with something for everyone's taste," it's worth seeing if just for curiosity's sake.

NF Promotes Positive View

In recent months a great deal of publicity has been given to Vietnaks, draft card burners, civil rights demonstrators, student rioters in Berkeley and demonstrators against the United States stand on Viet Nam. However, little has been said about those who take a positive attitude toward the major United States difficulties.

One group who backs the United States is the National Federation of Catholic College Students. At the October regional Congress, the Mason-Dixon region of the NFCCS passed a resolution to take a positive attitude toward the United States Stand on Viet Nam. This resolution sparked a letter-writing campaign on our campus to the soldiers in Viet Nam.

At the Congress being held this weekend civil rights and human dignity will be discussed by the delegation. Prominent authorities on civil rights such as Congressman John T. Gilligan, Dr. Bruce Green, president of the Cincinnati chapter of the NAACP, and Attorney Franklin Whitaker, assistant in President Kennedy's civil rights bill, have been secured by NFCCS regional officers to speak at the Congress.

In addition, NFCCS, involved with the war on poverty, has sponsored social action projects to help the underprivileged. For example, the Girls' Club, directed by Edgecliff students, takes young girls from poor and broken homes in the downtown area out of their environment and provides them with a chance to improve their lot in the future.

Furthermore, the campus unit of NFCCS introduced and guided the One-to-one tutoring program designed to help slow-learner students in overcrowded classrooms.

The Edgecliff staff congratulates the officers and members of NFCCS on their fine work. The staff also extends best wishes to the Mason-Dixon region for a very successful Congress, and to all out-of-town visitors, The Edgecliff says "welcome."

SC Studies Leadership

An important role of any student council is to solicit student interest in a democratic manner. To carry out this responsibility, the members of Edgecliff's Student Council are planning a leadership conference in March.

In order for this effort to be effective, it is essential that all student participants in the conference be forewarned as to what the conference is all about. If the decision-making is left entirely to the few who consistently show themselves willing to give their time and effort to carry out the essential functions of the organization.

Even if you do not pick yourself as a leader, it is your responsibility to elect those students who will best serve your individual interests and the interests of the school as a whole.

Although this conference will particularly appeal to those students who wish to participate for office this year, those who must elect the college leaders have a responsibility to be informed concerning the qualifications and goals of leadership.

We must develop leadership skills and the will to work for and contribute to the improvement of the institutions which help us to grow and develop. These institutions, whether intellectual or social, must be better informed, better developed, and better for the enrichment of the areas of social and community activities.

This conference will enable all the students to gain an insight into the purposes of the extracurricular activities on campus. We encourage all students to participate.

Speaker

Baroness Maria Von Trapp, author of The Trapp Family Singers and inspiration of the Broadway musical and movie The Sound of Music, will be guest speaker at a dinner sponsored by the Commercial Missionaries at the Netherlands Hotel on Wednesday, February 15th.

Tickets at $7.50-a-plate dinner should be purchased in advance to ensure the annual benefit.

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Helen Detis
Freshmen Initiate Strontium Studies

In answer to the student demand for challenges and the faculty desire to assist in this academic growth, the chemistry department of Our Lady of Cincinnati College, under the direction of Miss Jane Glenn, associate professor of chemistry, has initiated a "four-year" program of research.

The aim of the project, Miss Glenn explained, is to guide the student toward independent, analytical and productive research. For this reason students will begin their freshman year to investigate and acquire background study in specific research problems. Later, as they become upperclassmen, they will be familiar with the complexities of the problem and will be able to do fruitful research.

Dr. Charles J. Schare, professor of chemistry, commented: "We have hopes that once the program is under way it will not be an uncommon occurrence to find the results of our research published in recognized chemical journals."

Miss Glenn and the other members of the chemistry department also are examining the possibilities for an undergraduate fellowship program which would give financial assistance to exceptional students involved in research.

At the present time two freshmen, Cheryl Gambetta and Kathy Sprongard, are participating in this research program. The students are being introduced to several research problems while under the direct guidance of Mr. Theodore Zickefoose, instructor in chemistry, and Mrs. Zickefoose, who has done research in the field of radiotherapy at the Radiation Engineering Center, is acquainting them with the problem of radioactive strontium deposits in the bones of the body. In their study they will examine the possible ways to eliminate strontium deposits and use quantitative methods of analysis that can be utilized to study the problem. Presently, they are concerned with the effective elimination of strontium deposits through reaction with sodium alginate.

Dr. Schare, a theoretical chemist who finds computers his most useful tool in research, has been teaching the students "Fortran" computer programming. They will use computers at the University of Cincinnati and Xavier University to solve problems dealing with "changes in electrical energy and electron orbital transfer in the atom. Their special problem will be the hypothesized phenomenon of 'back donation' of electrical charge."

Other freshman students already have expressed interest in the research program. Plans have been made to expand the program next semester to include more students.

Cathy Plaisance enjoys German life; appreciates foreign studies

by Jill Kennedy '69

Cathy Plaisance, Edcififf sophomore, has never lived in one place longer than four years. Her father is Lt. Colonel Edward B. Plaisance of the Armed Forces and his constant transfers have given her quite a look at the world. Cathy does not consider her situation to be a problem, but on the contrary considers locker than most girls her age.

Cathy spent her last three years of high school in Mannheim, Ger-

many, attending the American high school on the base. Cathy also made friends with German teenagers, especially when her family lived off base during the first year.

There is not really much difference between German and American teenagers," Cathy says. "We have the same interests and tastes, especially when it comes to music. The Germans are fabulously danceling"

Besides dancing and visiting German restaurants, Cathy enjoys being a cheerleader for the commander of the Seventh Army Support Command.

"Traveling as I have it gives me the opportunity to see things for me," stated Cathy. "I saw how different people lived and learned a little about their cultures."

Cathy went on to explain that while she was in Germany she traveled or American Ex-pats tours throughout the country and was able to visit New York, London, Italy and Paris. Although the base was set aside for Germans, she said she was glad to be able to see the country.

"Some of the people on the base had never been to a German, show or restaurant," Cathy concluded.

Besides minority states in the United States, Cathy and her family have traveled in Europe.

"It may seem like a disadvantage to live this way," Cathy concluded, "but the opportunities were great and I wouldn't have changed it if I could."
**'Lovely War' Challenges Cast, Audience**

Tragedy and comedy, revue and straight play; combination of the performing and visual arts. These contrary, yet complimentary components of the British play, Oh What A Lovely War! presented by the introductory art classes, proved to be a challenging and successful production.

The challenge was hastily accepted. The group, which is in the process of being organized, had been forming for three weeks. To comply with the provision for dancing in the play, a series of one-hour lessons in body movement was conducted by Mr. Alab Stanely, a member of the company. Mr. Stanley also directed the vocal exercises necessary for the numerous songs employed. Various accents were called for: English, French, English and Russian. Cockney and British English was acquired thus adding to the authenticity of the company. Dr. Anne Gruebeiner, German student, sang the songs with the accent of her fatherland.

**Much Preparation**

The actual amount of preparation is only a part of the evident differences between Oh What A Lovely War and any other contemporary production. There is no continuity of action, no relation of the cohesion to a strong main theme, the absurdity of war. True challenge for audience and actors in the current presentation by the Edgecliff Academy of Fine Arts.

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**Refusal Notes**

"Christianity Involves Action"

Retreat thoughts from Father Thomas J. Foley, S.J. and Father Frank Oppenheim, S.J.:

..."A Christian education makes one responsible for upholding the ideals of the word of God, for feeling a real sense of commitment to the goals of the Christian community."

..."Christ didn't suffer and die for the world in general - He did it for each individual.""