

Sabbatical, new Ontario post

Joe Higgins to see Third World first hand



By GERRY LASKEY

Father Joe Higgins, of the Campus Ministry Team, will be leaving today for a sabbatical which will take him to Rome, Tanzania and India.

After seminary at the Gregorian University in Rome Father Higgins was ordained a priest of the Holy

Cross Order in 1961. He recalled being in Rome during the election of Pope John XXIII and the tremendous atmosphere surrounding the "revolution" in the Roman Catholic Church which followed.

After his ordination Father Higgins taught high school for six

years in Welland, Ontario. Arriving at Saint Thomas University in 1969 he joined the Religious Studies Department and taught courses in comparative religion and Vatican Council II.

Two years later he and Father Monte Peters started the Campus Ministry Team. Father Higgins said "It was a little shaky at first not having a home ground to operate from (it was not under the auspices of STU), but I think it gave us the opportunity to reach many more students than we normally would have shut away in an office."

He said, "I appreciated most the opportunity to see students and even faculty develop interpersonal network at the same time that they were sorting out their academic lives." Father Higgins said that students could become very alienated if they become too concerned about their academic careers. "What we were involved in was 'preventative therapy'", he said.

Father Higgins was also

involved in the establishment of Fredericton's crisis centre, CHIMO, being the first chairperson of the CHIMO council. He said he very much enjoyed that experience of bringing all types of people together for a common goal.

Higgins' sabbatical will include a month long stay in Rome. He will then travel to Tanzania, by ship he hopes, for four months. Father Higgins says he has long been an admirer from a distance of that country's president, Julius Nyerere, and his non-aligned African socialism. He hopes his admiration will stand the test of face to face contact. He will also spend four months in various places in India.

Father Higgins says he will not really be working in these places but will be engaged "in a real learning situation." He chose Tanzania and India for his sabbatical from contact with African and Indian students and the fact that the Holy Cross Order has missions in these areas.

Father Higgins will not be returning to Fredericton after his sabbatical but will be taking a new post in St. Catherine's, Ontario, at Brock University. There is no campus ministry there at present and Father Higgins will be starting one.

The Brunswickan wishes him luck in all his future endeavours.

How's your ion ?

Want yet another excuse for not felling up to par? How's your negative ion count?

Mountains of research indicate that positive ions, or charged atmospheric molecules, are bad for you, causing, among other things, insomnia, irritability, migraines and suicidal tendencies. Negative ions, however, relieve those problems, while causing increased energy, exhilaration, greater sexual enjoyment and mental alertness. And you will be glad to know that there appear to be no bad side effects to negative ions, either.

Where can you find some negative ions? They're plentiful near the spray of the ocean and waterfalls and on the tops of mountains. The trappings of

civilization, unfortunately, including metal screens and ducts and synthetic materials, either produce positive ions, or remove ions from the air entirely.

There are negative-ion machines, however, that work well and are inexpensive. Trouble is, they're illegal if health claims are made for them. It seems that during the '50's similar devices were sold as a quack cancer cure, and the Federal Drug Administration has yet to lift the ban on their sale.

However, should you wish to buy one (for research purposes only, of course), Santek, Incorporated, of Hollywood, Florida, is selling them. (Earth News Service - New West)

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Ontario papers also claim that CUP national staff was withholding a cost/benefit study on expansion done by Francis Fuca, CUP president preceding Benjamin.

The briefing stated Fuca said Canadian campus newspapers could not afford a large expansion program.

The ORCUP papers also accused CUP national staff of blatantly

supporting the expansion program in the CUP House Organ, while claiming to be impartial.

The turning point for The Brunswickan staff came when Murphy returned from the conference disillusioned with the national organization.

She had been pro-CUP before she left, but complained that she and The Brunswickan resolutions

were ignored.

From then on it was only a matter of time before The Brunswickan voted unanimously to drop out of the organization at a well-attended staff meeting last April.

The Brunswickan has since subscribed to Earth News from San Francisco, and also plans to excerpt news from national and international newspapers.

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