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'Stereotyping can be negative'

Prayer remarks allude to rally plans of Klan this weekend

By MARTHA RASCHKE

South Bend — The maps of Plymouth and Knox joined Ancilla College students and staff and the Pure Handmade of Jesus Christ on Wednesday as they prayed for peace and unity. More than 200 people filled the Ancilla Dennis Chapel.

"We believe that peace is possible and unity is an attitude that is not only talked but walked," Sister Candice Schmitt, the college's interim president, said before introducing speakers Jack Greenstein of Plymouth and Nancy Dembowicz of Knox.

Sister Schmitt said the prayers presented at the service symbolized unity among the neighboring communities that Ancilla serves. The prayers were given in response to the Klan rally planned for Friday in St. Joseph County. Although the Klan is a hate group, Sister Schmitt said the Pure Handmade and the college believe in "our fundamental commonness to all" and are devoted to spirit.



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and values, social justice, service and the advancement of human dignity.

Rev. Robert Z. Hernandez, a priest in the Diocese of South Bend, said people need to understand each other to establish a sense of order. But, he said, "stereotyping is not the way to achieve that."

Anti-Klan group to meet for prayer

SOUTH BEND — A meeting to pray for unity between activists of the Ku Klux Klan is planned for 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. Friday at the Culture Center in South Bend.

The event, which also will include prayer and short statements in response to Klan activity, was planned by a group of citizens disturbed over a Klan activity in Indianapolis and reports of plans for a Klan rally in St. Joseph County.

stereotyping, and stereotyping "becomes only negative when it becomes biased," he said.

He suggested people be aware of their differences — by their social, economic, cultural or racial — without being judgmental of them.

Although race differences and broadness might be considered universal values, he said, "there are different concepts of race."

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suggesting that people look beyond whatever differences they might initially perceive in others.

"The first impression tends to become our stereotypes and it speaks a greater understanding for peace," he said.

Rev. John Struss, chaplain for the Pure Handmade community, commented that everyone is challenged when he or she meets people who promote separation and racial animosity.

"We must remember that those who appear to be more oppressed themselves, that they, too, are the victims of their own people's stereotypes and their own violence, of their own hatred and fears," he said.



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Teachers, board split wide on money

By HOWARD DUKES

South Bend — It's not time to panic yet, but hopes for a quick resolution to contract talks between the South Bend school board and the teachers union seem to be fading.

Representatives from the National Education Association South Bend and the board met in an all-day bargaining session on Tuesday. The school board's representatives revealed their proposals on money issues that included salaries and benefits.

It was the first time the board representatives had put those proposals on the table. The teachers union offered its proposals to the board last month.

"All I can say is that our respective positions are a long way apart and I emphasize long," said Bob Breeding, NEA South Bend Union director.

Breeding had said that Tuesday's session would determine whether the union decides to turn up the heat and become more combative in bargaining sessions.

And while he said the time may come when the union may seek to increase the pressure, that time has not arrived, Breeding said. There is another session scheduled for Friday prior to Monday's school board meeting.

Breeding said there still has been no offer from the union. "We are under no great urgency right now," he said. "Work it out, then we will decide what we will do."

Breeding said he will be at that meeting to provide more information to the board about where the salaries for teachers in South Bend stand in comparison to other districts.

At the Oct. 14 board meeting, Breeding provided information about that teacher salaries in South Bend lagged behind salaries in other districts for beginning teachers and the most experienced teachers. The information showed that salary increases for administrators over the last five years have outpaced those of teachers in the region.

Breeding said the information he will present on Monday will show how teacher salaries here lag behind teachers in other districts, even if fringe benefits like health care are included.

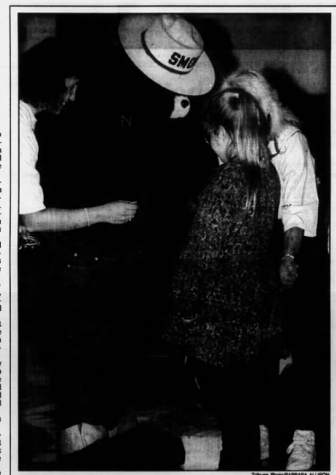
That is a response to a statement made by Board President Dr. Robert Swenney, who said it was not fair to compare the salaries of teachers here without including benefits like health care.

Ralph Kraminski, deputy superintendent, said whatever the district offers in regard to salary and benefits will not be driven by any comparisons to other districts, but by the South Bend school board's situation.

Cars' windshields broken at business

SOUTH BEND — Windshields of six cars were reported broken about 7:45 p.m. Friday at Chipmunk Road, 225 W. Chipmunk Ave., city police said. No suspects have been identified.

Police are asking anyone with information concerning this incident to call the department at 233-6931.



Smiley Bear

Smiley Bear receives birthday greetings Wednesday from students at McKinley School. McKinley was one of the sites in Indiana visited by Smiley as part of an educational program for Fire Prevention Month. Smiley is observing his 50th birthday this year.

South Bend and Polish 'sister' sign pact to help each other

By DON PORTER

SOUTH BEND — Informal talks between officials here and those from Cracow, Poland, in a series of recent visits have resulted in a formal exchange pact between the two sister cities.

Mayor Joseph E. Roman and Cracow's Mayor Tadeusz Brzezinski signed a cooperative agreement last morning at the city hall.

The pact is aimed at building on the groundwork set by the Polish delegation's visit here and a similar visit last year to Cracow by South Bend representatives.

Officials at both cities have agreed to cooperate with their counterparts in Cracow. Involved will be St. Adalbert Elementary School, Edison Middle School and Trinity School at Green-

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A sobering activity

Marla Powers holds a softball with her chin while Flanery

tries to regain his balance as they work their way through an obstacle course at the University of Notre Dame, where both are juniors. Wednesday's event, held at the "On-Campus Corner Club," was part of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. The students were given a chance to sober up and had to pass the softball back and forth under their chin.

Photo: PHILIP M. GARDNER

Hall of Fame to induct six

By HOWARD DUKES

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Organist to kick off fall concert series

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