



Lunch time

staff photo by David Fisher

Lunch time at the cafeteria in the MSC draws quite a few people, mostly for the hamburgers they serve. Carlos Taboada, a senior from Venezuela studying biology, fixes up his hamburger from the variety of dressings available.

Catholic group says poor hurt by federal cutbacks

United Press International
The Campaign for Human Development, the U.S. Catholic church's major anti-poverty effort, announced allocations of \$6.4 million to 195 self-help projects around the country.

But campaign officials, gearing up for this year's fund-raising effort, say federal cutbacks are hurting the groups on the front line in the battle against poverty.

The Campaign for Human Development was established by the nation's Roman Catholic bishops 12 years ago and is supported by an annual collection in Catholic churches during the Thanksgiving season. Roughly 75 percent of the funds collected are sent to the national office for distribution and the remainder is retained by individual dioceses for local use.

This year's grants brings to \$67 million the amount allocated from the national campaign in its dozen years of funding. More than 1,800 projects have received funds.

The campaign, the program's executive director Rev. Marvin A. Mottet said, "works to forge partnerships between the poor and non-poor, to help people help themselves. Poor people in our country have the deck stacked against them. These projects — and the many others supported by CHD — are about helping people unstack the deck."

"Since the beginning of the

Campaign for Human Development, the need has never been so urgent.

"More than 32 million Americans live in poverty while 11 million are unemployed. Given the obvious need, we have high hopes for a very successful campaign this year."

But a number of the groups receiving campaign funds are being adversely affected by the Reagan administration social program cutbacks — especially in the VISTA and CETA jobs programs.

Over 80 percent of the CHD-funded self-help organizations surveyed by the Catholic agency reported they had been hurt by the cuts, with 50 percent reporting staff cutbacks and one out of four reporting they lost more than half of their staff in the past year.

"Fifty percent of the respondents had participated in the VISTA program; by May, 1982, virtually all of their contracts for VISTA volunteers had been ter-

minated," officials said. "Similarly, 55 percent of the responding organizations had employees who participated in CETA. CETA public service employment jobs were terminated with the adoption of the fiscal 1982 budget."

A major adverse impact, campaign officials said, is that the already strapped self-help groups have to spend more time on fund-raising than on providing services.

Mottet called the situation dis-

treasing and said, "Self-help efforts by people in their own neighborhoods to meet their own needs, such as those projects funded by CHD, are solidly within the best of the American democratic tradition."

"Working for justice is an essential part of preaching the Gospel," Mottet said. "If we are not working for justice and denouncing the injustices of our day, we are not living and proclaiming the full Gospel."

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Parenthood clinics attacked

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Attacks against Planned Parenthood Clinics over the last eight months have included incidents of vandalism, arson, a bomb threat and an incident of criminal trespassing.

The violence is part of the continuing battle that pits proponents against opponents in the national debate over abortion. A memo circulated at Planned Parenthood Federation of America's headquarters in New York gives details of the attacks.

"Over the past eight months, violent attacks against Planned Parenthood clinics have increased significantly as compared with two previous years," staffer Beryl Hawkins said in the memo.

An Akron, Ohio, ordinance and abortion statutes in Virginia and Missouri are to be heard by the Supreme Court this year in what the American Medical Association News describes as "a significant test of government authority in imposing re-

quirements in abortion cases."

A "friend of the court" brief was filed by three medical associations in support of the Akron Center for Reproductive Health which is challenging the city ordinance that requires a physician to recite seven paragraphs to a woman before she undergoes an abortion.

Among other things the Akron ordinance requires that the physician inform the patient that the fetus may be viable at a gestational age of 22 weeks "even though there is no scientific or medical evidence to support that statement," says an editorial in the AMA News.

"The physician also is required to tell the patient that abortion is a 'major surgical procedure,' despite the fact that most physicians regard abortion, particularly during the first

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The Supreme Court is expected to hear arguments on the case this fall.



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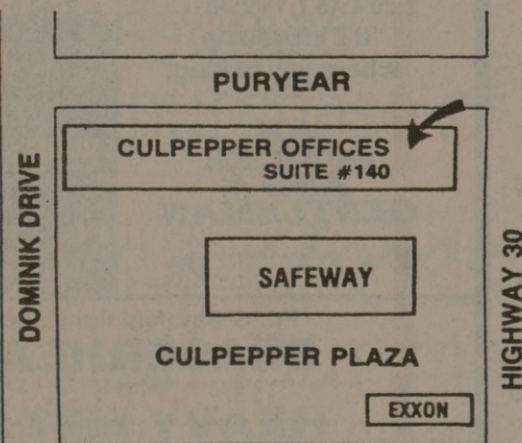
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