



Church Notices

By Roy Williams

A body of buildings is a body of buildings. Enter purposeful people. The citizens of a state give it a name. The citizens of a town give it a home. Faculty added is the brain. The life-blood's warm flow is the individual successes of alumni. Reproductive organs are the courses offered. Students are pulse and reason. Then, only then, is there breath—the body of buildings is a university!

Organized students working and living, the campus created seminars, governments, competition groups, discussion groups, clubs, fraternities, fellowships, athletics, friendships, curricular and extra-curricular activities in the many forms, is the union of learning and living on a campus—the heartbeat of university life.

Of the phases of the factors of a forward university, one has been chosen to tell about now. A soft-throated good influence that is ever heard, a strong velvet-gloved hand that is ever helping is religion—the religious group—a practical working force on this campus!

College Fireside

Ask Ellen Sutherland, Gloria Campbell, June McConnell, Anne Wright, Elizabeth Howes, or Helen Pollard. They are the steering committee of the "College Fireside," a student group of Congregational faith. According to Mary Grubbs, director of the group, the College Fireside is aiming religion right down the middle of life instead of leaving it out in a veiled distance. She says, "We connect religion with current events by carrying a given subject through the several phases thereby obtaining the whole significance."

For example she cited the Fireside's current lecture series, "Man and the Atom." The three speakers are: Dr. C. H. Secoy, assistant professor of chemistry; Dr. Eldon L. Johnson, head of the political science department; and Rev. Wesley G. Nicholson, pastor of the Congregational church. Three treatments, scientific, political, religious, is a good treatment.

Lutherans

Ask Donna Stageberg, Leona Olson, or Lee Krause. They are officers of the "Lutheran Students Association," a little group that gathers in the YWCA bungalow every Sunday evening. Spontaneously and simply they say their cause to be, "To help to keep Lutheran students in nearness to their faith and to become acquainted with others of their faith. The

"Lutheran Students Association" do all the things of larger organizations, if on an appropriate scale. They want to grow, they welcome and want new members, but small or large their association is "here to help."

Westminster House

To be sure, ask Tom Hazzard, Sue Fernimen, Charlotte Niedermeyer, Sylvia Jensen, Connie Newton, or Lloyd Lewis about Westminster Foundation, the Presbyterian sponsored organization that is part of this campus. Long has Westminster house been known as "home away from home." Students and faculty alike drop in and talk it over and read the bulletin board. As advocated by most religions there is a plan for every day at Westminster. For purposes of his Survey of Social Science course Dr. Quirinus Breen, of the history department, includes religion because it proves its case as knowledge. When he goes to his regular Sunday morning discussion group at Westminster house, he views first hand religion as a practical working force on this campus.

Wesley House

Ruth Wahlgreen, Ellenor Culver, Ken Neal, Wilma Langefeld, and Olive Lewis are officers in the interest of the Methodist sponsored Wesley Foundation. This active house stands on these principles: "To understand the significance of education, to achieve abundant living both individually and socially, to interpret the true meaning of religion . . ." There is a Wesley House publication, "The Pioneer," published annually.

Town and Campus

Ask Don Helseth, Colleen Mariott, Lena Lu Pope, Verla Haskell, or Lois Smith. They are the student executives of "Town and Campus," university organization of the First Christian church. Two of this committee are students of our neighbor, Northwest Christian College. Meetings planned by appointed student committees may consist of devotion, music, individual expressions of ideas, forums, or outside speakers invited for special outlooks. Miss Frances Van

Voorhis, instructor of home economics, is the director of Town and Campus. His participation is motivated by her interest in a fellowship of her faith—as it is with the newest freshman member.

Newman Club

And ask Joe Conroy, Donna O'Brien, Norma McKeegan, or Norma Evnock. They are officers of the Newman club, campus Catholic club. Here is an organization, like some of the others, that has a written constitution. "Art. II, Sec. 1. The purpose of the Newman club is to foster the spiritual, intellectual, and social interest of the Catholic students of the University of Oregon; to weld them into a common union; to assist the University and its students whenever possible and aid by Catholic action through the Bishop of the Archdiocese, the work of the church." In 1859 Cardinal Newman published a book, "The Scope and Nature of University Education."

Baptists

To be sure, ask Dallas Schiewe, Lowell Chase, Anna Lahr, or Don Schmieding about the Baptist University group that is a social club on Saturday nights and a Sunday school on Sunday morning. The meeting place in both instances is their room in their church. The Judson house is a Baptist spon-

sored campus home of fifty University women of many faiths. Could not this be called religion in action?

YMCA-YWCA

No religious roll call anywhere could be complete without the inclusion of the YMCA or the YWCA. Margery Skordahl, Martha Thorsland, Beryl Howard, Nila Designer, and Shirley Multhauf are officers of that organization, the Young Women's Christian Association. One of the student officers, when questioned, quickly responded, in effect, "We stand for the promotion of practical religion on the campus through the continued insertion of directed effort into worthy channels." What this may lack in the flavor of spontaneity, it gains in an indication of forethought and instilled conviction. Another charming and popular young woman on the campus testified that it was through this association that she first grasped her sense of "belonging" here at the University. She said, "My first move into campus activity was my best move—in the direction of the 'Y.' It was the good start and now I belong."

Ask these people—they will tell of the presence of religion on the

campus of the University of Oregon. To know a university is to know the forces that make it. Religion is one.

"I sought to hear the voice of God, And climbed the topmost steeple. But God declared: 'Go down again, I dwell among the people'."

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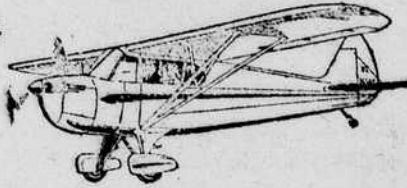


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