

Religious Calendar

Mass schedule changes begin this Sunday at St. Thomas More Parish (the Newman Center). Masses will be at 8:30, 9:45, 11:00, 12:15, 5:30 p.m., and 8 p.m.

"Oregon Christian Fellowship Humanitarianism According to Christ"—a Biblical discussion to be held at Wesley Foundation, 7 p.m. today. All are invited; refreshments afterwards.

All are invited to a discussion, "Humanitarianism According to Jesus," with Oregon Christian Fellowship (Inter-Varsity) at 7 tonight at the Wesley Foundation. Refreshments.

Apartment Survey To Be Discussed

A proposed survey rating Eugene-area apartments will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the EMU by a newly-formed Off-Campus Council.

The survey would provide data on rent, landlords, building quality and other information helpful to students looking for off-campus housing.

Other proposals to be aired include possible listing of vacant apartments and individuals wanting roommates, a drive for on-campus study space and lockers, and possible political action to increase off-campus influence in the ASUO.

Off-Campus Senate Representative Jerry Norton says he hopes the Council can become a permanent body representative of off-campus students.

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Greek Future Religion Based

By FR. PATRICK LABELLE
For the Emerald

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Martin Buber defined community as "... a place where a Happening can happen." Though this definition may not be terribly precise it does give one a rather contemporary description.

And it serves as an entry point for me to begin a discussion of the common living in the Greek system and Christian idealism.

Very often a person coming onto this campus for the first time finds himself reacting to the University and the fraternity-sorority system with a sense of wonder. This was certainly my reaction coming from several years of experience working at the Berkeley campus of the University of California.

The relationship between the Greek system and the University is under the same stress now that the Berkeley situation faced several years ago. There is a very definite simplicity, a lack of sophistication on this campus and it is precisely this characteristic that has enabled Oregon to maintain its unique personality.

Reacting to this simplicity is by no means a criticism but rather should serve as a sign of hope for both the University and the Greek system. The lack of sophistication coupled with a renewed sense of community will enable Oregon to continue building its spirit and developing its personality in spite of a regular growth pattern.

If we are all careful about how we grow and develop we can remain a kind of spirited family even as we become a large university.

One suspects that the sophistication level will gradually be modified as we welcome a new kind of student into the University environment. One would hope, however, that the sense of community will continue to evolve and be strengthened and not smothered by an influx of buildings and population.

Preserving a lack of sophistication will be difficult, perhaps impossible. Maintaining a strong sense of community will be not only possible but necessary if we want to survive the present upheaval on campuses throughout the country.

If a community is a place where a Happening can happen and if Oregon is a true community the question becomes: How can we preserve this situation? We might begin by trying to discover a little more precisely what we want in the way of common living and how we can go about getting it.

At this point I think that our discussion can become particular and pointed. This University is a community and, as far as I can observe, it is founded on at least some of these principles and traditions.

If this spirit is to be maintained it can be done only if the University itself is founded on and rooted in a number of small communities who are conscious of the needs of the University and who both respect and love its membership. Without this the members of this University can do little more than work as individuals in relative isolation toward very personal goals.

Here rests a fundamental problem for our campus living groups — most particularly the fraternity-sorority system. For the most part they have been founded within a Christian context. The ceremony and ritual, the traditions, customs and mottos have deep roots in a number of orthodox Christian celebrations. They are established, as one can easily learn from Greek literature and Rush guides, to further the development of the individual as he relates to his university and world systems.

Beavers After Hearts Record

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon State University students are out to set another record. They've launched a card game they expect to last for 245 hours.

The men at Beaver Lodge, co-operative living house, have already played hearts for more than 85 hours.

Gene Olson, a freshman from Eugene, holds the house record of having played for 31 hours.

If these living groups are to remain a viable part of the University life then they must, as groups and as individuals, review their purposes and goals. They must actually direct their attention to the genuine betterment of the local situation, provide the membership with authentic opportunities to grow as distinct personalities and then contribute to the University the benefit of his growth and development.

Outside pressure which inhibits each local community in its efforts to reach intelligent maturity must be diminished and gradually eliminated.

Internal prejudice has no place in any community which has Christian roots. When this exists it must be the goal of the membership to transform it into understanding and tolerance. And if any such society insists that the individual be submerged into a stereotype it ought not have a place here or on any other campus.

In spite of the problems that Greek living may bring to one's attention, they are, in my estimation, potentially the most effective means that the University has to maintain a spirit and sense of true community on this campus. They offer the student an excellent opportunity to accept responsibility and to grow patient with different ideas and backgrounds. And to the University they offer a great resource of talent, enthusiasm and dedication.

The solution can be reduced to real simplicity. The lack of sophistication which insures honesty, directness and community can be maintained here if the Greek system especially will question its purposes and goals and commit itself to genuinely maintaining here a "place where a Happening can happen."

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