

Religious studies

Expanded program provides perspective

1970 proposals to expand and intensify the University religious studies department are now being put into effect, according to department head Douglas Straton.

Regarding the revised program, Straton said, "Our purpose is not to expressly train people into the ministry, rather it is to provide a broader perspective of the world's religious growth."

All of the religious studies courses are open to any University student, Straton said.

The new courses have been added because of a growing number of student requests for religion classes from different areas in the world, according to Straton.

A beginning three-term 200 level course, "Great Religions of the World," was made more comprehensive and expansive. It now includes six terms at the 300 level and is composed of religions from China and Japan, India, Ancient Near East, Ancient Mediterranean, Judaism and Christianity, Post Biblical studies, and Eastern (Islam) religions.

Another general three-term course, "Bible and Civilization," 224, 225 and 226, was also reviewed and intensified according to Straton. It is now offered for upper division credit under 307, 308 and 309.

Other upper division courses have been added in special areas covered more generally in the courses mentioned above. One of these includes a study of the Apocalyptic Bible, course number 405. It will be offered fall term, Straton said.

Other tentative classes for fall 1973 include Great Religions, Ancient Mediterranean, Bible and Civilization and History of Christian Thought and Institutions.

In addition to the revision of course offerings, the department of religious studies has added a major's program. Straton said that this is the second year the program has been in effect. During the 1971-1972 school year, four students graduated from the religious studies department.

One of the four, Thomas Drougas, a one-time University football player, graduated the fall of 1971 in biblical studies. Straton said Drougas' future plans were to pursue the field of professional football.

The other three graduates included Everett Denniston, a spring 1972 graduate in philosophy of religion; James Dameron, a spring 1972 graduate in biblical studies, and Richard Fox Young, a fall 1972 honors college graduate in the philosophy of religion. Young plans to attend the University of Wisconsin graduate school in Indian Studies.

To graduate from the department of religious studies, a student needs to have 45 graded hours in religion courses, including 27 hours in upper division courses, according to Straton. The student should also have at least nine hours of credit in history and philosophy. Straton also recommended taking elementary logic.

What can a religious studies major do after he or she graduates from the University? Straton said the student can receive graduate education in preparation for instruction, he can receive further schooling at a divinity school in preparation for ministry, or he can become involved in various social service agencies. Straton said, "There are many service organizations open to the student, just as in other majors." Among those he listed were the YMCA, YWCA, Red Cross and International Relief.

Thirteen students are now enrolled in the religious studies majors program. Two of these are in the honors college program. To graduate with honors in the religious studies department program, the student is required to write a dissertation in his field of concentration; pass a written examination; maintain at least a 3.0 or 3.5 average in his religion classes, and meet the requirements of the honors college program at the University.

Straton, who has been with the religious studies department since 1959, said the program of religious studies started at the University as a one-man, one-course operation. The program has grown to a four-man staff, each of whom is a specialist in his field. The professors include Jack Sanders, Alan Stephenson, Stephen Reynolds and Straton.

Straton has announced that he is retiring in the fall of 1973. Sanders will replace him as head of the department.

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Community

4-H counselor positions available

About 40 college age people, both men and women, are needed to serve as counselors during the 58th annual 4-H Summer School at Oregon State University June 11-16, reports Cal Monroe, OSU assistant state 4-H leader.

Counselors must have completed one year of college. Experience in 4-H and counseling is desirable but not necessary, Monroe said. The job pays \$60 for the week, with room and meals provided.

The counselors will work with groups of about 30 4-H members who will be housed in OSU residence halls during summer school.

Monroe also announced that applications are being accepted for the 4-H student staff to work at the 1973 Oregon State Fair. About 12 students will be hired to work from August 19 through Labor Day to assist with exhibits and various 4-H events.

Students interested in one or both programs may obtain application blanks from the State 4-H office, 105 Extension Hall, OSU, Corvallis. Deadline for the summer school positions is April 15. The State Fair staff deadline is June 15. The same form is used in applying for both programs.

Selection of the 4-H Summer School counseling staff will be made about May 1.

Testimony . . .

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"selectively" because it is so widely violated.

Beatty also said that after this country has decided 18-year olds are adults in most respects, withholding the right to drink "raises very serious Constitutional questions" about discrimination.

Clayton Klein, "representing students at Southern Oregon College," told the committee that the present law does not deter drinking by those under 21 but only forces them to drink secretly.

"The law only shifts drinking away from home and the community," Klein said.

University student Bill Fiddler, linked much of the crime committed by juveniles on Friday and Saturday nights to "the fact that they don't have anything else to do."

And he said many of his friends are already planning to drive to Washington when that state's new law allowing 19-year olds to drink goes into effect this summer.

Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Portland) told the committee that 18-year olds "ought to have adult rights in total."

Blumenauer said that not allowing 18-year olds to drink is forcing prohibition upon a small segment of society. "I am perfectly willing to explore prohibition if there is new evidence that it works," he said.

And Mike Long, a University English major, demonstrated to the committee that identification checks for purchasing liquor are not consistent—even in the same store.

He played a tape recording of a transaction in "a Eugene market" where the same clerk would not accept a California driver's license for identification one time, did not check his identification the second time and accepted the driver's license the third time.

"I guess it depends on how they feel on certain days," Long said.

He also told the committee that young persons drinking is a widely accepted tradition in Europe.

"Europeans of my age were astonished when I told them that you have to be 21 before you can put a glass of beer to your lips here," Long said.

The committee did not take action on the bill during the three-hour hearing.

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Kerans, Allen said that the Eugene police force had one Black officer specializing in traffic safety and working with local schools.

"We have trouble recruiting members of the Black race," Allen said.

Allen also said that the police department "does not have a political file." He was responding to a charge made by Kerans that "hotsheets" are made up on radicals and other political activists in the area.

"I think you better go back and check your source," Allen told Kerans.

"We have files on a wide variety of people," Allen explained, "but I wouldn't classify them as political files."

The Eugene police chief offered to check the next day and see if Kerans had a file. "Would I be able to see it if you had a file on me?" Kerans asked Allen.

Allen smiled and told him, "Yes."

I am trying to bribe you with uncertainty, with danger, with defeat.

... Jorge Luis Borges

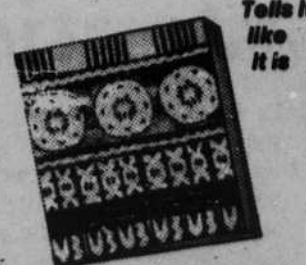
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