

Newman Center plans week of celebrating

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Members of the Newman Center adjacent to the University campus will be celebrating St. Thomas More's 500th birthday beginning Sunday. The celebration will last through the week with special speakers and presentations.

More, the center's patron saint, was beheaded in 1535 after he refused to swear allegiance to King Henry VIII over the Pope. More also refused to recognize the King's divorce from his first wife.

Canonized as a Roman Catholic Saint in

1935, More was called a "valiant son of the Church" by Pope Paul VI.

The theme of the week-long birthday observance, according to the center, is the right of persons and institutions to make judgments on events and governmental actions that affect them.

The speakers at the observance will include social activists Daniel Berrigan and Margaret Ellen Traxler, poet William Everson and Bishop Donal Lamont, who was exiled from Rhodesia by the white minority government.

Berrigan, a Jesuit priest-radical, was the

leader of a Catonsville, Maryland, anti-war group that burned draft board records in May, 1968. He will be presenting a poetry reading at the Central Presbyterian Church and speaking in McArthur Court Monday.

Traxler, who has toured many Third World countries evaluating how women feel about themselves, will be speaking in Newman Chapel Tuesday.

Everson will present a poetry reading Thursday. The film, "A Man for All Seasons," portraying the life and times of St. Thomas More, will be shown in the Newman Chapel Friday evening.

Also taking part in the observance will be the Lane County Clergy and Laity Concerned chapter, which will talk with its members Wednesday.

Bishop Lamont will take part in a follow-up service Nov. 14 at the center. He will conduct a clergy workshop in the Newman Center and speak on his experiences in Africa.

All activities are free except an awards banquet and dance scheduled for Oct. 22. State Senator Ted Kulongoski will be speaking at the banquet, along with theater personality Ed Ragozzino and Episcopalian minister Rev. Morrie Hauge.

Tax break might allow Oakridge to boost economy

Oakridge may see the light at the end of their dark economic situation, thanks to a tax break provided by the State Legislature.

The Oregon Development Commission said Wednesday that ten Oregon Counties and Oakridge could qualify for special tax breaks because of their "lagging" economies.

The tax break, provided through a bill approved by the 1977 Legislature, allows businesses invest-

ing in economically depressed areas a ten per cent tax credit beginning Jan. 1.

"We wish we weren't economically lagging," Oakridge Mayor Ronel Paddock said. "But we recognize the situation caused by the Hines Mill shut-down, so we welcome any assistance that will help the community."

Oakridge was the only city included in the list of counties because the recent mill closure left

many of its citizens unemployed.

The impact of the tax break is, in Paddock's words, very questionable. "There is very little developable ground for industry to locate in town," he said. Other than land owned by the Southern Pacific Railroad, Oakridge doesn't appear to have much available land for new industries, Paddock explained.

It may be too early to speculate about the success of the tax

break, he said, but the Oakridge City Council will begin looking for the "right" industry that could put the community back on its feet.

"There are still a lot of questions the tax break raises that we'll have to work toward answering," he said.

The ten counties qualifying for

the break are Josephine, Crook, Hood River, Curry, Wallowa, Coos, Wheeler, Grant, Tillamook and parts of Linn.

Although the development commission has designated the areas "economically lagging," final approval of the tax breaks will come at the commission's Oct. 28 meeting.

Radical student leader freed

NEW YORK (AP) — In a deal with the prosecution, Mark Rudd, the student firebrand who became a fugitive leader of the radical Weather Underground, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor and went free Thursday for his part in the 1968 student rioting at Columbia University.

He still faces felony charges in Chicago, however, stemming from the 1969 street demonstrations that became known as the "Days of Rage." He is free without bail in the case there.

Rudd, now 30, surfaced a month ago after seven years as a fugitive.

He has not explained where he was in those years, and he has kept silent to the public about his feelings since he came out of hiding. He maintained that silence Thursday.

When he reappeared from hiding, Rudd was quickly charged with criminal trespass in the Columbia student uprising and bail-

jumping and obstruction of government administration in its aftermath. All are misdemeanors carrying a total maximum jail sentence of 27 months.

However, Dist. Atty. Robert Morgenthau made a deal whereby Rudd pleaded guilty only to criminal trespass, while the other two charges were dropped.

Rudd then faced a maximum sentence of 90 days, or a \$1,000 fine. But Criminal Court Judge Milton Williams set the defendant free, after Asst. Dist. Atty. Nancy Ryan said his action had the "Consent and acquiescence" of her office.

Rudd was asked by his attorney if he wanted to make any statement to the news media and the revolutionary replied, "No."

He exchanged pleasantries with artists who were in the courtroom to sketch proceedings, but he ignored reporters.

Rudd never has publicly revealed details of his fugitive

travels through the Weather Underground. Fourteen of its members still are sought.

The Columbia University uprising was sparked by the Students for a Democratic Society, of which Rudd was a leader. That group subsequently split into factions, one of which became the Weather Underground, a tight and secret group that took to violent action and Marxist rhetoric.

In 1969, when the SDS split, Rudd became one of the original leaders of the clandestine Weather Underground. He jumped bail and disappeared the following year.

The Weather Underground has claimed responsibility for a variety of violent acts of political sabotage.

Rudd was the object of an intensive FBI search during his years as a fugitive. But he surrendered on his own initiative Sept. 14.



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Man finds old milk can to be a blast

PORTLAND (AP) — An East Multnomah County man who found an old milk can while gathering firewood kept it in his yard for about a month before hammering on it long and strenuously to get the lid off.

Here's what Gene Bolton found inside: one small jar of black material; 10 blasting caps wrapped in tin foil; 12 sticks of old dynamite leaking nitro glycerine through their plastic wrapper; 10 rounds of .50-caliber machine gun ammunition; and eight rounds of .30-06 rifle ammunition. The black material later was identified as blasting powder.

Bolton called the sheriff's department, which got a munitions team from Ft. Vancouver, Wash., to take the explosives to a weapons range for detonation. They told Bolton a little water in the can probably kept the nitro glycerine from exploding.

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