

Gay clergy deny traditional teachings



Gay clergy members Ann Montague and John McBride discussed various aspects of gays and Christianity Tuesday evening in the EMU. The discussion is part of the Gay People's Alliance Gay Pride Week activities which continue through the remainder of the week.

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Say church should accept them as fellow Christians

Traditionalist teachings of Christian churches are primarily responsible for people having problems accepting gay people as Christians according to two local gay clergy members.

Rev. Ann Montague and Rev. John McBride discussed the role of gays in the church in the EMU Tuesday night as part of the Gay People's Alliance Gay Pride Week activities.

Montague is founder of the local chapter of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), which primarily serves gay Christians. She said the MCC was founded in 1968 by the Rev. Troy Perry, a Pentecostal minister who became estranged by traditionalist church philosophy concerning homosexuality.

McBride is still connected with the traditionalist church as pastor of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Eugene. McBride said he has found that gay members of his congregation need help in reconciling their own individual beliefs with those of the Catholic Church. He said many Catholics are unwilling to accept gays as fellow Catholics because traditionalists' beliefs have left their minds in an "iron corridor."

"The Church shouldn't just tolerate gays, it should welcome them. It is hurt without our pres-

ence," McBride said.

McBride said that the faith of Christians who won't accept gays is "shriveled if not dead."

Montague said she became involved in the gay ministry when she realized that in her involvement with socialist political movements she neglected dealing with herself as a person.

"I decided to look seriously into myself," she said. "All people come to a point in time when they must deal with the spiritual aspects of their own being."

Montague said that people such as Anita Bryant, who attack homosexuality in the name of Christianity are actually building barriers to Christianity. She said this will continue to happen as long as people "continue to believe in the myths of homosexuality."

"What some people are doing in the name of Christianity is an abomination," she said. "As Christians we have enough to do in this world without these attacks."

Both ministers agreed that strict biblical interpretations and the teachings of traditionalist theologians keep some people from dealing with gays as Christians and as people.

"Christ related to reality always. The Catholic Church doesn't necessarily," McBride said. "Today thousands of people are starving because of overpopulation, but the church won't budge on its stand against birth controls."

Jeans today means you're gay

That good old pair of Levis you're wearing takes on special significance today. As part of its Gay Pride Week activities, the Gay People's Alliance (GPA) has designated today as "If You're Gay Wear Blue Jeans Day."

Carol Queen of the GPA says the purpose of the day is to demonstrate to people the type of "labeling" that gays experience every day.

"It will let them experience what it's like to be stereotyped," Queen says. "It also provides a way for non-gays to show their support for the gay movement."

Queen predicts the day will produce some interesting reactions on campus. She says she has heard that a group of dorm residents are putting together some sort of an anti-gay demonstration.

"I suppose people who don't own anything but blue jeans may resent it too."

Queen says the GPA will have an information table set up in the EMU lobby and encourages straights as well as gays to drop by and find out more about the gay movement.

Other Gay Pride Week activities scheduled for today include a panel discussion entitled "Theories of Gay Liberation." The discussion is set to run from 2 to 4 p.m. in the EMU, room to be posted.

Gay entertainment will be provided by musicians Naomi Littlebear and Kristan Aspen of Portland tonight at 7:30 in Room 167 EMU. A theater presentation will also be made by a collective of gay women and men.

Senate meets today to consider class change recommendations

Recommendations for University course changes will be considered when the University Senate meets today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 229 Law.

The Committee on the Curriculum has forwarded recommendations for course additions, reductions or reorganization from all University departments and schools. In total, the committee recommends a net increase of 122 credit hours.

Most of the additions come from moving existing experimental (410 and 510) and seminar (407 and 507) courses into regular offerings, according to the committee's report.

The increase is relatively light, says the committee, because most departments and schools have already completed the task of integrating transitional courses into their regular curriculum as they outgrow experimental or seminar status.

Substantial increases are being requested by the School of Architecture and Allied Arts and Departments of Geography, Political Science and Religious Studies as a result of those divisions' attempts to overhaul, re-evaluate and regularize curricula, the committee explains.

Dramatic changes will be made in the School of Community Ser-

vice and Public Affairs and School of Librarianship due to University budget cuts, but for the time being, these schools' course offerings are being maintained until current majors graduate.

Slight reductions are expected in the mathematics and physics departments.

Other faculty committees are currently studying group requirements as they relate to requested new courses and the complete University curriculum.

Emergency approval for course additions will be considered by the curriculum through the remainder of the academic year.

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