

Celebration

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The interim period between the two holidays is "the special time for people to repair their relationships with fellow human beings, because on Yom Kippur we ask forgiveness from God, and we can only do that if we've repaired our relationships with other human beings," says Kinberg.

"Only on Yom Kippur are we sealed and confirmed for a blessing of the coming year," he adds.

To reunite with God, "the big mitzvah of Rosh Hashanah is the shofar." Translated, a mitzvah is the act of being in proper relationship with life, Kinberg says. When the shofar (an animal horn) is sounded at the holiday services, the Jews have called for God's forgiveness of their imperfections of the past year.

The first shofar service takes place on Rosh Hashanah day, as the ten day evaluation begins. And to cleanse out the transgressions of the past and initiate a new beginning, fasting is the tradition on Yom Kippur, which closes the holiday season.

Old-growth forests are poet's topic

Poet and environmentalist, Gary Snyder, was in his own element Saturday afternoon, as he read his poetry in a grove of old-growth timber in the Willamette National Forest.

About 100 people braved the cold drizzle for several hours to hear Snyder at the Cathedral Forest Rendezvous. But University students can still hear the Pulitzer Prize recipient in the warmth and comfort of Geology 150 tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Snyder is the author of more than a dozen books of poetry, including "Turtle Island." He also serves on the advisory board of Friends of the Earth.

A native of Northern California, Snyder is in Oregon to speak out for the preservation of the state's old growth forest from exploitation by "temporal imperialists."

"An old-growth forest is not a virgin forest," Snyder says. "An old-growth forest is a climax forest — rich, matured and seasoned."

Condemning what he calls a "carpetbagger mentality" toward the environment, Snyder reminded his listeners that "we have to live here as if we're here to stay."

Snyder will be joined by Swedish poet Reider Ekner. The fund-raising event is sponsored by the Survival Center. Admission is \$3.50 or \$2.50 for students with University identification.

From sundown on Yom Kippur eve to sundown the following day, not even gum, toothpaste or water are to be digested, "because you want not to feel with food, but with the eternal," Kinberg says.

The congregation is reminded of the holiness of the day, rising for a 20-minute singing of the special Yom Kippur prayer.

The long day of services comes to an end with the same prayer that is said when someone is dying, he says.

"The final prayer is the most important words in Judaism — that God is one. And then the shofar is sounded as our last chance to be joined with the spirit of the eternal before the sun goes down," Kinberg says.

"Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur help us to set the mood for a way (of life) that can help us heal ourselves and the rest of the world if we were to follow the example of the mood of the holidays (throughout the year)," Kinberg says.

About 700 people are expected to attend the 7 p.m. Jewish holiday services, which is about 10 times more than Kinberg says he sees at the weekly worship services. Since Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur fall after the start of the term, Kinberg, who will conduct the services, predicts at least 100 Jewish students will show.

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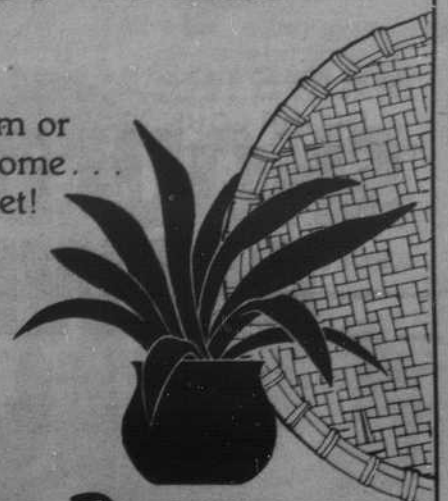
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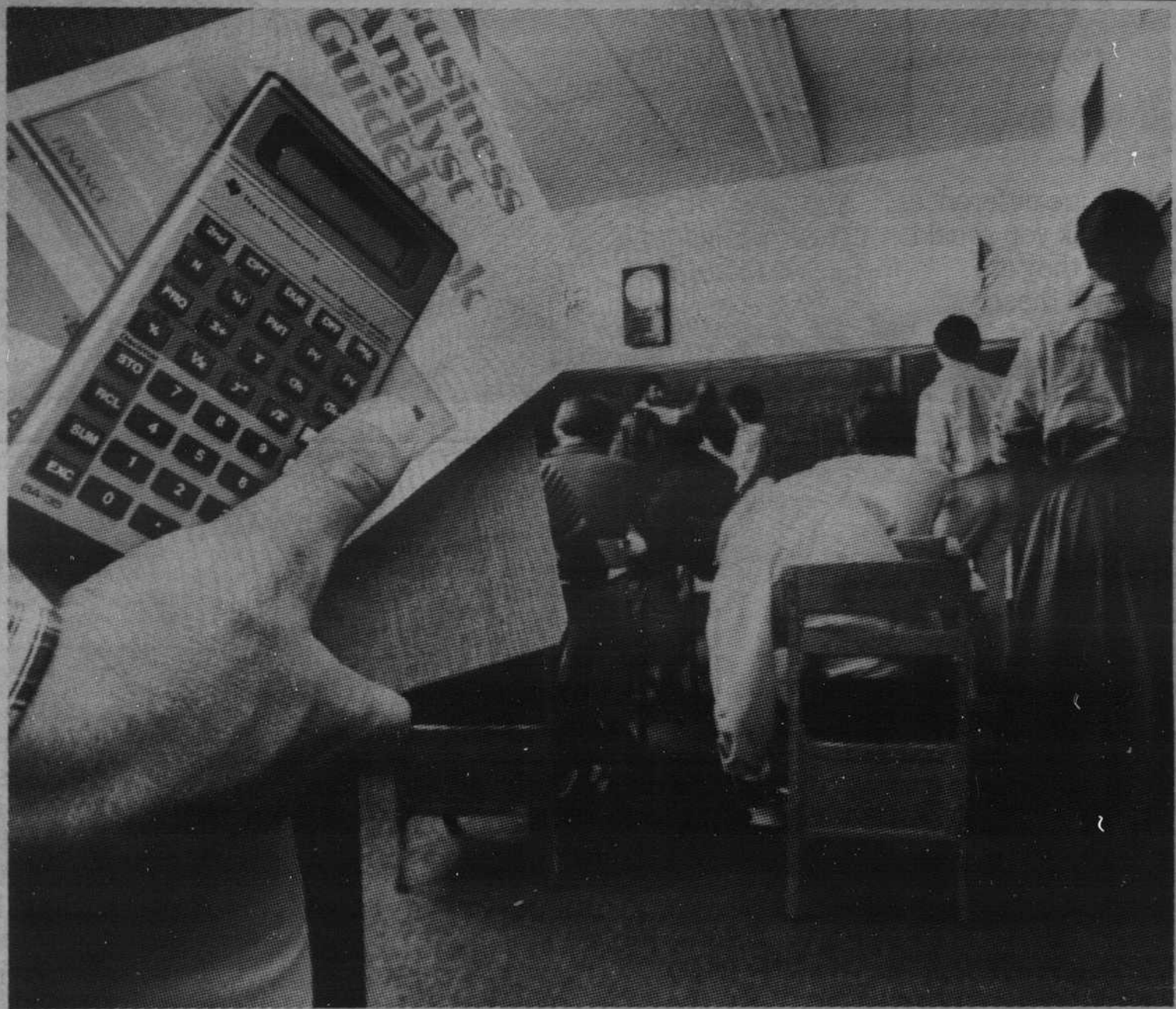
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