

VIGIL

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the Unitarian Church.

Bryan wanted the focus of the vigil to remain religious.

Bryan said the climate created by Ballot Measure 9, which, if passed in the Nov. 3 election, would declare homosexuality "abnormal and perverse," may have contributed to the firebombing.

Bryan said the people gathered together because they have common religious values of justice and peace, regardless of their personal beliefs.

Reverend Tiare Mathison-Bowie, a Presbyterian minister, became very emotional when she addressed the crowd and promised not to be silenced in the current debate over homosexuality.

"I am ashamed and angered that religion is being used and abused to create this kind of climate," she said, "a cli-

mate where people can die."

Mathison-Bowie said she is upset that the Oregon Citizens Alliance, the sponsor of Measure 9, is creating a climate in which people can use the Bible to destroy lives.

Rabbi Myron Kinberg of the Temple Beth Israel condemned the firebombing, calling it a murder committed on the whole homosexual community.

"This is a frightening period of fear and sadness," Kinberg said. "When a murder is committed because a person is homosexual or black, every person who is homosexual or black feels that their life is personally threatened."

Kinberg said he was frightened by the amount of racist groups in Oregon and that something must be done before it is too late.

"The middle ground is withering away," he said. "My history knows that it can get too late."

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Kuya Minogue, of the Buddhist Peace Fellowship, said the causes of the firebombing are deep, and that people can only make sense of the deaths if they help to change the current climate.

"The deaths will never make sense to the people who knew Hattie Mae and Brian," Minogue said. "But the deaths can make sense if they wake people up before it is too late."

Minogue asked the crowd for 10 minutes of silence in honor of Cohens and

Mock.

The crowd sang together at the beginning and end of the service, and some people cried and embraced each other during the service.

Randy Birzer, a Lane Community College student, said he heard about the fire and came to the service because he felt sad about the deaths.

Some other observers came because of the political nature of the deaths.

"It felt like it would be awful to let this go," said Amy Baker, a recent University graduate. "Those people died for political reasons."

Bryan, who helped organize the vigil, said she was very pleased with the turnout.

"I am personally inspired that people would be so open and focused," Bryan said.

TELEFUND

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nity.

"I think (the telefund) is very, very important to the University, so it can continue to perform at the high level it is performing at," Koelling said. "Students provide a lot of income to Eugene, and the University itself is Eugene's largest employer."

Koelling said the telefund creates a domino effect. The money the telefund channels into the University finds its way back into the community. The more money the telefund raises, the greater the community benefit.

The telefund also provides an opportunity for alumni to speak with student callers and share their feelings and concerns about the community, Koelling said.

Comments made by alumni through telefund actually planted the seed to start the Early Orientation Registration Program for incoming freshman, which has been renamed "IntroDUCKtion," Koelling said.

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Telefund callers will attempt to contact 67,000 alumni and businesses this year and will be successful in reaching about 34,000, Koelling said.

Telefund employees must be registered for a minimum of six credit hours per term and must work a minimum of 12 hours per week. However, people are allowed to work as a regular student employee for one term a year while not enrolled, Koelling said.

Jed Walters, a University student and telefund employee for about two months, said that on one occasion he called 140 people and talked with only two.

"During the day there aren't that many people

home," he said.

The turnover rate for student callers is very high, Walters said. This is partly due to the changes in class schedules, but Walters said it is more because people dislike asking for money.

"People can't handle the rejection because they take it too personally," Walters said.

Walters said that he tries to remember that people aren't upset with him, they are just tired of being asked for money.

Lisa Smith, who has worked for the telefund for about four months, is a student at Lane Community College. She said that some of the people she's dealt with are rude, but others are very nice and interesting to talk to.

Smith also said some alumni think their money will go straight to the athletic department, but when alumni find out they can give their money to specialized projects or certain schools, they are much more willing.

Smith said the telefund is a good opportunity for students who need cash.

"It's really great if you're a student because you can make your own hours, and the people here are really great," she said.

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