

Campus ministries try to gain exposure

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Representatives from 22 campus ministries will congregate in the EMU Courtyard today to participate in the University's first annual Campus Ministries Faire.

The faire, which begins at 11 a.m., will give students, faculty and staff not already involved in the organizations a chance to explore what the campus ministries have to offer. The directors of each organization will be on hand to answer questions and distribute information.

There will be live music and homemade Greek cookies for the first 1,200 people who come to the celebration. "It's going to be fun and real upbeat," said Rev. Janet Cromwell, president of the Religious Directors Association, which is sponsoring the event.

This is the first time that this number of the University's campus ministries have worked together to organize an orientation. "We want to show a unified presence of religious organizations on campus with a hope to share information and help students learn about the wide variety of activities they can be involved in," Cromwell said.

The RDA is an umbrella orga-

nization linking 22 campus-area ministries and other religious groups. With the exception of Hillel, a Jewish organization, all the represented ministries are Christian.

"In the past we would just have a string of tables down at the EMU with our names behind us," explained Dr. Dennis Murdoch, a member of the RDA and director of the Eugene Institutional Religion/Latter Day Saints Church. "This time we are trying to cause something to happen instead of waiting to be discovered."

Before the introduction of Duck Call, when students registered for classes in MacArthur Court, individual ministries would set up booths near registration lines. When Duck Call became accessible during winter term of 1991, the ministries no longer assembled in the same place or at the same time to talk to students about their organizations.

"The things that we had been doing in the past were not working," explained James Sanders, director of the Baptist Student Union and member of the RDA. "At one of our (RDA) meetings we begin to discuss how we could get more visibility and someone came up with the idea of this kind of thing."

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MEETINGS

ASUO State Affairs will meet tonight at 7:30 in the EMU Gumwood Room to discuss volunteer interests. For more information, call 346-0629.

White Bird Clinic will offer training and classes for new volunteers. For more information, call 342-8255 before Sept. 30.

Career Center will offer an office orientation for the on-campus interview program and other services available through the center today from 12:30 to

1:30 p.m. in Room 221 Hendricks.

Career Center will offer an orientation for the on-campus interview program and the bid system today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room.

MISCELLANEOUS

Craft Center deadline for judging arts and crafts for the Winter Craft Fair is 5 p.m. on Oct. 12. The Craft Fair will be Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 in the EMU Fir Room. For more information, call 346-4361.

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