



Preacher Greg Laurie calls people to stand up and pray with him as part of the Harvest Crusade Festival, which took place at McArthur Court this weekend and included music and speakers.

Mac Court rocks with music, prayer, chants

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McArthur Court has probably not been as noisy and crazy since the last home game of the men's basketball season last March.

About 4,000 people rocked the creaky wooden floors and hanging balconies of the arena Sunday evening for the last night of the Harvest Crusade.

Pastor Greg Laurie, founder of the Harvest Crusade, concluded the three day event by asking audience members who have not accepted Jesus Christ into their lives to come down in front of the stage set up along the south bleachers, hear a prayer and change their lives.

"You were created to walk with God," he said. "You were created in the image of God...The meaning of life is to come into a relationship

with God, but we cannot do that unless we are forgiven by God."

The Harvest Crusade, a southern California-based ministry that travels around the country and evangelizes to large, stadium-sized audiences through contemporary music and speeches by Laurie, made its first appearance in Oregon this weekend.

The Eugene-Springfield Harvest Crusade ran Friday, Saturday and Sunday night.

Sunday evening's edition began with audience members, young and old, standing at opposite ends of Mac Court trying to out yell one another in a "We got Jesus, yes we do, we got Jesus, how about you?" cheer.

The crusade also featured artist Dennis Agajanian, who, according to a Harvest Crusade pamphlet, is the world's fastest acoustic guitar player.

Psychology professor awarded

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Dare Baldwin, associate professor of psychology, was recently awarded a \$240,000 Merck Scholar Award to continue her studies of children's language development.

The Merck Scholar Award is given to researchers who, although just beginning their careers, have proven their research abilities. Baldwin received the first of the award's four annual \$60,000 installments two weeks ago.

Baldwin is studying language development in children between 10 and 24 months. She is especially interested in the mechanisms that help children learn language.

"They make such a phenomenal learning achievement at such an early age," Baldwin said.

Baldwin said she hopes her findings will be a key to solving language acquisition problems some children have. One group of children who may be helped by her findings are autistic children.

Baldwin's current research, a collaboration with Simon Baron-Cohen of Cambridge University, has given her an idea of why autistic children experi-

ence language delays.

Baldwin said autistic children seem to make wrong assumptions about what words mean, for example, because of an inability to decipher the nonverbal cues children normally use to determine the meaning of a word.

Pinpointing these kinds of language acquisition problems can help parents understand how to help their children learn language, she said.

The Merck Award also will enable Baldwin to start new research using the geodesic sensor net, a brain-monitoring device invented by University psychologist Don Tucker. Baldwin said she hopes to map patterns of electrical activity in the brains of children who are just beginning to comprehend words.

Baldwin is careful to remain speculative about the help her research may eventually offer.

"I'm trying to understand the basic mechanisms of language comprehension," she said. "This ultimately may help with problems of language acquisition. The first step in providing help is always understanding the basic mechanisms."

Speech: Oppression is money-driven

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People must involve themselves in multi-issue politics rather than identity politics, said Suzanne Pharr, civil rights activist and author of *Homophobia: The Weapon of Sexism*, during a May 17 lecture in Gerlinger Hall.

In conjunction with Gay Pride Week, the lecture, titled "Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality at the Core of the Right Wing Agenda," outlined the commonalities of all oppressions, the strategies employed by the political right to dissolve civil rights protection for minorities and what can be done to prevent that dissolution.

The language used by the right in anti-gay ballot initiatives links civil rights to special rights, Pharr said.

"The right has moved the language of racism over to language about gay men and lesbians, but the issue is not about racism, sexism or homophobia; it's economic," she said.

America is based on scarcity—scarcity of wealth, jobs and resources, she said. This notion pits one marginalized group against another, while shifting the focus from the real problem.

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PHARR

at those struggling with you than those in power," she said.

"The political right work the divisions that already exist," she said. "They work racism, classism, sexism. We have whites who have lost jobs to blacks; men have lost jobs to women; American citizens have lost to immigrants."

In reaction to the special-rights rhetoric denying them minority status, gay men and lesbians have scrambled to become a "deserving" minority, she said. In the process, the gay community has marginalized members of its own community.

"And how do you become a deserving minority?" she asked. "By your good behavior; that's going to eliminate a lot of people!"

All oppressions are linked and the best thing to do is coalesce with other groups, she said. The foundation of strong coalitions lies in long-term, dependable relationships of reciprocity, and the gay community has not always supported other

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minority groups.

"The public face [of the gay community] has always been a white face," she said. "What continuing help have gays been to Latinos and African-Americans over all these years?"

She said people should ask themselves: Who benefits from economic injustice? Who benefits from the massive violence against women and children?

The right is attempting to reframe and recast the experience of women and minorities with a flood of false information, she said.

"We need to be aware there may be a movement of denial asserting the incredible violence against women does or did not exist," she said. "We have to do truth-telling and hold onto our history."

"We must articulate a moral vision of justice, equality and peace."



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