

'Jesus at 2000' topic of discussion via satellite

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More than 80 people gathered at CCC to join 10,000 nation-wide in a satellite link to a dias of religious scholars commemorating Jesus' 2000th birthday- give or take four years.

CCC was one of more than 300 sites linked to Oregon State University for the two-day "Jesus at 2000" seminar Feb. 9 and 10.

At Oregon State University (OSU), an audience of 600 braved the floods to listen to lectures about Jesus from six religious scholars from Harvard, Syracuse, DePaul Universities and elsewhere, including a discussion by OSU Religious Philosophy professor, Marcus Borg.

"It's different," said CCC student J.D. Bigelow of the seminar.

He and fellow student Chris Engerman are taking a Christianity sequence from CCC instructor Bill Briare. Both are Catholic, and found it interesting to hear peoples' differing views regarding Jesus.

The seminar, which has been held semi-annually since 1985, concluded Saturday afternoon

with a two-hour panel discussion including all six scholars.

The panel also took questions from the OSU audience as well as viewers from Kansas, Illinois, California and other link-sites across the country.

The questions concerned a variety of contemporary issues, including Jesus and women, gays and the environment.

One OSU viewer asked if the, "...historical Jesus would make a place for gays at the table." Several scholars answered, including Borg, who said yes.

"For Jesus, purity was what was on the inside, not on the outside," said Borg.

John Dominic Crossan of DePaul University said, "Jesus wouldn't have to make a place at the table. The place is already there, but the place is empty."

Harvey Cox of Harvard University added, "What do we really know about the guys already at the table? They weren't selected because of their sexual preference."

Another from OSU lamented the seminar had focused on the scholarly aspects of Jesus, to the near exclusion of the spiritual as-

pects of Him.

"The fact that we're talking about Jesus 2000 years after His birth, is talking about the Holy Spirit," said Crossan, whose answer met with an ovation.

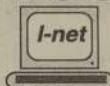
CCC instructor Briare later said there were two questions before the "Jesus at 2000" seminar: the intellect and the heart-- and since the seminar dias was composed of scholars, it was natural the focus was on the intellectual questions surrounding Jesus. Still, Briare felt he and others got something out of the seminar for the heart as well.

Later, Cox from Harvard drew laughter from the OSU and CCC audiences when he teased that he was worried Jesus didn't seem to care much for theologians or scholars, since Jesus chose common folks to spend his time with.

He later drew applause when he suggested people, businesses and countries forgive all debts, including personal loans, mortgages and governmental loans to third-world countries.

"That's what Jesus would want," he said.

Clinton approves Telecom bill



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President Clinton signed the Telecommunications Act, which contained a subsection called the Communications Decency Act (CDA), of 1996 in the Main Reading Room at the Library of Congress on Feb. 8.

Most of the opposition against the Telecommunications Act has occurred specifically because of the Communications Decency Act. CDA will limit "obscene, harassing, and wrongful utilization of telecommunications facilities." However, the Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT), an organization that has closely followed the act's progress, claims that, among

Many senators and representatives, most notably Senator Patrick Leary, (D-VT) opposed CDA.

"First and foremost, the conference agreement contains unconstitutional provisions that would impose far-reaching new federal crimes for so-called 'indecent speech...conferees also have serious doubts about its constitutionality.' They added a section to speed up judicial review to see if the legislation passes constitutional muster. In

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my view, this legislation will not pass that test," he said.

Leary added that he did like many parts of the CDA.

"For example, the conference agreement places restrictions on buyouts between phone companies and cable. The conference agreement also includes a very strong savings clause to make clear that mergers between companies in the media and communications markets are subject to a thorough antitrust," said Leary.

Already the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), along with the American Civil Liberties Union, has filed lawsuits to try and stop the CDA.

The EFF feels that, "the Act contains overly broad and vague restrictions on constitutionality protected speech on the Internet."

other things, the CDA: "relies on the vague and blatantly unconstitutional 'indecent' standard." CDT also says that CDA, "would allow states to impose additional restrictions on non-commercial activities such as freenets, BBS's (Bulletin Board System) and non-profit content providers."

A press-release from the White House claims, "The bill is a significant step towards achieving the President's objective, outlined in his State of the Union Address, to connect America's classrooms and libraries to the Internet by the year 2002."

Men's basketball plays Linn-Benton for tournament berth

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The Clackamas Men's Basketball team is one step from returning to the regional tournament, a place where the Cougars have had great success in years past.

The men's team defeated Linn-Benton (L-B) Community College, 89-84, in Albany on Saturday to secure second place in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Southern Region. With the victory, Clackamas improved to 24-5 on the season. The Cougars finished 12-2 in regular season Southern Region play.

Clackamas will play host to L-B tomorrow at 8 p.m. for a berth in the regional tournament. Should the Cougars win, they would play the winner of the contest between Chemeketa and Mt. Hood on Saturday. If Clackamas wins, they will

play at Chemeketa in Salem or host Mt. Hood.

The NWAACC Tournament will be played Feb. 29-March 2 at Clark College in Vancouver.

Against L-B, Leif Spencer led the Cougars with 30 points and six steals. Spencer was 10-10 at the free throw line. Jawanza Hadley added 19 points and seven assists. Clackamas shot 27 of 50 from the field for the game.

Clackamas fell to Chemeketa

in Salem on Friday night, 93-88, to end the Cougars' chances of a Southern Region title.

Jay Lassen scored 29 points to lead Clackamas. Hadley added 20 points and nine assists. Pearson scored 13 points, three steals and four assists.

Clackamas easily defeated Portland CC at home on Wednesday night. The Cougars led by nearly 30 at halftime and cruised to the easy 125-86 win.

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