

Adaptability Of Religion To Life Moves Near In Discussions

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the conclusion of a series about modern religion and its adaptability to today's world. Senior Staff Writer Toni Victor and News Assistant Eileen Wirth today discuss the attitudes and activities of campus religious groups.

in much action, though in the future it may, he said. "Our group gets people to discuss matters that are of concern to them. We supply a need for this sort of thing. There are plenty of other groups on campus that are busy acting," Schrekinger said.

Campus student religious organizations are moving, through discussions at least, to become relevant to the modern world and the modern campus. Methods of doing this vary from group to group.

The main value of Hillel, the Jewish student group lies in the fact that it permits Jewish students on campus to gather with other Jewish students, according to Judy Drickey.

One of the newest and smallest religious groups on campus, Student Religious Liberals, is still primarily a discussion group, according to its president, John Schrekinger.

Miss Drickey said that Jewish students are such a small minority on campus that they have difficulty retaining their identity. Hillel helps them to do this.

With only ten or so regular members, the group is really too small to engage

The group presents speakers and has provided on-campus religious services for Jewish students. It does not concern itself actively with social problems.

The main purposes of Gamma Delta, the student group of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Chapel on campus are service and knowledge, according to its vice president Lynn Rathjen.

He said the group works with children in the Cedars Home for children once a week and has a program to aid residents of an old people's home. In addition, Gamma Delta sponsors a Christmas party and various activities for foreign students.

He said the group tries to foster knowledge by having films, speakers, programs, discussion group and Biblical studies.

He commented that the officers of the group are currently undertaking a complete evaluation to find out if they have been doing enough. He noted that

He said that the Newman Center seeks to provide advancement in students' spiritual lives by presenting the latest in Catholic thought and by giving them opportunities to study the best current Catholic theologians.

He said that the Newman Center is also seeking to

make students understand what happened at Vatican II and how it affects them.

Discussions on such subjects as birth control and abortion are aimed at stimulating thought and making the students conscious of their responsibilities to the rest of the world.

The Newman Center sponsors programs at the state hospital and at Whitehall Orphanage. However, the Newman Center's main objective is to stimulate students to become involved rather than providing groups for them to work through, Father Hain stated.

The aim of St. Mark's on the Campus is to give students the training and the ideals about what is right and then to let them work through other groups, according to the Reverend Mr.

George Peek, rector of the church.

He said the first of these is to be a "gathered church," worshipping as a community. It is here that

an intellectual understanding of the gospel can be obtained.

He said the other major role of the church is to scatter the word.

"If the church gathers and does not scatter it becomes stagnant and irrelevant. If it scatters but does not gather it becomes a mere activity group — a ship without a rudder," he noted.

He said the church is sponsoring a detailed study of a number of modern theologians to promote religious understanding.

An active campaign in the city to promote a housing code is one of the social projects that the group has undertaken.

Wesley Foundation has two basic roles, according to the Reverend Mr. James Reed.

Reed commented that the campus churches must extend themselves to the world outside the campus.

"College is not a four year vacation from the world," he stated.

United Campus Christian Fellowship endeavors to provide fellowship for students and to give them a place to drop in, according to Howard Davis, a member of the group.

The center provides hospitality for foreign students as a means of exposing students to a wide variety of people.

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'SAME EVERYWHERE' . . . Michael Figures of Stillman College found himself at home in Nebraska.



STUDENT CONDUCT CHAIRMAN . . . Dick Schulze after spending several months investigating student rights lead his committee in finishing the first rough draft of a Student Bill of Rights.



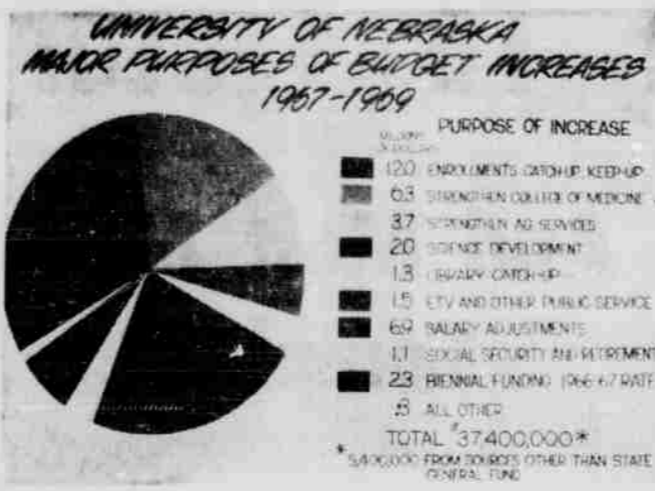
REGENT'S RULES . . . were defended by G. Robert Ross, Dean of Student Affairs, in the continuing debate over the Student Bill of Rights.



DISSENTER . . . Alice Watts, Stillman exchange student, criticized social discrimination at NU.



PERSONAL REACTION . . . characterized Bob Pickens' attitude on the controversy stirred by Brenda Lyle's column in the Daily Nebraskan.



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TIME TO CHANGE . . . Housing Forum discussion may cause equalization of men's and women's rules.



SOCIAL ACTION . . . rather than dogmatic belief brings campus churches into the mainstream, provides controversy.



WINTER'S ONLY SNOW . . . to be seen on the campus in any sizeable amount was here for a short period in November.



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