

Involvement increases in UNL religious groups

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Because of the dramatic increase in groups, some say campus ministries are losing membership to other organizations, and this is causing some rivalries.

The largest denominational groups on campus are the Catholic Newman Club and the University Lutheran Chapel.

The Rev. Leonard Kalin, pastor at the Newman Center, said 250 to 300 people participate in the church activities, which include brunches, Bible studies, cleaning the Bob Devaney Sports Center, visiting the elderly and sponsoring theme parties like a Hawaiian party. Because the Newman Club will not allow non-Catholics to be voting

members or officers of the groups, they are not counted as a recognized campus organization, according to the non-discrimination clause in the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska bylaws.

James D. Bauer, pastor at the University Lutheran Chapel, said he requests that members of his parish not attend other religious groups' meetings because of differing theologies.

The University Lutheran Chapel has 15 Bible studies with about 200 people participating, Bauer said. They also have weekly suppers and a monthly talent show that anyone can attend. Bauer said participation in these activities had nearly doubled since he came

here 10 years ago.

English professor Stock attributes the increased interest in religion to a student need to be involved in some cause.

Students were involved in "left-wing politics fueled by Vietnam" in the 1960s, Stock said. Then in the early and mid-70s, they were looking for a new cause. Many, he believes, turned to conservative religions.

Stock said fundamentalist and evangelical conservative religions are growing the most and the fastest, corresponding to the United State's political swing to the right.

Forde, who sponsors organizations that lean toward evangelism, said that

the end of the world is close at hand.

"There is a sense of doom in some people . . . the Apocalypse," Forde said. "There is a heightening of the seeking to find answers . . . because of the growing sense of despair. It is a serious affair. We have achieved the possibility of destroying ourselves."

"As a Christian, it makes me more and more aware of the end of time," Forde said. ". . . It sounds like doom, but as a Christian, it is our belief."

Most of the increases in religious interest have been in conservative Christian groups, but several non-Christian organizations at UNL, including the Hillel Foundation, a Jewish organization, and NSA, an international Bud-

dhist organization, also have grown.

Rabbi Ian Jacknis said there also is a trend for Jews to lean toward conservatism, but not as much as Christians.

Jacknis said it is because of a desire to return to the roots of their religion.

Stock said he would like to think the growth in religious organizations is part of a long-term trend and not just a fad.

Only a few local ministers and professors said the increased interest and participation in the different religions might be a fad. But even if the movement is short-lived, all said it is good for people to spend their time and energy on religion instead of "wasting it" on something else.

Police Report

Monday, April 6

5:37 p.m. — Area 2. Criminal mischief to car.

Tuesday, April 7

7:06 a.m. — Abel Hall. Larceny from building.

1:43 p.m. — Bob Devaney Sports Center. Larceny of auto accessories.

3:07 p.m. — Area 22. Larceny from auto, speakers taken.

Wednesday, April 8

4:51 p.m. — Cather-Pound Food Service. Injury: security officer fell into transformer pit; treated and released.

8:26 a.m. — Harper-Schramm-Smith parking lot. Two-car, non-injury accident.

Noon — Benon Hall. Larceny from building.

11:44 p.m. — East of Andrews Hall. Larceny from building.

Thursday, April 9

2:40 a.m. — Harper-Schramm-Smith courtyard. Attempted larceny of a bike.

7:06 a.m. — Nebraska Center for Continuing Education visitors parking lot. Vandalism to gate.

12:12 p.m. — Dental College. Larceny from building; coat taken.

1:57 p.m. — Hamilton Hall. Fire alarm sounded because of roofing fumes.

6 p.m. — Sports center. Larceny from building; jacket taken.

8:25 p.m. — Walter Scott Engineering Center. Vandalism to water foun-

tain.

Friday, April 10

8:15 a.m. — 420 University Terrace. Vandalism to motorcycle.

4:17 p.m. — Animal Science Building. Workman fell off a scaffold; treated and released.

7:25 p.m. — Abel Hall. Larceny of a bicycle.

11:43 p.m. — Oldfather Hall. Larceny of a bicycle.

Saturday, April 11

1:46 a.m. — Obscene phone call in an undisclosed residence hall.

11:55 p.m. — Between 23rd and 25th and Vine and Lynn streets. Stolen vehicle recovered.

Sunday, April 12

2:23 a.m. — Two arrests resulting from "hot-rodding" in Area 5 parking lot.

2:39 a.m. — Area 10. Larceny of

signs. Arrests made.

3:16 a.m. — Harper Hall. Fire alarm triggered from charge of turning on fire hose.

3:50 a.m. — Harper Hall. Larceny from building. Exit sign stolen. Vandalism to fire alarm.

9:00 a.m. — Area 1. Vandalism to auto, rear-view mirror torn off. Same report made at 10:37 a.m., 10:59 a.m., 11:19 a.m. and 1:35 p.m.

12:59 p.m. — Area 10 parking lot. Vandalism to auto. Rear-view mirror torn off.

4:00 p.m. — Area 1 parking lot. 19th and T to U streets. Larceny from auto. Stereo taken.

4:30 p.m. — Area 1 parking lot. Vandalism to car. Rear-view mirror taken. Same report made at 10:02 p.m.

10:35 p.m. — Sandoz Hall. Larceny. Billfold taken.

ISO sponsors bazaar

The International Students Organization is sponsoring an international food and craft bazaar today and Wednesday in the Nebraska Union main lounge.

The bazaar will include food and crafts of at least seven different countries.

Shaiful Anuar Sulaiman, ISO president, said the event will raise money for various international student organizations and increase awareness of foreign students at

UNL.

There are 17 international student organizations at UNL and 92 nationalities represented in the student population. Sulaiman said the organizations help foreign students socialize, share culture with each other and face common problems with U.S. culture.

Malaysia, Argentina, Pakistan, Indonesia, Fiji, Nigeria and Venezuela will be represented at the bazaar, Sulaiman said.

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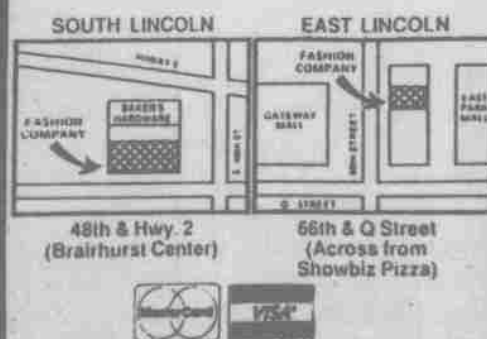
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