

Family joins Brother Jed

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Staff Reporter

Preacher George Edward "Brother Jed" Smock returned to UNL Thursday for his annual round of preaching near Broyhill fountain outside of the Nebraska Union.



Jed Smock

This year he added a special feature to his preaching — his family.

Smock's wife, "Sister Cindy," and his four daughters accompanied him to UNL, where Cindy Smock also preached, and the children even recited Psalms for the crowd.

Smock, 50, said he has been coming to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln since the late 1970s.

Smock is known for his blunt style of oratory, which he uses to criticize behaviors he says are practiced by most UNL students. Smock lectures against drinking, fornication and homosexuality.

"I use generalizations," he said. "But when you use generalizations, you imply exceptions. There may be a few decent people on this campus.

"Admittedly, I haven't met any yet." Smock encountered criticism and insults during his sermon, but he said he expected them.

"Paul (the apostle) said, 'The preaching of the cross is, to them that perish, foolish,'" he

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said. "Jesus and his apostles were often ridiculed."

Cindy Smock said she has preached "off-and-on" at UNL since the late 1970s. Her preaching generally centers on women's role as homemakers and mothers.

"God ordained the family," she said. "There's a role for the man, and a role for the women. The man is made to be the leader. The woman is made to bear children."

Cindy Smock said she also anticipated that her preaching would be criticized.

"I expect students to act," she said. "Students don't like when someone says that what they do is wrong."

Smock's oldest daughter, Evangeline, 9, said she liked talking to students.

"I like to tell them about the Bible," she said.

Evangeline said she wanted to become a preacher when she became old enough.

Smock said his preaching would affect students in the long term.

"We just planted a seed," he said. "Maybe people won't think about this for years, but then will one day start seeking God."

Smock will preach this afternoon at the Union and this evening at the Victory Fellowship Church near 35th Street and Cornhusker Highway.



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Cindy Smock of Campus Ministry USA tries to get the attention of passing students. She and her husband, Jed Smock, preached near Broyhill Fountain Thursday.

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not out of mind, said Ron Synowicki, a member of Nebraskans for the Advancement of Space Development.

"It's like they were trying to put it away so people would forget about it," said Synowicki, a research engineer at UNL. "They can take it off display, but people aren't going to forget about it."

Synowicki and other members of NASD are continuing their campaign to urge NU regents to restore the capsule.

"If it's sitting there in a shed it's not doing anyone any good," Synowicki said. "It's still corroding."

Bud Dasenbrock, UNL director of landscape services, said the capsule was being protected from weather damage in the storage shed.

"I looked at it a couple weeks ago. It looks fine," Dasenbrock said. "It's in a place now where it's protected from the weather. I didn't see any deterioration that bothered me at all."

Experts at the nation's top museums and space centers said the Apollo 009 deserved better treatment.

● Rob Navias, NASA spokesman at Johnson Space Center in Houston, said the Apollo 009 was valuable.

"All recoverable space hardware has some historical significance," he said.

● Lisa Malone, news chief at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, said capsules such as the Apollo 009 were few. Because of their rarity, Malone said, museums across the world often trade the capsules.

● Lillian Kozlowski, specialist on the space collection at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., said test-flight capsules were loaned to museums when manned-flight ones weren't available. Both types have equal historic value, she said.

● Jack Schmid, exhibits manager at National Aeronautics and Space Administration headquarters in Washington, D.C., said any space artifacts from the Apollo mission were pre-

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somebody has learned something about weather," he said. "On Channel 10, hopefully it's the same, as I'm informing the public. I hope that I've taught Nebraska something by being on TV."

Both lifestyles have their good points.

Kopplin said one of the advantages to his duties at UNL was being able to have personal contact with the people he taught.

Kopplin's students might be sur-

prised to learn their introductory geography or cultural geography professor is the same person they see on television everyday, but Kopplin said his local celebrity status didn't affect his teaching.

"Even if it didn't go to the moon, it's a pretty important thing," Schmid said. "It's very valuable if it's in decent condition."

The restoration of the capsule is not on the regents' capital construction list, said Herb Howe, UNL associate to the chancellor.

And, Howe said, the regents probably will not discuss restoration plans this fall.

"In the current fiscal climate, that does not seem highly likely," Howe said.

Money is not available for the university to pay the restoration price, Howe said.

Officials at the Kansas Cosmosphere in Hutchinson estimated restoration could cost up to \$400,000.

The Kansas Cosmosphere twice has offered to restore the craft. Both offers would have required UNL to give up the capsule.

The regents voted to turn down the two offers. Regents had hoped to find money to fund restoration so UNL could keep the capsule.

NU Regent Charles Wilson said money still was not available to restore the craft.

"Unless some donor has miraculously appeared, I don't think we have any funds to do that," he said.

Wilson said he supported a trade presented by the Cosmosphere last year that offered UNL valuable space artifacts in exchange for the capsule.

"I felt we didn't have the funds to restore it, and to just hold it and store it in a warehouse didn't make much sense to me," he said.

Wilson said if officials couldn't find funding in the future, he would support giving the capsule—for nothing in return—to someone who could restore it.

"Why keep it stuffed away in some dark room just to say it's ours?" Wilson said. "In the long run I think it would be a shame to just let it rust away."

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And if he had to choose just one part of his double life as part-time professor and weatherman, Kopplin said it would be an all-or-nothing proposition.

"If I just had one or the other, I probably wouldn't do either one," he said.