

Cults on campus?

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The U of A presents a host of diverse and complex Christian organizations and institutions. We are attempting to clear up the confusion that may exist by providing a short precis of the basic beliefs, aims, and services of each of these groups.

The Neuman Centre

The Neuman Center at St. Joe's College serves the catholic population on campus. The four chaplains at the center provide help and counselling to any student with regard to either personal, spiritual, or vocational problems. They try to help students with their specific needs.

The center provides a spiritual education through a variety of programs. They offer social activities, retreats, lecture and film series, bible studies, prayer groups, and student participation in the liturgy. They hope to build a community where students can feel welcome and loved.

Lynne Beyak, a chaplain at the center, says they are working to "...bring the presence of God on campus, to be his voice and to bring students together."

Neuman Centre — Call Lynne 433-2275

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

The I.V.C.F. is a nonsecular organization. Its prime concern is not only spiritual. It deals with the total approach to the human being - physical, emotional, spiritual, social.

The I.V.C.F. sponsors activities such as square dances, bible studies, recreational camps,

international students' orientation. They operate the V.C.F. book exchange and a Banff International Christmas. Laurel Borisenko, director of the organization says it is attempting "to clear questions about God's message to man through open discussion."

I.V.C.F. can be reached at Rm. 622 SUB.

Lutheran Students Movement

The Lutheran Student Movement places its emphasis on providing a place for students to make friends, worship informally and to meet in small groups to discuss important issues in Christian context.

The LSM on campus worships every Sunday in SUB 158 at 10:30 and on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Student Centre 11122 - 86 Avenue. It has a bible-oriented discussion on Wednesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in SUB 58. There are also regular retreats to Jasper or assorted lakes, and Sunday evening "Fireside Discussions" which are co-op suppers with an extra.

Kurt Klingbal, this year's director, says the movement is "less trying to evangelise then to try to remove some of the negative aspects of Christianity present on campus."

Phone number at the Lutheran Student Centre is 439-5787

One way Agape

One Way Agape is a small group of Christian students trying to make Christ a visible presence on campus. The aim of the group is to strengthen individual's personal relationships with God. Through contact with others, it tries to share this relationship.

A better understanding of the groups purpose could be obtained from the literal meaning of agape: a love feast held by early Christians in conjunction with the last supper: brotherly love. Its program includes bible studies, group meetings, prayer meetings, a radio show "Tune In", the Christian Booktable in SUB, and campus rallies. Its evangelism program works on a one to one basis allowing members to share their relationships and deepen their fellowship with man.

One Way Agape — 962-4939

Campus Crusade for Christ

The CCC is an interdenominational organization that works towards bringing other Christians to Christ. It believes in the basic tenants of Christianity and evangelistic communication. It shares its faith with others through bible study in small groups, discussions, bible passage interpretation, a leadership training class, prayer meetings, socials, retreats, and seminars.

Navigators

The Navigators are an interdenominational organization which works through discipleship to help students accept Jesus Christ at their spiritual leader.

They sponsor regular meetings for bible study and on alternate weeks they have a fellowship and sports night.

The Navigators can be reached through Jim Wicklund at 435-2463.



Baptist Students' Union

The Baptist Students' Union on campus is working to make the gospel known to all men. The first Baptist Students' Union began in the 1920's in Texas, and on the U of A campus in 1976.

The BSU has a wide variety of activities that encompass all the areas of Christianity — discipleship, evangelism and faith. Their social activities include bible study, meetings, and everything else from banquets to bowling.

The emphasis here is developing a mature relationship with Christ through membership in a church group, through acceptance of Christ as savior.

Contact the BSU on campus at Rm. 622 SUB, or phone 963-2516.



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