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'U' life sparked by spiritual revival

By GLORIA JANE SMITH

A revival of religious consciousness appears to be thriving in Ann Arbor, marked by an increase in the number of students involved with religious groups. Ranging from Christian crusades and communities to Eastern meditation societies, many of these groups have only recently appeared on campus during the past three years.

Since then, many have expanded to include up to 500 members, a growth rate which reflects what seems to be a national trend toward spiritual awareness among students.

"We are experiencing a student culture climate change," explains Ted Kachel, program director of the University's Office of Religious Affairs. "Students are implicitly reflecting on God with an emphasis on spiritual, as opposed to material reality."

"In the sixties, students were in search of social salvation and had strong social and political commitments," Kachel adds. "Today, there is more cynicism and the accent is toward self, not so much the world."

One of the most visible demonstrations of this trend toward the spiritual is seen in the Word of God Community in the Charismatic Renewal of the Church.

The Word of God Community is locally referred to as the Pentecostals. Begun in an apartment three years ago by two students from Notre Dame and Michigan State University, the group has grown to include over 500 followers who once a week fill the basement of the Newman Center.

Prayer takes many forms during this weekly meeting of the community. Peo-

ple simultaneously praise God—some chanting, some proclaiming words of praise, some quietly meditating, and some "speaking in tongues."

Considered a gift from the Holy Spirit, the ability to "speak in tongues" is a power received by many community members. As member Brian Bowne explains, "it comes from the need to pray, but at the same time being unable to put deep emotions into words."

The Holy Spirit moves community members to "speak in tongues," to pray in what members believe to be a foreign language.

Interspersed throughout the community meetings are moments when individuals share with the community descriptions of what they believe are their personal communications with God, as well as moments of emotional expressions.

Another Christian alternative is found at the Episcopal Student Foundation's Canterbury House, where each Sunday between 100 and 300 people gather in an informal coffeehouse atmosphere for a Communion service.

"We began our services over four years ago," says Rev. Daniel Burke, of Canterbury House, because "the communications potential in the contemporary arts and media were not being explored by the church."

The gatherings offer a creative diversity that ranges from dramatic sketches, to rock bands, to quiet folk music, to the sensitivity awareness exercises which are now being incorporated into Lenten services.

Other campus groups are focusing their attention on proselytizing the teachings of Christ to others.

The Campus Crusade for Christ, first instituted in California 20 years ago, has been in the city for three years.

The Crusade, which now includes 125 members, sponsors "living-unit" meetings which are informative panel discussions held in dorms, fraternities and sororities.

Leadership training is also offered for those interested in joining the Crusade. Occasionally, members go door-to-door to explain their beliefs to those interested in listening.

Similar groups on campus are Campus Action and the Intersarsity Michigan Christian Fellowship, both of which report increased membership.

Bible-study groups as well are gaining increased student response.

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A NEW REVIVAL

Religion thrives on campus

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In contrast to the heavily emotional and missionary focus of the crusading groups, an unprogrammed hour based on silence constitutes the weekly meeting of the Quakers, the Society of Friends.

"We believe," explains one member, that "God exists within people and thus we do not feel it necessary to receive the word of God from someone else."

The Quakers arouse student interest both from their services and their concern with social issues, especially the draft issue. The American Friends Service Committee "provides a youth focus" explains one member, through its efforts in draft counseling.

Recently the committee helped sponsor a trip to the Paris Peace talks on the Indochina War.

Eastern religions are also flourishing on campus, although Steve Arnold, Psychology of Religion teaching fellow, clarifies that "they are not primarily a group phenomenon."

Yoga, which Arnold describes as having an ultimate purpose in "the realization of personal unity in the universe," is now being taught at the YM-YWCA.

"Presently, 155 are enrolled," a representative from the YM-YWCA explains, "but the number could be tripled if we had enough teachers."

The Student's International Meditation Society, begun in Ann Arbor last year and now including 300 members, offers an initiation into a life of transcendental meditation which member Michael Prestini explains "can be semantically referred to as Yoga."

The Society operates under the direction of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, and "offers the individual a technique by which he is able to release stress, normalize the nervous system and expand the mind," Prestini explains.

Providing still another religious alternative, the Hara Krishna Consciousness group is also attracting students. A recently organized course in the Free University has gained the regular support of 10 followers.

By chanting Hara Krishna, explains one member, "we are able to rise above our material state and realize our spiritual being. Our consciousness can be altered so that we are able to lose our false ego and realize that we are the eternal servants of God, who is Krishna."

Scientology, which members claim to be the "only religious philosophy which enables you to eradicate the sources of man's upsets," is also gaining student support.

A Free University course on Scientology is now beginning along with a Scientology Student

Organization, which coordinator Jim Ward explains has "gained the interest of 110 students."

The religion, first introduced by L. Ron Hubbard in 1950, works to "locate some past pain which is affecting the present life," explains member Rich Hamady.

Established groups such as Judaism's B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation and St. Mary's Roman Catholic Student Chapel, report a change in focus to meet changing student needs.

This is evidenced in the Jewish Creative Services and the Catholic Folk Masses.

St. Mary's reports a weekly attendance of 6,000.

The Baha'i World Fair encompasses both Eastern and Western religions, believing that "this is the age of unity," explains Carl Schwartz, organizing member.

"We aim to inform the world that Baha'u'llah has come, and that he is the promised one of all religions," explains Schwartz.

The group was begun in Ann Arbor 25 years ago and has a present membership of over 60.

Kachel estimates that a "high percentage of students are assuming a religious dimension to reality."

He partially attributes this trend, as does Arnold, to the "lost faith in non-religious goals," and the growing use of drugs among students, resulting in a "subjective turning toward self."



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Scientology And It's Applications

By Sue Daum

The discovery of Dianetics and Scientology has provided a technology which has been successfully used by educators, doctors, artists and athletes. The most recent application of this technology is in the field of drug abuse.

Narconon, the first drug rehabilitation program using Scientology technology, is the only program of its kind being used in penal institutions.

A continual problem facing prison officials is the consistent return to prison of the drug offender, almost immediately following his discharge from prison.

Narconon boasts a phenomenal figure of 82% statistic — no return cases. This far surpasses any other drug reform group attempting to handle the problem.

Nine former MIHS graduates are presently studying Dianetics and Scientology technology.

"Narconon, with the Scientology program, is another example of the workability of Dianetics and Scientology," said Steve Heard, former Islander.

"The program has been expanded and is used in all Scientology churches and missions throughout the Western Hemisphere."

According to Narconon Officials, narcotic addiction appears to be the problem. But if one really looks at it he will see that narcotics isn't the real problem but merely a solution to an earlier existing problem. Scientology claims to have the only workable technology to find the source of a problem and eradicate it.

Narconon is presently being used in Arizona and California prisons. Though the program is primarily for drug abusers, inmates who have never used drugs are taking courses through Narconon which include the Personal Efficiency course, and the Anatomy of the Human Mind course.

The courses are divided into two parts, theory and practical. The courses are designed to increase control, communication, responsibility and understanding.

"A person has to understand how the mind works in order to understand how a Being operates," said Heard.

"Dianetics is a precise technology which eradicates problems of the mind. Scientology then addresses the Spiritual Being (meaning the person himself) and increases his potential

abilities. The Being is not his mind or his body. He simply uses his mind and his body."

In Scientology the emphasis is on working with the person as a Spiritual Being until he comes to realize that he can do those things that provide for his survival and for a good society.

While everyone is looking for a solution to drug abuse, Scientologists have one and use it. Drug users and non drug users in prisons are taking Narconon courses to find out more about, as many inmates put it, "this game called life".

If life is a game it certainly should be one where everyone wins, and according to a Scientologist, "that is exactly what happens here in Scientology, everyone does win".

For further information about the Church of Scientology, call AT 4-3650.

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Scientology Benefit Concert Tonight

Pianist Mario Feninger will give a concert at 8 o'clock tonight at Forest Park Community College Theater, 5600 Oakland Avenue. Proceeds will benefit the Church of Scientology, 2510 South Brentwood

Boulevard, Brentwood.

Feninger has given a number of concerts at Scientology-sponsored programs throughout Europe and the United States. He credits his ability to the application of Scientology.

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"The Hubbard Apprentice Course Teaches Fundamentals of Communication"

Scientology Defined as Knowing How to Know

Scientology is defined as knowing how to know. It is an applied religious philosophy dealing with the study of knowledge. Through the application of its technology it brings about desirable changes in the conditions of life.

But, according to Scientology Literature it could be better defined as summated and organized information about you. It is everything that has been known about you for at least 2500 years, but it is summated so it is communicable, so that it is applicable and so that it gets some definite results. Way over and above these things, Scientology is capable of changing any unwanted condition in your life!

sions and repressions (all aberrations) and can be examined for any autogenic (self-generated) diseases referred to as psychosomatic ills. These tests confirm the Clear to be entirely without such ills or aberrations. Additional tests of his intelligence indicate it to be high above the current norm.

Observations of his activity demonstrates that he pursues existence with vigor and satisfaction. For more than 2500 years man has dreamed of this goal and in February, 1966 this breakthrough was achieved. The road to Clear is very definite and the state is stable and very attainable today. Over 25 million people are now on the

in which man could realize more of his potential abilities. In 1950 he realized the results of his research in a book, *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health*, which for the first time presented the first precision science of the mind.

Auditing Permits 'Free'

Scientologists say "your life is simply the elimination of things you don't want." A highly skilled professional called an Auditor, directs the person's attention to certain areas, asks questions and listens to the answers.

Auditing permits a person to examine the source of his upsets (which has been hidden from him) and release himself from its influence. Release means to let loose to set "free". Scientologists explain that from those upsets and unwanted events of the past on which attention is fixed. One goes release in an established order and on the evolutionary process to Clear is an easy gradient over their last grade attained.

Clearing now takes about one to two months. It is designed on a gradient basis so each and every individual can attain this state.

The first step you would take into Scientology would be to enroll in the Communications Course. "The Hubbard Apprentice Scientology Course is a one week course that teaches you the fundamentals of communication and it guarantees an increased ability to communicate, study, learn, and speak" explained Rich Hamady, a staff member in

Flint.

With the Communications Course you will increase the ability to confront, the ability to duplicate, and the ability to control.



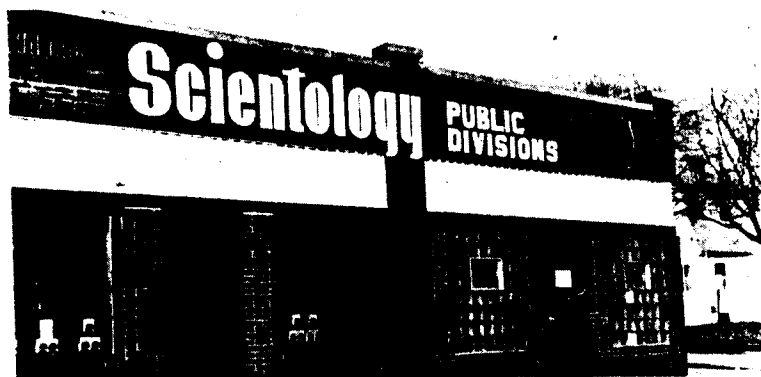
Mark Hansen, staff member.

"Scientology also had the most effective drug rehabilitation in existence" stated Hamady.

"It enables a person to expand his awareness without the use of drugs" and enables those on drugs to get off immediately with no ill effects and no desire to get back on."

The awarenesses that are attained through drugs are temporary, dangerous, and kindergarten compared to those gained through Scientology.

The public Divisions of Scientology in Flint is located at 2102 Joliet St. and the phone number is 232-9121. If you have any questions feel free to call or stop in.



The Scientology Organization is located at 2101 Joliet Street.

The purpose of Scientology is to bring about greater awareness and ability. It concentrates on the betterment of normal awareness, intelligence, and communication. An individual is trapped by those things which he does not confront about himself. Through Scientology, he can get out of this trap and move up to total freedom.

Loneliness, guilt, feelings of inferiority, depression, nervousness, inhibitions, impulsiveness, alienation, repressions, compulsions, out of communication. Any one of these conditions can be the ruin of a job, marriage, friendship or life in general. Scientology frees you from this to a state known as CLEAR.

The optimum individual is called a Clear. A Clear can be tested for any and all psychoses, neuroses, compul-

road to Clear. Thousands have attained this state of a higher evolution of man.

Founded by L. Ron Hubbard

Scientology was founded by L. Ron Hubbard, an American engineer, writer and philosopher who spent most of his early years studying human behavior and researching ways

The Evening Star

Has FDA Bungled the Scientology Church Case?

By WILLIAM WILLOUGHBY
Star Staff Writer

It was more than eight years ago, here in Washington, on Jan. 4, 1963, that a group of Baltimore longshoremen who had been deputized by officials of the Federal Food and Drug Administration staged one of the most bizarre raids in American history.

The contingent, escorted by motorcycle policemen, entered a church on 19th Street NW and the residences of its ministers and began grabbing the church's scriptures, confessional aids and documents, loading them into two waiting vans. Some of the items of religion were taken from the ministers themselves.

The FDA contingent entered the premises without prior warning while services were being held and on the basis of a warrant to which there were no affidavits attached by any one who had complained against the church.

What Prompted It?

Had the incident occurred at St. Matthew's Cathedral or Washington Cathedral, the entire country would have felt a sense of rage. Instead, it was staged on a church that at best was referred to as a cult — an "off-beat" one at that. The raid was on the Founding Church of Scientology.

What precipitated this strange event in a country that has taken pride in its record of

zealously guarding religious liberty?

First of all, the FDA thought it had valid grounds on which to act, since the agency is charged with protecting the health interests of the American public. They made the raid on the notion that they were seizing a "device" with which the then tiny cult was trying to defraud the public.

INTERPRETATION

The literature the FDA agents confiscated proved to be the scriptures of the cult. Only the FDA charged that it was really "labeling" which was used to give "false" and "misleading" information about the E-meter, an auditing mechanism resembling a simple lie detector.

Instead of it being a "device," as the FDA has tagged it, Scientologists look at the meter in an altogether different light, make no claims for it with regard to healing, as the FDA alleges, and the church has never offered it for sale to the public, as it also is charged by the government agency.

The Rev. Robert Thomas, deputy guardian of the U.S. Churches of Scientology, describes the E-meter as a religious artifact which is believed to be "an article of faith of the church, to divine the spiritual state and activity of the parishioner, but in no way

influencing, affecting, or altering the structure of the mind or the body."

Scientology officials strongly object to the manner in which FDA has handled the case. Most of all, they believe it is not any business of the government, since on Feb. 5, 1969, the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that the Founding Church of Scientology is a religious organization — "a bona fide religion."

Had No Warning

It is the custom of FDA officials, when they have grievances against manufacturers of drugs or items for human consumption to consult with them and seek to work out a mutually agreed-upon solution. The Scientologists had no advance warning, they say, that FDA had found grievances with the church, although undercover agents had joined it and other agents had asked numerous questions.

The case has been in the courts ever since the church officials obtained an injunction to restrain the FDA from burning the confiscated E-meters and the literature.

Never Made Claims

Even though the court ruled that Scientology is a church and entitled to the freedom of worship privileges of a church, FDA continues to press its case. A civil action is set for hearing on June 7 in the U.S. District Court.



—Star Photographer Pete Schmick

Scientology minister Arthur Maren, right, tests an E-meter with Ron Baker, a parishioner.

In the pre-trial brief, Attorney John Matonis argues that the FDA should not be permitted to prove its claims about the religion by taking parts of one book or document "out of context." He contends that the 20 different publications which were confiscated must be taken as a whole, for as a whole

they constitute the church's scripture.

In a broader sense, he argues the government is violating the Constitution in even examining the "wrongness" or "rightness" of a church's scriptures. He argued this would be unthinkable if the Catholic Church or some

well-recognized church were involved.

Matonis' arguments for the church, however, stress that at no time has the church, which now claims 3.5 million "formal" and "informal" members, made claims that the E-meter can effect healing. Likewise, the meter never has been offered by the church

for sale, but is used only by ministers who monitor the progress of those who have entered the Scientology program.

The religion is eclectic in nature, operating primarily from an Eastern philosophical and cultural base—most directly in the discourses of Gautama Buddha. It is predicated on the assumption that man is basically good, that he is seeking to survive, but that he is encumbered by painful past previous existence experiences and his sins against others. It is held that man is his own immortal soul (Thetan).

It is the aim, then, of Scientology ministers to assist parishioners in having the Thetan "cleared" of its encumbrances bringing that person into harmony with the Source of Life. The E-meter only helps the minister and the "pre-clear" monitor his progress, much the way a lie detector registers its data. The meter has no active role in the process and has never been represented to have any such role.

Matonis sees a strong analogy between this "electric religious artifact" and the holy wafer and the wine of the Catholic and many Protestant churches, except that in some of those churches, overt claims that these elements are not altogether passive in the individual's religious experience are made. Scientology, he said, makes no such claims, and yet it is challenged while the other religions are not. (CONT.)

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The Rev. Arthur Maren, an official of the national church, believes there is something more sinister and threatening to the case. He feels it is an attack against faith healing, even though Scientology, in its constitution, forbids anyone becoming involved on the hope he will be healed through the religion. Scientologists insist that such a person be treated by a doctor and then return for correcting the Thetan's aberrations.

Another Issue Involved?

Maren said, "I think to fully understand this vital issue, we must ask the question: Why is the FDA straining to extend the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to apply to the area of spiritual healing and religious practice?"

"The FDA - American Medical Association brotherhood fear that any concept of religious and drugless healing would encroach substantially into the billions of dollars of profit that these groups exact from their own 'sacred' reserves.

"Further, at the root of the FDA's dilemma in this case is their materialistic view of man. When one sees man, a spiritual being, as an animal, he may well perceive a religious artifact to be a device. The most basic precept of Scientology is that man is not his body nor his mind but that which animates the body — the spirit.

"By their attempt to strike out at the ideology of Scientology via the E-meter, the FDA is seen to take the part of an ignorant crusader who, due to his fixation on the physical, is attempting to save the 'gullible' public from their own spiritual rehabilitation.

"This unwarranted and compulsive interdiction into religious philosophy and practice is yet another symptom of FDA bureaucratic decay."

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader seems to have offered some sage advice for the good of FDA and religious freedom: "Action to restore the FDA's sanity in the Scientology case could go a long way in beginning the process of restoring the enforcement reputation of the FDA."

Nader then recommended that FDA drop the case.

His and Matonis' arguments, however one feels about the tenets of Scientology, seem to be the only sensible way out of what appears to be a badly bungled case that never should have taken place if religious freedom is to remain inviolable.