We're Getting Teamwork in Campus Religion

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OURS, DAYS AND WEEKS are represented in the reorganized campus religious system. Now the Interfaith Council and Religion-in-Life central committee have merged forming the new Student Religious Council.

The new council was formed with the realization that not only is religion of personal importance, but that religious values and ideas have an essential place in any system of higher education which claims completion.

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Here are answers to questions students are asking about the new religious council, its set-up and purpose.

How is the council organized?

The Student Religious Council was set up by 10 students with the Rev. Roy E. LeMoine, Head of Religious Education, advisor for the reorganization group.

Committee chairmen under the vice-president will include chapel, calendar and publications, discussions, convocations, public relations, special events and residence representatives.

Voting members on the council are (1) president, (2) vice-president, (3) one representative from each student religious organization, (4) one representative from each residence and (5) a representative from every divisional council.

Other members on the council include Cardinal Guild and Panhellenic representatives, a representative from the Council of Religion, committee chairmen and the council’s advisor.

What activities will the Student Religious Council assume?

Religion in Life Week and duties of the former Interfaith Council will be taken over by the new Council with the vice-president leading. The Council will sponsor clothing drives, prepare a Christmas nativity program, conduct morning chapel services in the Memorial Union, publish a monthly calendar and continue to study campus discrimination problems.

How will this new council help you?

Iowa State students will be benefited by the new council primarily in two ways. First, with all the students participating on one council, duplication of committees and offices will be avoided. Secondly, the Student Religious Council will have wider representation since the new council includes a representative from every divisional council.

Why was the religious council reorganized?

Plans molded by the former Religion-in-Life committee sometimes did not reflect the opinions of the church groups. The need for a more representative membership became evident.

Not all students attend youth fellowships, so additional college divisional representatives are members of the new Student Religious Council.

Now the Student Religious Council can work through both the church groups and divisions. The new council has more authority and prestige since all groups participate.

The council is an official agency since the constitution was approved by President Hilton, divisional councils, student religious groups, residence councils and Cardinal Guild.

DEAN HELSER – AN OLD FRIEND IN A NEW POSITION

SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION will come to Iowa State students through the personality of Dean M. D. Helser, who will become Director of Student Affairs in July. Dean Helser will advise the Student Religious Council.

No layman on the campus has had a longer or more consistent record in volunteer religious participation than Dean Helser. During the past 24 years he has delivered more than 1,000 sermons at the Presbyterian church in Jordan, Iowa.

Members of the Jordan Presbyterian parish faced a problem in 1930 when their pastor accepted a call to another parish. They found it financially impossible to support a full-time minister.

The problem was solved when Dean Helser agreed to serve as temporary lay-pastor for six weeks. He still drives the 10 mile distance to Jordan every Sunday morning, often accompanied by Iowa State students. Usually the students receive their invitation to attend the service during a counseling session in the dean’s office.

Dean Helser has not only served as the Jordan pastor, but also continued his work until last year with a class of college students in the Sunday school of the Ames Collegiate Presbyterian church.

Since 1933 Mr. Helser has been Dean of the Junior College and Director of Personnel.