

L & S Symposium Considers Religion, Ethics, Environment

The University of Idaho College of Letters and Science Religious Studies Committee will sponsor a symposium, "Religion, Ethics and the Environment: A Moral Decision for Idaho?" Oct. 12-14.

The symposium is funded in part by a \$4,745 grant from the Association for the Humanities in Idaho. Dr. Frank Seaman, UI philosophy department chairman and one of the coordinators of the symposium, said the remainder of the estimated \$9,500 total cost will be raised locally.

The symposium will focus on ecological issues which have raised serious moral questions about use of land and the historical roots of those issues in Western religion. Keynote speaker will be Garrett Hardin, professor of human ecology at the University of California at Santa Barbara, who will discuss "Life Boat Ethics."

Hardin's theory, which has received national attention, is a view that countries which are reasonably well off in a material sense must consider themselves as on a life boat with respect to people in other

lands, who may be starving or near starvation. Those starving people should be seen as people in the water trying to get into the life boat.

Controversy about Hardin's theory focuses on his contention that for the well-being of all in the long run, the "haves" in the boat cannot afford to help the "have-nots" in the water.

Other speakers will discuss the relationships among agriculture, food production, population, classification of land, environmental ethics and modification of traditional institutional religious views. Speakers will represent a wide spectrum of religious affiliations and philosophies.

The symposium format will be similar to that of the UI's annual Borah Symposium, with all sessions open to the public and time allotted to question-and-answer periods. Names of guest speakers will be announced at a later date.

Members of the Religious Studies Committee, which is sponsoring the symposium, include Seaman; Dr. Nicholas F. Gier, assistant professor of

philosophy; Dr. Stephen L. Tanner, associate professor of English; Jan K. Hansen, an LDS Institute instructor; Dr. David G. Rice, associate professor of anthropology; Dr. Stanley W. Thomas, affiliate professor of religious studies; Father Richard Wemhoff, religious studies department instructor; and Bryan Weston, LDS Institute director.

A.T. Wallace to Present Paper

Dr. A.T. Wallace, University of Idaho professor of civil engineering, will participate as a speaker at a technology transfer seminar sponsored by Region 8 of The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Denver, Colo., on Sept. 4-5.

Dr. Wallace will present a paper on the details of site selection for rapid infiltration basins, a method for disposal of wastewater effluents on the land. His paper will summarize methods developed by himself and others on several large projects throughout the Northwest.

days living out on the trail, Bennett said, "You really have to care about the animals you are studying. You spend hours developing a research proposal and writing study methods. Then you go out in the field and things don't work as you had them planned. It can be very frustrating."

Jim and Carol are living in the original cabin built on the ranch by Cougar Davis Lewis, who came into the Big Creek country around 1879 and patented the homestead in 1924. Also on the ranch are the Taylors' cabin, a guest cabin and a variety of platform tents.

Calling a big tent home this summer were four undergraduate students whose research proposals earned them a chance to spend a summer doing wildlife studies in the primitive area as well as receive a \$600 honorarium. A total of 15 students submitted proposals this spring.

Steve Anderson, a senior wildlife management major from Rockford, Ill., studied the wilderness ecology of pocket gophers. According to the undergraduate researcher, pocket gophers are the number one cause of damage to young trees in tree plantations in the Northwest. The gophers tunnel underground eating roots, or

Allen Steuter, a senior wildlife major from West Point, Neb., studied the brood ecology of blue grouse. He captured and banded females with broods of chicks in order to observe the relationships between the broods.

"Some herbivores including deer don't have any territoriality as they are too busy just keeping ahead of predation. The blue grouse is a bird herbivore and may not have any territoriality," Steuter said, noting that he hoped, however, to find some evidence of defense of territory among the females with chicks.

The fourth undergraduate student, John LeVesque, studied the spotting pattern of cutthroat trout. LeVesque is a junior wildlife-fisheries resources major from Buffalo, N.Y.

The students' reports on their research are due to their advising faculty members this fall in order to qualify their projects for academic credit.

While the four undergraduate students will be back on campus soon pursuing their classes, Jim and Carol are preparing for a season of tracking bighorn sheep and living through their first wilderness winter.