College Life Seen Incomplete Without Religious Dimension

Ithaca — Father Phillip J. Lioi, Catholic chaplain at Ithaca College, sees the college experience as a break from home, a transition to complete independence, a way into a profession, even, sometimes, a four year vacation. In any case, he says, when a student wants to expand his knowledge, living experience and consciousness, the depth of the religious dimension cannot be blanked out.

Ithaca College has three chaplains to articulate their respective theologies to the students, as well as develop an interfaith spirit among themselves. Housed under the common roof of Rowland Hall are Father Lioi, The Rev. George Clarkson, Protestant chaplain, and Rabbi Morris- Goldfarb. It was announced recently that they will provide a Sunday morning radio program to be aired on WICB, the campus station. The three chaplains will take their turns hosting the half-hour programs.

The United Christian Fellowship, the largest religious community at Ithaca College with approximately 1,400 declared members, is the co-ordinating group for Protestant work on campus. Its administrative body, the UCF Council, is composed of students, faculty and area clergymen. Mr. Clarkson is assisted occasionally by the Rev. Ted Jones, the Episcopal curate.

A breakdown of the membership finds about 400 "general" Protestants, 220 Episcopalians, 30 Unitarians, 20 Greek Orthodox, 60 Baptists, 100 Lutherans, 220 Presbyterians, and 230 Methodists for the 1971-72 school year. These various denominations are provided with

Need Furniture At Youth Center

Ithaca — TeenChallenge at 412 N. Aurora St. is a religionoriented rehabilitation center for drug addicts and troubled youth. Bedding, folding tables and folding chairs are needed, as are trading stamps.

Because of its affiliation with the Assembly of God Church, TeenChallenge has no government funding. It is dependent on small pledges and financial contributions of area churches and citizens.

Recently TeenChallenge opened a coffee house in the basement of the Salvation Army Headquarters. Called "True Wine," it welcomes all area youth and features coffee and cookies, with conversation and music on Saturday evenings.

Ithaca Area Notes

Ithaca — Volunteers — mothers and fathers — are needed to keep Cub Pack 12 in business. Anyone interested may call Father David Mura at Immaculate Conception.

Ithaca — Wanted — Christmas toys for the needy. Dan Brooks, 272-7157 and Mike Stanley at St. Catherine of Siena are taking calls.

CHRISTMAS TRUCE

Kilkenny, Ireland (RNS) — Roman Catholic Bishop Peter Birch of Ossory, Kilkenny, has called for a Christmas truce in the sectarian conflict in Northern Ireland.

"All of us should ask for — even demand — a Christmas truce," he said in a sermon in St. Mary's Cathedral here, "and once a lull is secured, and the raiding and the killing and the fear has stopped, people could then begin to reflect and talk, instead of fighting."

an on-campus worship service every Sunday at 11 a.m.

The goal of Ithaca College Hillel, which has a membership of about 100 students, is to perpetuate Judaism on campus through the furthering of Jewish religion, heritage and culture. The Jewish Film Series has helped to sensitize and familiarize the college community with Jewish thought and history. This school year the following films will be viewed: The Fixer. The Pawnbroker, Judgment at Nuremburg, Exodus, Gentlemen's Agreement, and Cast a Giant Shadow. Hillel arranges Passover meals and Seders, High Holiday worship,

and Friday Shabbat Dinners.

The Newman Community numbers approximately 900 students and is primarily a worshipping group. Daily Eucharistic celebrations are offered by Father Lioi, who lives on campus. The elected Newman Council, trustees and faculty advisors guide policy.

Besides an ecumenical Sunday service twice a year, the Protestant and Catholic groups held their annual retreat at the Cayuga Preventorium on November 12-13. They have an inter-faith service and social gathering on alternate Thursday nights.

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