FROM THE CAMPUS PASTOR’S PEN:

As many of you know by now, Bishop Robert Hoshibata intends to appoint me to Dallas UMC near Salem effective July 1.

This impending change is bittersweet, to be sure. For me, working with students in the midst of a University community is deeply rewarding. I find students delightfully open to new, sometimes quite challenging, ideas and experiences. And the college years are such a wonderful time of self-discovery. I feel privileged to have walked with many of you over these last four years, to have witnessed your growing and learning, to see the contours of your future lives begin to reveal themselves. It will be with a certain measure of grief that I say farewell in June.

At the same time, I am excited about a new opportunity for ministry! The church I will pastor is medium sized, healthy, active, and eager to grow and pursue new avenues of ministry. I have known for some time that I felt called to lead a local church community. I am pleased to be given the opportunity sooner than I expected.

The Wesley Foundation Board of Directors has begun a national search process to identify suitable candidates for the campus pastor position. Interviews of finalists will be in mid-May. Students will be given an opportunity to meet the finalists and to offer feedback to the search committee. The Board hopes to announce the next campus pastor by June 1 at the latest.

I don’t know about you, but I don’t always cope with change very well. My approach has been to clench my hands and suffer through it. But today I was reminded of the simple observation, “Change is inevitable. Growth is optional.” These words are a reminder to me that there is an opportunity hidden in the midst of changing circumstances. Sometimes it is when we are disturbed or unsettled that God can enter into our lives and do something new. My prayer over the coming months is that I will open up to receive all the unexpected gifts that this impending change has to offer me.

May I invite each of you to do the same?

In the Power of the Spirit,

Jeremy
Campus Pastor

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SPRING RETREAT
at the beautiful
Oregon Coast
April 28-30, 2006

A GREAT opportunity to get away for a weekend of rest, renewal, and lots of fun with Wesley Foundation friends.

Cost for the weekend is $25 (includes lodging and five meals). Financial assistance is available—don’t let the cost keep you from attending!

Space is limited.
Please RSVP by Friday, April 21.
Questions?
Contact Jeremy at jeremyhp@uoregon.edu.

United Methodist Student Forum
May 25-28, 2006
Adrian College, Michigan

Student Forum is a great way to meet other students active in campus ministries from around the country! (Just ask Katie Moss or Emma Nelson-Munson—they went last year.) For more info on workshops, schedule, and accommodations, visit the student forum website at: www.umsm.org/studentforum

If you are interested in attending Student Forum, please let Jeremy know soon.

The registration deadline is April 24.

Where’s the Campus Pastor?
During the Spring Term, Campus Pastor Jeremy Hajdu-Paulen will be on campus and around the Wesley Foundation on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday afternoon/evening.

On Tuesdays Jeremy will be at home with his daughter Miriam.
More Great Spring Term Activities!

Fellowship Night commences on Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30pm for a FREE simple supper followed by lively singing, stimulating conversation, and heartfelt prayer. All students—new and returning—are welcome!

The Living the Questions small group will resume on Sunday, April 9, from 7:15-8:45pm at the Wesley Foundation.

Thursdays from 11am-12:30pm, join Jeremy and other Wesley friends for a double-shot of God-talk, Jesus-talk, political-talk, social-talk...stuff that matters at the Buzz Coffee Shop (lower level EMU). A safe place to sip a drink and talk!

The Wesley Worship Team is scheduled to lead worship at Drain and Yoncalla UMCs on Sunday, May 7 and at First UMC in Eugene on Sunday, May 21. A great opportunity to practice liturgical leadership!

The Wesley Foundation Third Annual Spring Benefit and Open House, Survivor Pulpit IV, is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 7. Students are invited to help decorate and usher at this fun and fabulous event!

People in the News

Congratulations to our Wesley graduating seniors! Kalene Ardt, Margaret McGladrey, Sarah Terpin, and Alicia Soto all will graduate from the U of O in June. We wish you many blessings in your post-college life. *** Congratulations to Margaret McGladrey for being named On-Line Editor of the School of Journalism’s prestigious Flux Magazine. *** Evan Howard and Margaret Gander both will return as staff members for the Sierra Service Project this summer. *** This summer, Ben Munson will travel to Germany and Alyssa Carter will travel to Japan as Camp Adventure staff. *** Best wishes to Emma Nelson-Munson as she prepares to take the LSAT this summer. *** Congratulations to Sarah Terpin who has been admitted to Northwestern University to pursue a Masters degree in physical therapy. *** Best wishes to Tyler Knox who will study abroad in India and Nepal during the fall 2006 term and to Joe Bailey will study in Mexico this summer. ***

An old but very wise man once said to me that you should never fight darkness with light, you should just try to make the light brighter... I just hope that when it’s all over for U2 that in some way we’ve made the light a bit brighter. Maybe just tore off a corner of the darkness.

—Bono of the band U2

Survivor Pulpit IV and Campus Ministry Open House

The Fourth Annual Spring Benefit for the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry

What will it be? The raising of Lazarus? The woman at the well? Abraham and Isaac? Come support our local United Methodist pastors as they preach impromptu on random Bible passages pulled from a hat! For just $5, you can add a verse to the hat!

Can you help set up? Talk to Jeremy!

Refreshments will be served

Sunday, May 7 • 4:00-6:00 PM

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