FROM THE CAMPUS PASTOR’S PEN:
This Easter I have been thinking about expectations. When I was about eight years old, I signed-up to go to summer camp. I was especially excited because I was going to pony camp! I had visions of riding my trusty little steed across fields of green grass. I was sure that upon my arrival at camp I would be handed the reins to a pony and, at the end of the week, I would hand them back—sort of like checking out a book from the library.

You can imagine how absolutely crushed I was when I found out that campers rode the ponies for just two hours each day. Two hours?! I discovered this a few weeks before the camp began. I was so disillusioned by this turn of events that I nearly stayed at home. Though my expectations had been dashed, I attended the camp anyway and, to my surprise, had a marvelous experience. I also discovered how completely out-of-touch my original expectations were—as if they would entrust a pony to an eight year old boy for a whole week!

When the women arrived at Jesus’ tomb on that first Easter, they too had expectations. They expected to find a dead body to anoint. They expected to feel the crushing grief of Jesus’ brutal execution just two days before. They assumed that they would find a tomb filling with the stench of death.

What they did find was a stone rolled away and an empty tomb. Jesus was not where he was expected to be found. It was not the first time, of course. Throughout his ministry, Jesus had a habit of hanging out in unexpected places with unexpected people—talking to a Samaritan woman by a well, touching and healing lepers, sharing meals with so-called sinners.

When our expectations are turned upside down God sneaks in and teaches us something. The surprisingly empty tomb of Easter means that Jesus is on the loose. As you dive into another ten weeks of study, Jesus may shake up whatever expectations you have about him and about your life. He may sneak in and teach you something you didn’t even know you needed to learn.

In the Power of the Spirit, 
Jeremy Hajdu-Paulen
Campus Pastor

The Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry

SPRING RETREAT

at the
Oregon Coast

April 15-17, 2005
Camp Magruder
near Tillamook, Oregon

“The Beatitudes and Living God’s Blessings”

You are invited to a weekend of renewal, fun, fellowship, study, and great conversation! There will be plenty of time to enjoy the beach and the ocean!

Space is limited.
Please RSVP by April 8.
Questions?
Contact Jeremy at jeremyhp@uoregon.edu.

United Methodist Student Forum
May 26-29, 2005
Millsaps College, Jackson, MS

Student Forum is a great way to meet other students active in campus ministries from around the country!
Jeremy will lead the Oregon-Idaho delegation this year. For more info on workshops, schedule, and accommodations, visit the student forum web site at: www.umsm.org/studentforum

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

The registration deadline is April 22.

Where’s the Campus Pastor?

During the Spring Term, Campus Pastor Jeremy Hajdu-Paulen will be on campus and around the Wesley Foundation Tuesday through Friday, and on Sunday afternoon.

On Mondays Jeremy will be at home with his daughter Miriam. Saturday is a day off.
More Great Spring Term Activities!

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

Bible Study will resume on Sunday, April 3, from 4-5pm at the Wesley Foundation. We’ll continue our jaunt through the wild and woolly book of Revelation! Come and explore this much misunderstood final book of the Bible.

Thursdays from 1:30-2:30pm, 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 Cottage Grove UMC on Sunday, April 24 and at First UMC in Eugene on Sunday, May 22. A great opportunity to practice liturgical leadership!

The Wesley Foundation Third Annual Spring Benefit and Open House, Survivor Pulpit III, is tentatively scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 15. Students are invited to help decorate and usher at this fun and fabulous event!

People in the News

Congratulations to Beth Tveit and Margaret McGladrey on being invited to work on the School of Journalism’s prestigious Flux Magazine. *** Congratulations to Evan Howard and Margaret Gander on landing summer jobs with Sierra Service Project. Evan also has been awarded a place in the University Orchestra. *** Welcome to the new students who have been around the Wesley Foundation during the Winter Term, including: Kristin Bitter, Emily Marrer, Alicia Soto, Heather Hakes, Oscar Guerra, and Kalene Ardt. *** Ask Cheri Young how her ultimate frisbee team fared in its tournament in Austin, TX over spring break! *** Congratulations to Joe Bailey for being invited to pledge Delta Sigma Phi. *** And finally, congratulations to the seniors who will graduate at the end of this term: Beth Tveit, Mike Stear, and AnneMarie Knepper. We wish you all the best and will miss you!

When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him...They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road...?”

—The Gospel of Luke

Havana Nights

An evening soiree hosted by the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry

Saturday, April 9, 2005

6 PM—Mocktails served
7 PM—Dinner (followed by dancing)

$5 per person for dinner.

Dress is creative semi-formal (i.e. wear something nicer than your every day clothes!)

Our friends from the Presbyterian and Episcopal Campus Ministries have been invited to join us!