

REW Organized On Campus 1939

A stained glass window effect was featured on the Religious Emphasis Week float for the Homecoming game Saturday, Oct. 29. The float was built at Westminster Foundation Friday night by representatives of the various religious organizations on campus under the chairmanship of Doris Eberhardt, AA '58.

Last year's float featured the large letters REW with two people looking toward the cross.

Religious Emphasis Week was organized on this campus in 1939 by the efforts of the YMCA and YWCA, and was continued in 1940. Following the war, it was resumed again in 1946 on a much larger scale.

Distinguished Leaders of REW

The executive secretary of REW from 1946-1949 was Robert Johnson, who was succeeded by Vernon Hathaway in 1949. The latter held the position until 1954. Both men were serving as executive secretary of the YMCA at the time they were in the REW capacity. This year's executive secretary of REW is the Rev. Nicholas Lutz, adviser to Wesley Foundation.

In 1949 the theme for REW was "Can UC the Way?" Some of the speakers were: Russell M. Jones, who spoke recently at Leadership Conference at Camp Kern; Mrs. Charles P. Taft, who was then a member of the Citizenship Council; Father William Frazer, then adviser to the Newman Club.

Topics included such subjects as: "Religion and Science," "Religion and Politics," "Beliefs of the Various Faiths," "Overcoming National Barriers to Understanding."

Topics Discussed By REW in '50

Each year REW has been sponsored by Student Religious Council. In 1950 speakers were Charles J. Price, head of the Chemistry Department at Notre Dame.

The Rev. Philip Porter, a graduate of Episcopal Theological School; Dr. Samuel S. Cohan, graduate of UC and author of several books on Judaism; R. H. Edwin Espy, who was at that time executive secretary for the National Student Council of the YMCA.

Topics that year included: "College Joe's Challenge," "What About Missions?" "What Do You Know About the Catholic Church? . . . Jewish Faith? . . . Protestant Faith?"

Succeeding REW Programs

"Faith or Fear" was the topic of the 1951 observance. Speakers included: Dr. Alfred B. Garrett, an outstanding teacher and lecturer; Dr. Elton Trueblood, then professor of philosophy at Earlham College; Dr. Hiel D. Bollinger, at that time secretary of the Department of Student Work for the Methodist Church.

On the agenda that year were such subjects as: "The Faith of

Youth in the Atomic Age," "Faith, Fear, and Understanding," and "An Understanding of the Basic Problems of Our Age."

Each year, according to the Rev. Lotz, there is an attempt made to get one layman to speak. Since 1952, UC presidents have been honorary chairman of REW.

REW Features Seminars

In 1951, instead of the organizations night, as now held, there was a Pan Hellenic-Interfraternity Council Greek Assembly. Religious Emphasis Week is financed entirely by pledges from student organizations.

It has a budget of more than \$700 this year. So far approximately \$600 has been pledged. The budget includes the expenses for 3,000 booklets, publicity, displays, and speakers' expenses.

One advantage which the seminars have over lectures, says Mr. Lotz, is that they bring groups into the picture. Also, REW planning brings many students together, as there are 23 committees.

REW's Featured Speakers

In 1952, some of the speakers were: Russell Jones, Dean William N. Hawley of Chicago Divinity School, and Rabbi Selwyn D. Ruslander, of Dayton, O., one of this year's speakers. The general theme was "Where Goest Thou?"

Seminar topics included: "Is Our Education Preparing Us For Our Responsibilities?" "How Does What We Believe Effect World Relations?" "Where Do Our Morals Lead Us?" "Is There a Place For Religion in the Modern Family?"

Dr. John M. Krumm, then Chaplain of Columbia University, and Joseph Rauch, graduate of UC and author of "The Hamburg Prayerbook" and "The Meaning of Torah," were two of the speakers in 1953.

REW Presents Varied Subjects

Some subjects were: "Do Modern Art and Literature Faithfully Reflect the Condition of Modern Man?" "To What Extent Are Science and Religion in Harmony?" "Is Developing History To Be Measured By The Standards of Religion?"

The 1954 observance featured discussions of varied subjects: "Religion and Marriage," "Religion in Everyday Life," "Religion and Life's Ultimate Meaning."

Speakers included: Father Robert Hooda, pastor of St. John's Church, Berlin, North Dakota; Dean Martin L. Harvey, former vice-chairman of the World Christian Youth Conference at Amsterdam, Holland; Dr. Everett S. Wallis, Professor of Organic Chemistry of Princeton University.

Committee Chairmen of REW

Marilyn Brunner, AA '56, is general chairman this year. Other executive members are: James Heathcote, A&S '56, vice chairman; Marlene Reichley, A&S '57, treasurer; Carole Forney, A&S '56, secretary.

Beverly Hall, A&S '57, speakers; Betsy McFarland, TC '57, seminars; Marcia Johnson, TC '56, theme and purpose; Jean Richter, A&S '56, opening convocation.

Alvin Cohn, A&S '56, all-university convocation; Nancy Hulbert, HE '56, Tuesday evening convocation; James Bruckmann, A&S '56, campus organizations; Dorothy Aberman, TC '57, publicity.

Doris Eberhardt, AA '58, display; Maridel Travis, N&H '57, nurses' convocation; Joel Wittstein, A&S '56, worship; Carolyn Banfield, A&S '56, music.