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## Preacher graduates from Berkeley barbs to radio pulpit

A radio preacher with a knack for reaching young people with his message will be heard every Sunday night over KSLM radio beginning Oct. 14.

Touring broadcaster Vern Bennom Grimsley was in Salem Tuesday to make the arrangements for the weekly radio program and tape a session with Chemeketa Community College students.

He is on a tour of the three Pacific Coast states promoting his radio broadcasts and spreading his message of the "Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man."

"I found a profound interest in spiritual issues among Oregon youth," Grimsley said before he headed off for more stops in Portland and Washington State. He sees this perked-up concern as part of a spiritual renaissance which will one day "make more differences in this planet than any war, any battle, any government, political, social or economic upheaval in all of human history."

Comments like that are grandiose coming from a young man who doesn't have a divinity degree under his belt. But Grimsley has stu-

died theology in Berkeley, Calif., and he was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate in philosophy from the University of Kansas. He also has been a psychological researcher for the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C.

For ten years Grimsley has been keeping his ear to the ground in Berkeley, one of the meccas of the youthful counterculture. At one time he broadcast daily radio programs from the Berkeley campus of the University of California while it was being torn

apart by student disturbances.

Grimsley studied at the



**VERN GRIMSLEY**  
Reaches youth

Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, but he decided that ordination in the orthodox church was not for him.

Instead, he created the Family of God Foundation, a nonprofit organization which sponsors his radio broadcasts through unsolicited private donations.

Grimsley is the foundation's president and chief spokesman. His 15-minute radio programs, "On Campus," are heard over seven San Francisco Bay area radio stations regularly in addition to other domestic and foreign outlets including Radio Free Europe.

The attraction for the radio stations goes beyond the fact that the "On Campus" tapes are provided free of charge. KFRC in San Francisco has been airing the programs for three years and has had excellent listener response. In a letter to

Grimsley, the station's public service director said, "Your topics are timely, important and most interesting."

Rival station KFAX praised the foundation's integrity and dedication and contributed \$500 to help

sponsor the foundation's work.

"On Campus" will be heard over KSLM at 6:30 p.m. each Sunday.