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Campus preacher sees trend toward personal religion

While on a recent tour of our state which included a visit to Everett Community College, international broadcaster Vern Bennom Grimsley of Berkeley, Calif., said he found students preoccupied with personal rather than institutional religion.

"Youth are centering on lives of prayer and meditation," he said. "This seems far more important to them than an authoritarian type of organized religion." He said he is seeing increased interest in religion — a sort of "spiritual renaissance."

The campus preacher who spoke hundreds of times at the University of California at Berkeley during the years of campus rioting recorded a series of radio programs at EvCC dealing with students' religious questions. "They are realizing that only a

changed people can create a changed world," he said.

"We've had an industrial revolution and we've had a scientific revolution," says Grimsley. "What the planet needs now is a spiritual revolution," says Grimsley. "What the planet needs now is a spiritual renaissance,

and this spiritual resurgence will be a more widespread and powerful force for change than any preceding movement.

He came to Everett after speaking at the University of Washington. The 32-year-old Grimsley has spoken to 10,000 people in the last two

years while touring.

While in the Northwest, he added seven Oregon and Washington radio stations to the list of those who carry his daily radio broadcasts from the San Francisco Bay area. He is on the number one rock station in Los Angeles and re-

ports that 70 per cent of the mail he receives comes from people under 30.

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