



**Fish Friend**

Changing the tape containing volunteer's numbers for Pullman's Fish organization is Mrs. Steve Holland, secretary of the Methodist Church. Twice a day she makes a new recording for the answering service.

Photo by Mary Mains

## Fish volunteers offer comfort, aid

By Conni Williams

There is a group of Pullman residents who spend many hours each week "Fishing" without ever catching more than a little satisfaction and some hard work.

"Fish" is the Pullman chapter of a world-wide organization devoted to spreading a little neighborly love. The group's watchword is "if you need any help--call."

Fish involves a large number of volunteers. They are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week to receive calls for help from anyone in the community. Calls are made to a central number (332-2211) where an answering service gives the caller the number of the volunteer on duty.

### Love thy neighbor

Pullman volunteers, responding to the slogan of "Love thy neighbor" deal with elderly people who need transportation or housework done. They babysit temporarily in broken homes, and often prepare meals. They also refer persons with serious problems to community welfare agencies.

Fish gets its name from the ancient Christian symbol. Christians used the sign of the fish to identify themselves to their friends in early times. It helped protect them from detection by informers.

Pullman's Fish chapter has been in operation since late October. The chapter is under the direction of Mrs. Donald Hines, 602 Michigan, chairman of the organizing committee. According to Mrs. Hines, the idea to organize a Pullman chapter was first prompted by the Church Women United of Pullman who got the ball for Fish rolling.

Since that time over 125 persons have volunteered their services in one of three areas--receiving calls, performing services or donating money.

The structure of Fish is relatively uncomplicated. The volunteers designate a few hours each week when they will work. They either receive calls or go out into the community. The volunteers are not specially trained, only specially concerned. They have been given a packet with information about volunteers they can reach and Pullman welfare services. Workers have no other qualifications except a desire to do something for someone else.

### Neighborly service

Fish volunteers do follow one ground rule, however. They are repeatedly assured that Fish is not a "self-righteous, do-good" organization. Volunteers do not act as if it is. As Mrs. Hines explained, "It is merely a neighborly service where you assist persons as if they were your friend coming for help."

Mrs. Hines described persons unable to work as Fish. They donate money to help pay the \$25 a month phone bill, as "Angel Fish". There are also "back-up Fish" she explained, who are mostly high school students. They perform services in emergencies when regular workers are not available.

Mrs. Hines describes the first two months of Fish calls as "steady, but not in great volume." Most of them, she said, are calls from mothers who are ill and need someone to take care of their children. Many elderly persons call for transportation or housework help.

This volunteer organization is important in this community, Mrs. Hines said, because of Pullman's transient nature.

"New people connected with the university are moving in and out constantly," she stated, "and often new persons don't know where to go for help."

"So what Fish actually represents," she concluded, "is that friendly neighbor who is glad for the chance to help out a friend."

## Homosexuality to be discussed

If you're interested in a gay time, don't miss "Homosexual Dilemma," a panel discussion today at 7:30 p.m. in the CUB Ballroom.

Sponsored by Associated Women Students, four panelists will discuss problems faced by homosexuals in our society. The panel will be headed by Jason Savage, a member of the central committee for Gay Liberation.

Other panel members include Kris Delton, a member of Gay Liberation and active in the women's liberation movement; Collen Hammens, a former member of the Air Force who will discuss homosexuality in the service and Miller Broderickson who will discuss bisexuals and role-playing in our society.

## Owner found

Herbert Wood, retired dean of the College of Sciences and Arts and former acting academic vice president, was incorrectly identified in the Dec. 3 issue of the Daily Evergreen as the owner of the Campus Vista Trailer Court.

According to the Pullman City Engineer's office, the owners of the trailer park are Reggie Wood and R.C. Hamilton.

## Five Men Make Five Mistakes.....

One man struck a match to see if the gasoline tank in his car was empty. It wasn't.

One man patted a strange bulldog on the head to see if it was affectionate. It wasn't.

One man speeded up to see if he could beat the train to the crossing. He couldn't.

One man touched an electric wire to see if it was charged. It was.

One man cut out his advertising to see if he could save money. He couldn't.

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