

DULUTH--The first series of dialogues on religion and higher education ever held in Minnesota is scheduled for the UMD campus Thursday and Friday (May 9-10).

The dialogues will seek to establish whether there is common ground between religion and higher education, then consider the validity of the concept before moving into discussion on ways the two might complement each other.

Rev. Fr. George Garrelts, Catholic chaplain and director of the Newman Club on the Minneapolis campus, and Russell Hoffman, an instructor in English and advisor to the UMD Jewish Hillel organization, will use the first dialogue to assay the nature of common ground.

The dialogue schedule: Thursday--4 p.m., Kirby Student Center ballroom, and 7:30 p.m., Kirby 252; Friday--9 a.m., Kirby ballroom. Three workshops will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday. One on religious centers will meet in Kirby 308 with others on rapport between students and coordination of religious activities in Kirby 252 and Kirby 250, respectively.

The Rev. James E. Boren, Prebyterian pastor on the Minneapolis campus; Dr. Henry E. Allen, coordinator of student religious activities on the Minneapolis campus; and the Rev. Richard Mathison, pastor of Endion Methodist Church, will serve as workshop moderators.

Registration will be held from 2-4 p.m. Thursday in Room 112, Kirby Student Center. A conference dinner has been planned for 6 p.m. Thursday in Kirby 252 and a noon luncheon Friday in Kirby ballroom.

The dialogues are being sponsored by the UMD Council of Student Religious Advisors.