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Religious Relations

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Sabu, Indian mystic

A person's relationship with God is a subjective matter. The religion of one's parents, friends, and so on, is not going to get him into "heaven" or "hell"; it is his own relationship with God that will decide his fate. Therefore, each and every person should develop his own personal religion within his heart, based on what he feels is true. Mother, father, preacher, teacher cannot tell us what to believe or what is wrong or right. These are matters which must be explored and solved by every individual. Each person has a relationship with God that only he is responsible for, and as

long as he feels he is right, he cannot go wrong. If, for example, a basic belief of Christianity does not adhere to what a person believes, which path should he follow? The one that leads from his own heart, and for this reason: if he follows the other, he will be untrue to himself and will be guilty of allowing the world to decide for him what only he can answer in his heart. If so, he will go through life claiming to believe as Christianity does, but not believing, and in so doing live a lie to himself, and suffer a little of hell here on earth. What is being said here is what Emerson said over 100 years ago, "Trust Thyself." Even though the most hell-fired and damnation preaching preacher should wear your ear off telling you you are going to hell if you don't follow his doctrine, hold true to your own beliefs. As the old saying goes, let your conscience be your guide, and your heart will not be plagued by misgivings or doubts as to the right or wrong way.

True, there are people who can be our spiritual leaders and guide us and give us advice, but when the real decision comes, it is we who must make it.

There are certain people who feel that it is their duty to tell people of other religions that they are hell-bound. These people do not realize that these other religions also worship God, they just call him by a different name, such as Allah, Yahweh, etc. These religions worship the God who created the mountains and trees, birds and fish, man and animals. Therefore, these religions worship the same God Christianity does. So why are they going to hell and Christians to heaven? This is a question which I cannot seem to find an answer for.

Furthermore, it is my belief that one does not have to be in a church to worship God, nor is it necessary to be affiliated with one. When I feel like seeing and talking with God, I go out into the woods or down to the beach. At these places, I feel more in communion with a heavenly spirit than in any church I have ever been to. In nature, I can still find God in his unspoiled beauty. I cannot find or see Him in many men I am forced to look at in a church. In nature, you can see God's power (as in a hurricane) and you can see his delicacy (as in flowers, butterflies, and so on). You can feel his perfectness when you look at His intricate creations. When you look at the universe, the world, the cycle of life, you can see it is all put together too well to have happened by chance or totally through evolution. You realize that there is a far superior being out there who put it all together, and is now sitting back and watching man take his creations and tear them apart. God, to me, can be seen in nature more than he can be seen in man. But, to you, it may be different. Perhaps you can feel God more directly in a church, and through a fellowship of like individuals. Then that should be your method of worship, and I will not condemn it. All I ask is that you do not condemn my way, or the ways of others. As a whole, we should be more tolerant of others who differ from us, not only in religion but in all things. Live and let live, and leave judgment of the world to God. We are mere humans, ignorant and fallible. So until we remove the log from our own eye, let's leave the sty in our brother's eye alone. Until we have become perfect, let us not judge those who live around us.

Mike Walker

Alpha Omega

Bearing the credentials of long runs in New York and London, Robert Bolt's drama "A Man For All Seasons" will be presented by the Alpha-Omega Players of Rockport, Texas, at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, in Howard Chapel.

"A Man For All Seasons" is a historical play about the conflict between Henry the Eighth and his chancellor, Sir Thomas More, over More's refusal to condone the King's divorce of Catherine of Aragon, and his

marriage to Anne Boleyn. Though it is a drama on the theme of public duty versus private conscience, it is also a play about a man of such wit and charm who was able to trade jests with his executioner when he was brought to the scaffold.

Ken Zinck will portray Sir Thomas More, the author of "Utopia," and the man Erasmus called "the English Socrates." Sir Thomas More jokingly noted

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Greek Week

Greek Week began with sororities participating in the Powder Puff Football game. Between the cheers and the bruises, Cathy Purvis lead Team B to victory.

The annual Greek Sing was held Thursday night. The presentation was entertaining and most enjoyable for participants as well as for the audience. Themes varied from Patriotism to Religious songs. This year's group winners were Sigma Sigma Sigma, with a presentation of "Sigma on Tour" and Sigma Phi Epsilon who presented a comical take off on familiar television commercials. Individual talent trophies were awarded to members of the same organizations. Gayle Woodlief represented Tri Sigma and David Wall represented the Sig

Eps. The fraternity Scholastic Award was presented to Alpha Sigma Phi for the third consecutive year. Tri Sigma received the Sisters Scholastic Award and Delta Zeta received the Pledge Scholastic Award.

A dance was held at Wedgewood Country Club the following evening.

Greek Week was topped off by Activities Day at Toisnot. Alphas and DZ's received the awards for winning the most events. A celebration was held at Fred's that evening. Greeks look forward to special spring banquets and beach week-ends to complete a successful year of fraternal fellowship.

C. E. Panarese

SGA

President—Ricky Clayton
Secretary—Barbara Stone
Vice-President—Tommy Mercer
Treasurer—Matt Mancini
Head Cheerleader—Connie Lail
Pine Knot—Jimmy Cobb
Collegiate—Fred Claridge

CCA Officers
President—Cathy Law
V-P—Ruth Jordan
Secretary—Phil Darnelle
Treasurer—Tommy Mercer

Senior Class
President—Mike Sawyer
V-P—Susan Dubois
Secretary—Marsha Cunningham
Treasurer—Lois Ann Wassen
Senator—Sue Wilson

Junior Class
President—Pam Batts
V-P—Rose West
Secretary—Debbie Cox
Treasurer—Ruth Jordan
Senator—Martha Barnes

Sophomore Class
President—Phyllis Parriss
V-P—Sheree Harrell
Secretary—Rosa Cobb
Treasurer—Connie Lail
Senator—Miles Stanley

Day Students
President—David Lee
V-P—James Coale
Secretary—Steve Estes
Treasurer—Rocky Gunner
Senator—Allan Richeson

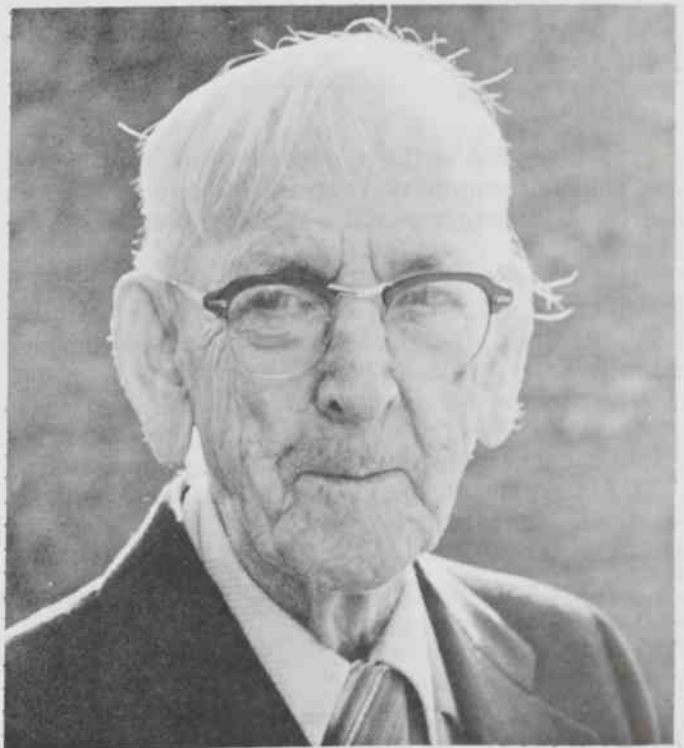
Bloodmobile Visits Campus

Every 5 minutes, someone needs blood — blood that is available immediately, and available in the correct blood types. The availability of this blood makes the difference between life and death. Blood cannot be manufactured; it comes only from one human being who cares enough about another human to donate a pint of blood. That concerned human being is you!

The process is simple, and takes only an hour or so of your time. Since our Red Cross Blood Program must collect 400 pints of blood each day for hospitalized patients, your donation is vitally needed.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Assembly Building of the Wilson Memorial Hospital, April 7 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and again on April 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our goal is 340 pints.

Only 3 percent of our population of eligible donors supply the blood needs of our nation. Surgery could be cancelled if blood is not there. Could it be you?



Dr. C. H. Hamlin, professor of social studies at Atlantic Christian College, will go into full retirement this year following 51 years of service to the college.

Now 85 years of age, he went into semi-retirement 20 years ago and continued teaching under a reduced load. He began his teaching duties at the college, Aug. 25, 1925. He will teach his final class during the second semester of summer school.

Poetry Reading

On Tuesday, April 6, the Creative Writing class of Atlantic Christian College will have a poetry reading on the campus mall, in front of the administration building. The event will start at eleven o'clock. All students, members of the faculty, and other interested persons are invited to attend. There is no admission charge and refreshments will be served.

This event can be beneficial for all who participate, as well as entertaining. The members of the class have been working with various forms of poetry, including short forms such as the Haiku, and the Cinquain, and longer forms such as the English Sonnet, the Italian sonnet, and the Villanelle. The class also experimented with Parody and free verse.

The readings will be done from a small volume of poetry titled *Rounding Off* produced by the students, and organized by Mrs. Shackleford. Members of the class who will be participating are as follows: Beth Horney, Yvonne Currin, Eddie Martin, Mrs. Velma Reason, Gary Harker, Judy Warren, Terri Marsh, Ann Wasson, Russell Lee, Fred Claridge, Bernie Volva, Becky Finch, and Raoul Benoit.

Students are urged to attend as the event promises to be very rewarding. This kind of event has not taken place here for several years. Your support of the students' creative endeavors will be appreciated.

R.B.