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BSU Bridges the Gulf

By GERALD FIELDS

Bridging the Gulf Between Nationalities, the title of this article, is also the theme for Black Awareness Week held this week at St. Andrews College. The first annual Black Awareness Week, sponsored by the Black Student Union, was under the guidance of advisor, Professor Jesse Johnakin. It was created on the behalf of the St. Andrews atmosphere and surrounding communities, to generate a social awareness of Black achievements in education.

The week began on April 4th, with the entertaining music from concert pianist Raymond Hicks from Bennettsville, South Carolina. Immediately following the pianist, the St. Luke and Voices of Love Gospel Choirs soothed the ears of the audience with several hymns.

On April 5, Professor Jesse S. Johnakin gave a discourse entitled "Black Women in Today's Society". The week continued with another discourse by Dr. Wilsie Jenkins, Associate Dean of Students at Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley Georgia. Dr. Jenkins spoke on the topic "Education: A Catapult in to the Future."

On April 7, Dr. Robert Satcher, vice president of

Voorhees College, gave a discourse entitled, "Minorities' Contributions to Science". Immediately following Dr. Satcher's discourse, a poetry reading was held. It consisted of readings by various members of the Black Student Union and all others that wished to participate.

The week ended on April 8, with Attorney Paul Eaglin, a graduate of Duke University Law School, speaking on the topic, "Challenging the Redistricting Plan in North Carolina."

President of the Black Student Union, Gerald Fields, says he hopes students "have enjoyed and will continue to benefit from the well prepared program."



DR. ROBERT SATCHER



Blooming dogwoods announce the arrival of spring on the St. Andrews campus. Photo by Jeff Aiken

Evolution Vs. Creationism

By TERRI DAVIS

Last weekend, St. Andrews held a symposium on what has become one of the most hotly debated issues of our theories on evolution and creation.

The symposium was entitled "Teaching Origins in Public Schools" and its purpose (as stated in the scheduled program) was to "develop a series of case statements for the standard evolutionary and creation science viewpoints on the origins of the earth and humankind". The coordinator of the symposium was Dr. Thomas Blackburn of St. Andrews,

who is a McGaw Professor of Chemistry.

On Friday, April 2nd two creationists and two evolutionists, all from North Carolina State University, presented lectures on the physical and biological scientific evidence of origins.

Dr. Blackburn explains that "Creation Science purports to be a scientific discipline which seeks evidence for facts that the earth was recently (on a geological scale) created by a supernatural being." According to their calculations as traced from Adam through present day man the earth is approximately 6000 years old.

He explains that the age of the earth according to this theory would be represented by the last half of an inch on the time line placed in the LA building hallway for SAGE students.

Dr. Blackburn says that "the creationist's attempt to prove that the evolution theory is wrong and they attempt to account for the evidence that led to evolution as paralleled with Genesis. They do this by arguing that the earth is not old enough for evolution to have occur-

red."

One of the creationist's theories is that the geological history of the earth was tuated by Noah's flood and that all of the fossils discovered date from this flood.

Several questions raised by the creation scientists Friday night were: "Does matter have the capacity for self-organization?" "Are the laws governing energy externally directed or internally random?" "Is a spontaneous origin natural?" "Can the whole of chance give rise to ordered existence?"

These scientists took the positions that evolution denies the existence of God and as one concluded, "life in this case is without direction and intelligent purpose."

The evolutionists, on the other hand, base their theories of origin on Darwin and according to geological findings since Darwin. One way evolutionists measure the age of the earth is through studying radio isotopes in rocks. They theorize that the earth is approximately 4 1/2 billion years old.

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Global Glance

By COREY INGOLD



This week has been witness to a time of strained relations between Great Britain and Argentina. Argentina seized a British-controlled territory, the Falkland Islands and in retaliation the British are sending approximately 40 warships to show their concern over the seizure.

Following Secretary of State Alexander Haig's denial of allowing Northern Ireland's Protestant leader, Reverend Ian Paisley to enter the U.S., Bob Jones Jr, head of Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, blasted Haig by saying that Paisley is visiting for religious not political purposes.

Gasoline prices continue to decrease in the United States because of the world wide "glut" in oil supplies.