

Curtains Rise Tonight on "Bus Stop"

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Bus Stop, the William Inge Broadway hit which found its way to the success of the wide screen in the 50's, is to air tonight in Howard Chapel here at Atlantic Christian College. It is to run for three consecutive nights, closing after the final curtain in Saturday's performance.

The play is an unusual love story which centers around a second rate singer and a dashing young cowpoke from Montana. The addition of a conglomeration of unique personalities are: Debra Bottoms of Elm City, as Cherie; Gregory Dozier from Stoneville, as Dr. Lyman; Beth Johnson of Raleigh, as Grace; Amy Jones of Wilson, as Elma; Jeff Mault of China Grove, as Carl; Gregg Peele of Pikeville, as Virgil; John Stone of Wilson, as the sheriff; and Jim Young of Burke, Va., as Bo.

This Stage and Script interpretation is to be set in the small western diner and bus stop known as Grace's, located a short distance outside of Kansas City on the Kansas City to Topeka line. The whole of the action occurs within the diner itself and focuses on the interactions between people relatively unknown to each other and thrown together by the mere chance of an overlay in bus operations. The story centers around a young Montana rodeo cowboy who finds himself in love with Cherie, a second rate night club singer who does not hold his sentiments mutual. Bo, the cowboy, realizes the confusions and complexities of his deep, heart-felt emotions and comes to know how hard falling in love can be.

In a broader sense, Inge's play deals with a combination of many types of love coming



together and revealing themselves through the various individual characters and their personalities. Although the story's meaning is a serious one the situations encountered by the characters provide for fre-

quent comic relief. This clever combination constantly renews the freshness of the action and maintains interest in the goings-on.

The production is open to the public. Tickets will be available at the door. There will be no admission charge for ACC students and faculty.

A.C. Forced to Close its Doors



In a manner not very different from the student uprisings of the 1960's, as well as the rioting recently taking place in Iran, masses of Atlantic Christian College students marched in protest during the early part of last week, forcing the school to close its doors.

Students who, obviously upset about something, heaven knows what, began fighting in the streets early Sunday afternoon. Undaunted by the sudden snowstorm which coincidentally occurred during the same period, large bands of students began marching through the

A.C. campus, looking for something to protest about.

Many students, looking for something to do, built snowmen to occupy their time. Other students, seizing the initiative, immediately began to strike, terrorizing the campus by tearing the aforementioned snowmen into little shreds.

It was obvious by early afternoon that things were tense, so tense one could cut it with a snowball. Hundreds of angry students lined the walkways, mercilessly attacking any student that passed by.

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News Briefs

Here and There

Wilson County Sheriff Robin Pridgen testified Tuesday in his federal court trial in Raleigh that he has never accepted money or sexual favors to allow prostitution houses to operate in Wilson County.

Sheriff Pridgen was found guilty yesterday by the jury for accepting bribes to protect the prostitution and gambling rings in Wilson. He was also found guilty of submitting false income tax returns by not reporting the income he received from bribes.

REMINDER: Students who wish to pre-register for the fall semester 1979 must make a \$50 advanced tuition payment to the College by March 9. Part-time and evening school students who intend to enroll full-time must also make the payment. Part-time students who wish to pre-register as part-time should inform the Registrar's Office of

their intention in order that a pre-registration packet may be set up. Students who do not make the advanced payment will not be permitted to pre register. The notice will not be mailed to parents. The payment will be credited to the fall semester account and is non refundable.

Over the weekend, evacuation operations began in Iran to get the remaining U.S. citizens out of the country as turmoil continues in the new religious government.

China has penetrated into at least 10 miles of Vietnam this week. The attack has been defended by China as a protective maneuver. Russia, Vietnam's ally, has reportedly put troops on standby.

A Marine sergeant, wounded during a raid on the U.S. Embassy in Iran, was released Wednesday and will return to the U.S. soon.

On Tuesday it was learned that a Khomeini committee was holding the sergeant captive after kidnapping him from a hospital where he was recovering from his wounds.

For those of you that still have not picked up your annuals, you may do so Friday, Monday or Tuesday, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the Pine Knot office below Hardy Alumni Hall.

Meanwhile, President Carter said in a speech in Atlanta Tuesday that the U.S. would not change its foreign policy with the new developments in recent days in Iran and Indo China.

Crouch Receives Ph. D.

Paul H. Crouch, director of drama at Atlantic Christian College, has been awarded the Ph.D. degree in Theatre History and Directing from Florida State University at Tallahassee.

He received the degree upon completion and approval of his dissertation, "Patterns in Contemporary Outdoor Historical Drama: A Guide for Directors." The study analyzes 11 major summer outdoor dramas in script and performance and suggests how future such presentations can be strengthened. Dr. Crouch's degree is the first step in upgrading the drama

program at Atlantic Christian.

Dr. Crouch did his undergraduate study at ACC, completing his B.A. degree in English in 1955. Following 10 years' work in radio and television news in Charlotte, Atlanta, and Columbia, S.C., he received his M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He returned to AC as director of drama and a member of the ACC English Department in 1967.

He is the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Crouch Sr., of Columbia, S.C.

Better Late Than Never!

In our last edition, we the staff of the Collegiate, in an effort to look as though we are not perfect, somehow managed to miss two Valentine's Day messages. So here they are, a little late.

Mike,
Words cannot describe the way I feel about you. Happy Valentines! I love you now and forever.

Teresa

Miss I,
Thanks for grabbing the rope and letting me give you hope.
Your only Boyfriend,
Mr. C.