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CAN GOD BE DEAD--AT EASTERTIME?

The question, of course, is a silly one. It isn't likely that the time of year on the third satellite of a small star has any bearing on the matter. Or that the denizens thereof, having reached some degree of awareness, can simply decide yea or nay that there is or was "something" called GOD and that once it lived but no longer does. Perhaps Dr. Thomas J. J. Altizer of Emory U., who seems to have started the latest controversy in this area, will be able to tell us more when he visits here later this month for the "debate" with Dr. Paul Weiss of Yale.

For most of us, the deep and formal discussions of theology are too abstruse. Semantics takes over and before we know it, nobody's sure what is being said or just what it means. Not that such cerebration is to be discouraged or disparaged if we are to have "continuing revelation" in our religious beliefs. But it can be a bit confusing to the average layman.

For most of us, religious experience remains an emotional thing--more tearful than intellectual. Without being sure just why, we react deeply to the words of an ancient hymn. Or find inspiration in the rolling phrases of a well-loved psalm (King James Version). We are strangely reassured when we hear again, "I go to prepare a place for you--that where I am, ye may be also." Rather simple perhaps, but something we can "feel".

And so, it is Springtime once more in the northern hemisphere of our small planet. Again there is the promise of soft air, quiet rain and life renewed. And it is Eastertide. For some questioners, GOD may indeed be dead in A.D. 1966. For others, He not only lives but lives gloriously. And especially at Eastertime.

A SCIENTIST LOOKS AT RELIGION

Enclosed with most copies of Ye Bulletin this week is the pamphlet, "Straws in the Wind of Change". Our supply was somewhat limited so we're stretching them as far as possible. Hope everyone can take a moment to read the comments on God, science, religion and related ideas by our own Dr. E. Leigh Secrest, president of the Research Foundation and Dean of Grad School. We doubt that there's a more brilliant young scientist in Texas (he's 38 and won his Ph.D. from MIT at 23) or more devout churchman (Episcopalian). He made his observations last September before the District 20 Assembly of the Texas Christian Churches. You'll find them most interesting.

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THE HOLIDAY PERIOD ON CAMPUS

While it is likely that few will need reminding, the campus will be relatively deserted this next week. The academic break (started at 10 p.m. April 5) continues 'til 8 a.m. classes April 13. That's NEXT Wednesday and we'll resume regular faculty luncheons the same day. Hope everyone gets a bit of rest.

Those concerned are reminded that there is NO official holiday for administrative offices. However, anyone wishing to participate in any religious service or observance (especially on Good Friday) has simply to make arrangements with their supervisors.

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FINE REPORT BY SAUL SELLS

Last week, Dr. Saul Sells of our Institute of Behavioral Research was in Baltimore, Md., to give a paper before the joint meeting of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the American Astronautics Society. A leading conclusion after working some months under a NASA research grant: Life aboard a submarine may be the closet thing on earth to the kind of life men will lead on the first flights to Venus and Mars.

But even submarine life isn't similar enough to allow scientists to recommend how the 8 to 12 men ought to be prepared for life with each other while confined in a capsule for up to 500 days, the report continued. There are some similarities to living as part of an exploration party, bomber crew, prisoner of war camp, professional athletic team, mental hospital patient, jail prisoner. In any event, John Ohendalski of P.R. staff made a fine scientific story out of the report. Congrats to Saul--and John on work well done.

NEW PLAN FOR REPORTING "OFFICIAL ABSENCES"

Effective immediately, Ye Ole Bulletin will no longer carry those long and frequent lists of "Official Absences". Our needs in this area have changed so that something new will be tried. Every two or three weeks, an "Addendum Section" will be printed and distributed WITH the Bulletin, giving all the info faculty members need to extend special help to those students that must be away on "University Business".

A major reason for the change is the ever-increasing number of teaching assistants, many of whom have only ONE class but need to be aware of "Official Absences". Math Department alone has 25 of these teachers. It is almost impossible to supply enough complete Bulletins to meet all needs on a campus-wide basis. So the "Addendum Section" will be printed--and enough extra copies sent to ALL Department Chairmen to fill their needs. Chairmen need only to call in to P.R. Office (Ext.212) and give us the number of extra "Absence" lists wanted. Remember, regular faculty members need NOT be included in the number for they'll get the new Section automatically with their Bulletins. The help of everyone is solicited.

OLD PHOTOCOPY SHOWS 1892-93 FACULTY

Trustee Dewey Lawrence of Tyler has forwarded to Dr. Moudy a copy of an old page (perhaps from an annual) showing the Add-Ran Christian University faculty for 1892-93. Dewey reports it was brought to him by an old associate, William S. Reeves.

The picture is notable for several reasons. One is the use of "Add-Ran" and another "Thorp's Spring" as the location. As the late Dean Colby Hall pointed out in his "History", the first catalog carried it Thorp's Springs; the next three made it Thorp's Spring; the U.S. Post Office and residents of the area have used Thorp Spring for many years now. In any event, the old page shows 13 faculty members headed by Addison Clark as president. In 1892, the school had been taken over by the Christian Churches of Texas four years before; would be moving to Waco and a new start in four more years.

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HONORS DAY DUE APRIL 21

Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, the California semanticist whose book on "Language In Thought and Action" is world famous, will be our guest for Honors Day this year on April 21.

PH. D. COST: 10.7 YEARS, \$34,000, ULCERS

"Education Abstracts" for March reports that a study by the Baltimore News-American shows that a Ph. D. degree costs its owner 10.7 years and \$34,000. Also that 20% of those surveyed in 37 Indiana colleges had ulcers or other nervous disorders. And speaking of drop-outs, the N.Y. Times said that 50% of those enrolled in Grad School will do just that with the students in the humanities the worst offenders.

Fortune for March said that when a Ph. D. is trained by a state and then lost to another area the loss in investment capital is \$50,000. And the Midwest has the problem on the biggest scale. Saturday Review reported that "everyone deplors the situation in the grad schools but no move is being seriously considered to overhaul them". A few courses in teaching have been added here and there but the basic grad school program is unchanged and unlikely to change, the Review said.

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP AND AID BULLETIN OUT

Fresh from the presses is a revised edition of our official Bulletin on "Scholarships and Financial Aid". It's a complete statement of our program in this area, carefully up-dated by Logan Ware, our Financial Aid Officer. Copies may be secured at Printing & Mailing Room (Sadler Hall) or will be sent out in the usual way on request.

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PRE-EASTER LUNCHEON FOR OFFICE WORKERS

All full-time secretaries, bookkeepers, clerks (in fact, all regular women workers on campus) are cordially invited to attend a Pre-Easter luncheon tomorrow (Thursday) in Weatherly Hall at 12:00 noon. The price will be \$1.25 and reservations must be made not later than Tuesday, April 5. Call Marguerite Yeary at Ext. 219. The group enjoyed a similar get-to-gether just before Christmas and everyone is urged to attend this week.

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14-FOOT ALUMINUM BOAT ANYONE?

The University Research Committee reports that it has a 14-foot aluminum boat for sale. 'Tis 8 years old, has a home-built trailer with small wheels, a 14 horsepower McCullough motor that is two years old with an original cost of \$350. The Committee plans to sell the whole rig to the highest bidder. Anyone interested should contact Alvin Nelson in Philosophy, Ext. 205. Bids will be opened on April 20. Sounds like a nice fishing outfit.

FRANK HINES gave two illustrated lectures on "Form" before the North Plains Teachers Forum recently.

OFFICIAL ABSENCES (Revision)

In Bulletin of 3/30/66 we listed "days absent" for varsity golf team but inadvertently omitted names of the players absent. Correct statement as follows: The following students were absent from classes ALL DAY, MARCH 21, 22 and 28 for golf matches out of the city:

Dave Turner

Steve Wheelis

Mike Gibson

David Dickenson

Also, the following student was absent from classes ALL DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 1 in order to represent TCU at the University of Texas Round-Up:

Jane Humphrey

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THE REAL ESTATE MART

For rent this Summer: Three bedroom home, two baths, central air-conditioning, \$175 per month with all bills paid, no children or pets. Call Mr. or Mrs. James W. Patterson, AX2-3715, 5204 Keswick Ave.

Crenshaw Subdivision: Troy Crenshaw, veteran English prof, is subdividing his 90-acre farm 1-3/4 miles south of Loop 820. Plots of from 2 to 16 acres are available for building or investment in the general area of the new junior college, an 18-hole golf course and developed estates. Get in touch with Troy if interested.

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NOTES ON NOTABLE FOLKS

We'll be strongly represented at the annual session of the SW Social Science Assn. in New Orleans this weekend. JIM WHITSETT will preside as president over the opening meeting of the SW Finance Assn. GENE LYNCH will discuss "Role of Financial Institutions in Local Resource Development". JOHN WORTHAM will serve as chairman for an economics conference and DEAN IKE HARRISON will be a panel member in a business management session which ALLEN SELF will chair. Others due to participate in the many discussions include MURRAY ROHMAN, FRANKLIN MURPH, CHARLES BROOME, FLOYD DURHAM, MAURICE BOYD, BOB TALBERT, AUSTIN PORTERFIELD, JERRY MICHEL.

HAROLD SIMPSON of History will present a leather-bound copy of "Texans in the War, 1861-1865" to former Pres. Harry S. Truman later this month. He'll attend the Civil War Round Table of Kansas City where he'll discuss "Hood's Texas Brigade".

Dean FRANK HUGHES gave two illustrated lectures on "Form" before the Ft. Worth Piano Teachers Forum recently.

MORE NOTES ON FOLKS OF NOTE

KARL RICHARDS, chairman of Art, has really been busy "jurying" of late and has a heavy schedule ahead. He'll judge the show of the Professional & Amateur Art Assn. here this weekend, will ditto for the Midland Art Assn. on April 16, the Society of Technical Writers and Publishers exhibition here in May, and the Abilene Fine Arts Festival April 22. Because of the recent visit of the stork to the Richards home, he had to turn down an invitation to judge an exhibition in Amarillo.

The campus was saddened last week to hear of the death of Mrs. Roy Grogan, mother of LAURA LEE CRANE of the Speech Clinic staff.

JOHN HAMMOND and EGYDIO ROMANENGHI will participate in a symposium on "Implementing Portuguese" at the annual meeting of the Lone Star Chapter of the American Assn. of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese at East Texas State U. April 16.

PAUL PARHAM, our Librarian, led a TCU delegation to the meeting of the Texas Library Assn. in Austin recently. Other members of the group included ANNA HARRIET HEYER, JOE COOK, WILLIE GLENN WHITE, BETTY JO SECREST and RUTH WASSENICH. Paul was elected Chairman of the Acquisitions Round Table and Miss Heyer Chairman of the Fine Arts Round Table. Paul also attended the Governor's Conference on Libraries and, with Joe Cook, a special pre-convention session on library mechanization.

ANNETTE MEYERS PLANICK of E.C. faculty represented the Texas Composers League in a concert at the Woman's Club recently. Her compositions were featured at a Penelope Club program for "Texas Day".

ERNEST L. BUCKLEY, instructor in Construction Management and Interior Design for E.C. is the proud dad of the new "Miss Fort Worth". Some wiseacre observed that Ernest really designed and built something in Betty Lynn, a TCU soph.

IRA SCHANTZ was tenor soloist in a performance of Bach's "Passion According to St. Matthew" at University Christian Church Monday night.

BEV HENSON directed. Recently, Ira gave a program of Irish songs at Travis Ave. Baptist here.

The resignation of BURTON PATTERSON from the School of Business faculty has been accepted with regret. He will join the Cleveland-Marshall School of Law.

MARVIN R. KEITH has been appointed Assistant Registrar, effective April 1.

Hope you saw the announcement early this week that DR. RONALD C. DILLEHAY has been named assistant prof of psychology effective July 1. He's been at the UofKentucky; holds B.A. and Ph.D. from UofCalifornia at Berkeley; has wife and two youngsters.