

VCF Panel

Is Belief Necessary?

Belief and disbelief in God were discussed by a panel made up of Dr. C. Hobart, assistant professor of sociology, Dr. Penelhum, associate professor of philosophy, and Rev. Dr. B. Heeney, Anglican Chaplain and assistant professor of history, at a recent gathering of VCF in Wauneita Lounge.

Rev. V. Wishart, University Chaplain, was the moderator.

The first speaker, Dr. Hobart, was concerned with a natural God rather than a personal one. He said that the determinism encountered in his field of study made belief in a God

difficult, but that he was able to conceive that which was 'of God' such as beauty, truth and love.

He could not conceive of a God who interferes or intervenes. "In a real sense death is the end," said Dr. Hobart, "but this is irrelevant. What counts is the quality of life."

Dr. Penelhum spoke on the intellectual and personal challenge that belief has to face in this day and age. "It seems to many that there is no need to believe in a God: Christianity has been undermined by its own success," said Dr. Penelhum. That is, as a result of the Christian Church over the years, people treat each other better. There have been great advances in science, social and moral fields.

People with no connection to the church have adopted Christian standards. As a result, then, of Christianity, some people feel that science and morals can stand on their own feet and Christianity and a belief in God are no longer needed.

In reply to the first two speakers Rev. Heeney said that Christianity based on argument is bound to fail. He went on to say that although argument is a part of a mature faith, it is a personal commitment which lies over or under intellect that is the essence of Christianity. "Christianity is neither built on nor destroyed by argument," said Rev. Heeney.

The two main inadequacies in a belief in no God as seen by Rev. Heeney are firstly, that when man believes there is no God he then tends to make absolute something which is not absolute such as his own mental processes. Secondly, the fact that man is dependent makes a "no God" argument inadequate. Man cannot depend on himself or anything short of the absolute as his health may fail and he may die.

At the close of the speeches, the discussion was thrown open for rebuttals and audience participation.

GATEWAY SHORT SHORTS

SABIN VACCINE, second feeding: Second Sabin clinic will be held in Student Health Service Bldg. (Well Baby Clinic) on March 25-26 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. Those reporting for second feeding must bring sub cards.

OFFICIAL NOTICE
Applications will be received by the undersigned in the Students' Union Office up to 5 p.m., Friday, March 29 for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Promotions Committee. Information relating to this position may be found in the Promotions By-Laws.
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Promotion Committee

NFCUS SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS to be held May 20-24 at Loyola College in Montreal. Theme: "The Role of the Student in International Affairs." U of A will send one delegate. All interested make application to Pat Bentley, NFCUS Chairman by Wed., March 27, Students' Union office. Preference will be given to students with some background in history, economics or political science.

HOOTNANNY AT CON HALL. On Friday, March 29, from 9 p.m.-12 midnight Radio Rendezvous, in cooperation with the TGIF Committee and U of A Radio presents a gathering of U of A folk-singers in Convocation Hall featuring the interpretations of the Trillites, Take 4, Kopalala Trio, Topsy Trio, Vern Ray, Merryman, Campus Four, and the Pearls. Jim Watt is MC—admission is FREE.

RADIO RENDEZVOUS continues its weekly one-night stand in SUB Cafeteria Friday, March 22 from 9 p.m.-12 midnight. Jim Watt is MC for this free record hop presented under the auspices of the TGIF Committee and U of A Radio.

SOCIOLOGY: Interested in the Sociology Pattern. Students who wish to be considered for a position on the Editorial Board of VARIABLES should apply in writing to the president of the Sociology Club, Dept. of Sociology, by March 30th. Please state position interested in.

SOCIOLOGY CLUB: Any firsts in term-papers? All would-be contributors to

VARIABLES, please submit articles to the Editor, VARIABLES at any time during the summer and up to October, 1963.

PAKISTANI STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: is celebrating the "PAKISTANI REPUBLIC DAY" on March 23, in the Wauneita Lounge at 7:30 p.m. Dr. T. Blench will be the guest speaker.

CHESS CLUB meeting will be held Sunday, March 24, at 2:00 p.m. in room 307, SUB. New executive will be elected.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB: the last meeting of the year will be held in Pybus Lounge on Monday, March 25th at 4:30 p.m. to elect next year's executive.

FENCING CLUB: meeting to elect executive, and discuss forthcoming year, on Wednesday, March 27, 8:00 p.m. Room 11 PEB. All members please attend.

CLUB OBNOVA: Year-end events: "Obnova-Sponsored" Mass at St. Joseph's College Chapel on Sunday, March 31 at 9 a.m. for all Catholic Students, Roman Catholics, and Ukrainian Catholics. Final meeting to close the year: Sunday, March 31st, at 8:15 p.m. in Wauneita Lounge. Executive to be elected for next year. Coffee will be served.

STUDENT RELIGIOUS LIBERALS: will hold their final meeting this term (Miss) G. A. Revell, R.N.

on Sunday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m., at 8370-120 Street. Supper will be served. All speakers from past meetings will be in attendance. If you plan to attend please contact Don Harper: HO 6-2691 between 5 and 7 p.m. before March 28th.

RUSSIAN CIRCLE: Final meeting, Wednesday, April 3rd in Wauneita Lounge at 7:30 p.m. Featuring: one Russian Play, games, social period with free coffee.

CLUB INTERNATIONALE: is holding its 2nd Annual Banquet and Dance: (semi-formal), at the Old Timers Cabin on Wednesday, April 3rd. Elections for new Council will also be held. Total cost per couple is \$6.00 and tickets are now obtainable from Sam Basi: 11136-90 Ave. Robert Norris—Ag 130, Austin Fletcher—Ag 131, Sheila Baker—Ag 260, and any other council members.

VARSAITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Dagwood Supper, Thursday, April 4, at 5 p.m. in Wauneita Lounge. Rev. Bob Morris will speak on the "Ineffectiveness of the Church."

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES: would students who have any empty medicine bottles, bandages, crutches, or equipment supplied by the Student Health Service, please return same as soon as possible. Thanking you for your co-operation: (Miss) G. A. Revell, R.N.

Classics Club Now Fraternity

The University of Alberta Classics Club recently was installed as the sixty-eighth chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, the honorary classical fraternity. Delta Delta chapter, as it is called, is the first chapter of the fraternity in Canada.

Membership in Eta Sigma Phi is limited to students who have taken at least two semesters of Latin or Greek. The purpose of the fraternity is to stimulate interest in the Classics among university and high school students and to unite those involved in Classical studies.

A scholarship to the American Schools in Rome and Athens is offered every summer, along with annual sight translation contests.

The new executive of Delta Delta chapter (the same as that of the Classics Club, which is open to all) is:

President: Bob Pounder
Vice-President: Karen Blackert
Secretary-Treasurer: Julia Breeze
The staff adviser is Dr. R. J. Buck of the Classics department.

Whatever became of:

Cleo Patra,
CLASS OF '49?



Voted by her year "The Girl We'd Most Like To Barge Down The Nile With", Miss Patra majored in Herpetology and was a leading light in our Drama Group. On graduation, Cleo first did a brother-sister act with her younger brother Ptolemy. For Ptolemy the bell tolled shortly thereafter. She then played the Capitol with Julius Caesar in The Pharaoh Queen—but that production did not survive bad notices and the Ides of March. She next undertook a spectacular with Marc Antony and a cast of thousands of other fellahs, but the rigours of the big battle, scene at Actium was too much for Antony. Cleo then, turning to her first love — Herpetology — discovered the asp — and vice versa.

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