

POLITICAL POOP - PART 2

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You know another thing that really gripes me is all this emphasis that candidates place on THIER opinion of the issues. I mean, isn't it supposed to be government BY the people FOR the people? The personal opinion of the president or any other leader should be of no consequence. This country should not be run on George Bush's, Michael Dukakis's or any other leader's opinion. The basis of democracy is the ability to discern the feelings of citizens and make decisions accordingly. This is ideally achieved through the Congress and through the Senate, but when was the last time you heard a political candidate or even a president say that one of his utmost priorities was to establish a strong channel of communication with Congress and Senate in order to emphasize this democratic process of decision making? Seems like I most often hear how the President is going to veto a bill because it doesn't agree with how HE feels.

So what about what we want? You know, we the people? What about us? The congressmen (and women) are supposed to be our direct voice in government, however, again, their opinion of the issues is always emphasized. I had the opportunity (or was it?) to talk with Jim Broghill, Jesse Helms, and two other Congressmen last year. All they talked about was how they felt about the issues. I would have loved to have heard just one of them say that they

were working to encourage citizens to get involved in decision making through communication lines set up by them. Unfortunately, this was not the case. I have yet to see democracy demonstrated in our present government as it is outlined in our Constitution. I have heard the comment that the purpose of having candidates' opinions' voiced is that by electing someone whose opinion of the issue coincides with yours, you are in essence making your feelings on the issues known and taking part in our decision making process.

To this theory I say: poop

Let's take for example our current Presidential race. This month we voted in the final election to elect a President. How many choices do we have? TWO?? So we essentially have in this country two ideologies; the George Bush ideology and the Michael Dukakis ideology. Go ahead-- take your pick-- Bush or Dukakis. Certainly your feelings on all the issues will be represented by one or the other of them. Again I say: poop

What about all the issues that haven't come up yet? Do we just assume that we can trust this person's character to consistently coincide with all of our beliefs? You MUST by now see my point. What we need in this country is an intelligent, discerning, God fearing person who, when issues arise, will exhibit wisdom and common sense, express such to us as well as he can and listen to what WE have to say.

JOE COOK:

Electric guitarist for the Mid South Boys, this tall, blue-eyed guy is radical for Jesus. Joe Cook accepted Christ as his personal savior on the hood of a Chevy truck and was baptized that same afternoon in a fishpond. At the time, Joe had been playing guitar in a rock-n-roll band and had been involved in drugs and alcohol. He was saved after several years of the faithful prayers and ministering of a preacher.

During the interview, Joe said, "I can see myself in others." He said that his past helps him understand what teenagers today are going through. When asked what he would tell teenagers who are in the same situation he was in, Joe replied, "It's very misleading and doesn't get any easier; life becomes one failure after another." He also said, "Pleasures in sin are only for a season, then destruction comes."

Discussing the MSB song "Always Runnin'" brought a smile to Joe's face. "Robby McGee wrote it," he said, "after hearing my testimony. The song "could fit almost anyone's life," said Joe. As Christians, before we accepted Christ, we were always running away from God. The song talks of the confusion and destruction in the world today. Instead of running away, it tells that "Jesus is there for you."

During Saturday night's concert, Joe emphasized to the audience that the

RADICAL FOR JESUS

Mid South Boys portray a risen savior. He also reminded Christians that, as children of God, we have the best insurance policy in the world-- Jesus Christ Mutual Life. With all premiums paid, all we have to do is take it." Joe went on to entertain the crowd with an energetic solo on his electric guitar, receiving a standing ovation complete with whistles and cheers when finished.

I asked Joe about the crowd response elsewhere compared to here at Montreat. He said it is definitely different. He went on to explain that in cases where the crowd is older, sometimes they tend to be more "old-fashioned" in worship. When that happens, the Mid South Boys simply try to plant the seed of Jesus in thier hearts and let someone else water and nurture that seed. The Boys do not force thier type of worship on anyone. They realize that God covers everything.

Joe is getting married March 18, 1989. His fiancée, Jeri Whisnant, is from Morganton, North Carolina. Joe asked that we pray for he and Jeri and the changes they will both encounter as she moves to Arkansas after the wedding.

This guy is on fire for the Lord. He exclaimed during the concert Saturday night that he is radical... "Radical for Jesus."

Phillippians 4:13



"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"

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If I were a Freshman I'd probably be furious, since I tend to over react to such injustices. But being a Jr. and never being able to park in my spot, because the rule is never enforced, makes me even madder. It would be a lot easier for me to accept (parking far away) if I had never been assigned a spot; I probably wouldn't get so mad every time I drive by it-- occupied by someone else. I do think though that Student Leaders and upperclassmen should have preferred parking spots-- there needs to be some reward for working our butts off and also for choosing to stay at Montreat for 4 years. It takes fortitude.

Nancy Nichols

"I think people should park wherever they want."

J. Jones (former traffic-cop)

"It's a tough job, but someone's got to do it."

Bruce Rylance (present Traffic-Cop)

"The town manager said that if the students don't start parking parallel with the road, he will end all parking on Assembly Circle in front of Howerton. I don't think it's that big a problem but if I had said "I think that's dumb, He could have said "I think you're fired."

Greg Ferrell (Real Cop)

"In order for our institution to become 4-year oriented, we must adhere to the students needs. Give us more space."

Marc Duarte

"I like the idea of parking by class rank, especially since I'll be a Senior next year. Freshman should have second choice, park down by the gate."

Gary Greenly



"... and choirs of angels will praise His name with word and song..."

Our own GA's sing during chapel, worshipping God with a voice of praise.