

# Christianism

By CHUCK MOSLEY

A recent student-faculty judiciary committee decision, which I believe most everyone on campus knows about, should have begun students to thinking (get out the aspirin). I have heard much discussion pro and con lately concerning the decision and have formulated my own humble opinion concerning the situation. Actually it is an opinion which I have been developing for several years now, and I hope that if anyone has anything to add or disagrees he will respond with a letter to the editor.

You are probably wondering what the title means. I hope that this will be made clear as the article progresses. My main contention in this article is very simple. It is that this administration (including students involved in it) has about as much Christian concern for the individual student as the K.K.K. has for Martin Luther King. Now that the cat is out of the bag and it should be plain to everybody what I am trying to express, I will proceed with my "argument."

I know some of the readers are at about this time just too welled up with righteous indignation and bewilderment to continue. My advice to them is to open up their favorite Bible and read a few verses, cool off, and try to curb the wrath of God from me until June anyhow. That's a small favor I ask from these brethren. I realize that they have itchy fingers when it comes to seeing God's wrath being levied, but how about holding off on me another couple of months, okay!

Oh, by the way, have any of you students ever read the opening letter in the handbook by Dr. Moore. I sit and day-dream by it. It conjures up such lovely images of long-faced puritans with long poles clouting some poor sinful wretch who forgot to open his hymnal to the right page in the middle of a six hour spiritual marathon, or of some solemn-looking pontiffs peering through

"Poesian" apertures at a depraved creature sweating it out on a rack because he forgot one of his "hail Mary's."

"But what has all this have to do with a certain student-faculty judiciary committee decision," I hear someone say. "This guy must be some kind of a nut," I hear someone else say. Maybe so, but before you pass judgment ask yourself whether Jesus would have given one of his followers the boot because he "reflected" badly upon the image of his constituency or because he had displayed conduct "unbecoming" to one of the twelve? Do you think Jesus cared about "unbecoming conduct" and "images," or don't you think he cared more about saving individuals from their sin no matter how perverse one may think that sin was? Jesus hung around with prostitutes and crooks, you know, why he even ate with them (hang on to your Bible: or just a few more sentences, and I would imagine if one of them got drunk in his presence he would have ministered to him rather than casting him into the outer darkness. Now I don't believe that Jesus was a "libertine," but where does one draw the line between individual Christian concern and retributive judgment? How horrible must a sin be? As "horrible" as casting a bad reflection on a certain "Christian" institution? (one, which by the stretch of anyone's imagination could use a little myth-exploding anyway)

I would only urge students to keep in mind and heart Jesus Christ (you know, the fellow who was so good as to make places like St. Andrews possible) when they condemn "unbecoming conduct" and "bad reflections" upon the "image." Which image - one which Jesus Christ would condone or one which some self-righteous, hypocritical benefactor to this school would condone?

# Freshman Feelings

Puggie Kohl

Due to circumstances unfortunately beyond our control, half of the authorship of this column has been eliminated. This situation is due to a dispensation of traditional magnanimous Christian justice (n.b. The Spanish Inquisition). Since freshmen feelings concerning this event are unprintable, we will pussy-foot around the subject in the usual St. Andy's manner, avoiding entirely the point of conflict.

"Christian justice" has been marked by leniency even since Yahweh kicked Adam and Eve out of the Garden for petty theft. Down through the ages, marked by one barbecued heretic after another, "Christian justice" has marched with a two edged sword in one hand and a BAR in the other. St. Andy's is to be commended for carrying on this age-old tradition of the church.

For some time multitudes of gaudy sins have gone relatively unpunished on this campus. What happened this time! Perhaps, after consultation with the diety, it was decided that in the time of the almighty dollar sign it would be propitious at this time to offer up an atoning blood sacrifice for the sins of the St. Andrews Student Body.

At any rate - in this year of 1965 (?) - All students are ordered to report immediately to the Ministry of (Christian) Love for re-orientation and brain-washing concerning the non-existence of one of our former colleagues. Remember - ignorance is strength and aborted justice is better than a budget in the red.

I take full responsibility for exercising my constitutional right of both speech and press by expressing the opinions and ideas in this column.

Dear Sir:

Little more than a fortnight ago the students of St. Andrews rejected a proposed honor code by a 2:1 ratio. Repudiating the vague statement of many interpretations, the students expressed a desire for an honor community built around a principle of explicit meanings. Few people realized, however, that a statement controlling the areas of concern for the judicial boards also limits the rights of the individual. A limited discussion of the individual case could result in mandatory penalties assessed on unjustifiable terms. In short, it is a "double-edged axe" capable of cutting in both directions. Another such "double-edged axe" faces the students in elections this week.

The situation concerning candidacies for positions on the college judiciary boards is of CONCERN to this writer. Of the 8 posts at least 5 (possibly all!) will be filled with women. The entire Student-Faculty Appellate Board, highest court in the college, will have NOT a single male as a member!

Certainly, the St. Andrews young ladies are of the highest social and academic caliber, but no amount of excellence can replace the ability to project oneself into the paths and problems of one's own sex. This writer feels that a more evenly balanced group is needed to be elected to the judicial positions so that a greater area of knowledge and experience can be instilled into the college judiciary system - to insure jus-

# Uncle Ern's Acid Vat

It is a shame in the best and the worst senses of the word that in this year's elections there are several people who are running unopposed. Maybe if enough of us refused to vote where there is no choice someone would get the point that we were somehow not satisfied with this mockery of an election.

There are some very qualified people running this year. Perhaps there would be more "qualified" people if some of you border-line would-be candidates had checked your transcripts. Due to the number of enormous and sometimes catastrophic errors that have been made in the records in the past.

Under the old system a candidate had to have 50 per cent plus 1 of the total votes cast in order to win. Mr. Rock recently made a proposal that we recognize a winner on the basis of a simple majority. I do not know whether the new proposal has been made the law of the land, but to my way of thinking, it doesn't make a bit of difference. I for one will not vote for a single candidate, even if I believe him to be the best for the job, in cases where there is no real choice.

Actually there is always a choice - if not between two people, then at least between two courses of action - to vote or not to vote. In a democracy we have the right to make our choice. No one who does not feel so inclined can be held in error to refuse to participate in what he feels is a hollow mockery.

It sounds a little odd to be

calling for non-participation this campus, but that is exactly what I'm doing. Don't get your hopes up, though, that this is a usual easy way out that we see so very willing to take around here. What is called for here is an active non-participation. That's right, I said active! This is one way in which we avaricious ridden goof offs can help to change the general climate of the St. Andrews S.G.A.

In a way I'm not surprised that this situation has arisen. It is indeed unfortunate that the number of really interested students is so small that they can be lumped together and called the "student government crowd" with almost the same vehemence as certain other students called the "student center crowd." This article will probably come to nothing. The majority of the voters on campus are the "student government crowd" and their friends, therefore they will go ahead and vote anyway without any regard for the fact that in doing so they are participating in another mockery (the other mockery they are to be involved in is the existing student government). What other copies of this article do not wind up in the trash can or on the ruddy floor will be absent-mindedly scanned by the more literate members of that other "crowd" I mentioned. Needless to say it will fall on deaf ears there too.

It's an odd little world we've made ourselves here. It's pity we haven't the guts to do something about it.

## Letters To The Editor

History has often repeated itself in demonstrating that many noble and virtuous deeds have been chance by-products of self-interest or misfired political expediency.

There is and always has been a school of thought which holds that under the auspices of the highest spiritual tribunal of right and wrong, the intentions - not the consequences - of an action are considered the most vital. Certainly this line of thinking is appropriate to the individual and his relationship to God; the purity of the soul is beyond any buffetings the body might experience. But in complex society all souls have to render unto society what is society's. The moment you leave the plane of individual concern and move along that of international welfare you automatically weigh the results of an act greater than the procedure of that act. And let no man so much as breathe under the illusion that he is not a function of society. The day you were born a part of your immaculate soul was bartered off to the world; and in the exchange your soul received a fat chunk of original sin.

The tentacles of original sin have slithered among the edifices of modern civilization for more than six-thousand years. Every generation has felt the sting of its influence. The venom runs no less strongly today. If that venom congealed just for the passage of one day history would witness the purest twenty-four hour fossil ever produced. And during that amnesty brotherly love might be

tice at St. Andrews.

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realized. Unfortunately, the world would take a chronological about-face before the tentacles extending the web of original sin are stemmed.

What then does society do? moves. That's all it can do, and it won't move backwards unless it becomes static. The only backward movement is lack of movement. If you believe that the nature of man calls for self-improvement then all movement upward.

So long as men are acting - respective of the errors they make - decay or deterioration are impossible. Decay is the nature that pillages the dead man. If man is still kicking that vulture will fly away. If a Federal troop accidentally tramples the flower bed of a Birmingham citizen while protecting the life of a Civil Rights marcher... Okay. Somebody has been inconvenienced. But the flowers can be replanted. The death of a human being is a loss to everyone, everywhere.

Roger Stephens

## McDonald

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dricks as the mute. The simplicity of the setting and the tunes direct attention to the characters and music that tell the familiar story of innocence - and of knowledge.

The musical accompaniment for the production will be directed by Professor Franklin We. Instrumentation consists of piano played by Robert Murphy and percussion will be handled by James Neil. The harpist will be Dottie Ann Bushby.

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