

Robertson a "hypocrite"

Pat Robertson should be a lesson to those who feel as if running for public office under the guise of religion will somehow get one the office. The Rev. Pat Robertson, if we can truly call him a Reverend, was shot down recently for obvious inconsistencies in his resume. His resume stated that he was:

1. Awarded a medal for combat duty in the Korean War.
2. On the board of directors of an \$8.7 million bank.
3. A graduate of London University.

Robertson also did not mention the fact that in his youthful waywardness he conceived his first son out of wedlock. Of course to most people of this corrupt day and age that would produce no reaction; however, Robertson used abstinence before marriage as a platform to hurtle him into running for the office of President of the United States. And for this reason, Robertson looks like a hypocrite. I thoroughly agree. I believe that Robertson should be put in the same league with Jim and Tammy Bakker. The only true difference between the two is that Robertson was smart enough to marry his potential Jessica Hahn.

Now about that resume of Robertson's. The three items above are complete untruths about our illustrious Pat Robertson. First of all, Pat was not individually awarded a medal, and it was not for active combat duty. Instead, Robertson was just one of his whole platoon who received these medals probably just for being in the armed forces. It was also proven that our brave Mr. Robertson did not see actual combat, instead he was some miles from the actual fighting. It seems to me that a person who lies about being in combat with an enemy force would equally lie about combatting sin, thus the question raised is "Is Pat Robertson really fighting sin or is he just on the side lines pretending like he did in the Korean War?"

Second of all, Robertson proclaims to be on the board of directors of a very lucrative Virginia bank. However, sources reveal that our very righteous Mr. Robertson is really on a very insignificant advisory committee in some far subsidiary of the bank that he professes to be on the board of directors of. I think that when Pat Robertson is on one of his campaign commercials on television, the cameraperson should put a little caption under Robertson that says "He's Lying", comparable to the Isuzu commercials.

Lastly, Pat Robertson tells his constituency that he graduated

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On Hunger

Imagine ten children at a table dividing up food. The three healthiest fill their plates with large portions, including most of the meat, fish, milk and eggs. They eat what they want and discard the leftovers. Five other children get just enough to meet their basic requirements. The remaining two are left wanting. One of them manages to stave off the feeling of hunger by reducing physical and mental output, though she is sickly, nervous, and apathetic. The other dies from a virus which he is too weak to ward off.

These children represent the human family, and guess which ones represent us. Last week 25 St. Andrews students joined hundreds of Laurinburg residents to walk the ten kilometer Crop Walk and earned thousands of dollars to share with the rest of sort of good; we were doing something to help and it was fun, but I felt sick when I saw that Scotland High's junior ROTC students were the ones to kick off the event.

I'm not anti-military, but representatives of the U.S. military had no business performing the opening ceremonies for an event dedicated to the cause of ending world hunger. What do you think the U.S. Marines were doing "from the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli," handing out food packets? No, they

were preserving for U.S. citizens an international system which guaranteed our bananas and coffee even if it meant a few foreigners had to be a little hungry. Now we tearfully realize that there are many people who are more than "a little hungry," and many of us search for ways to help. The answer lies in that same system that provides us with fresh bananas year round and wonderful cheap shirts from places like India and Taiwan, which means that helping is much more complicated than donating yet another canned good or walking an extra kilometer in the Crop Walk.

We help with our votes. In the next election we will have a choice between a large military budget that the Democrats are likely to propose and a very large military budget that the Republicans are likely to propose. In 1984 during the African famine, Reagan asked for a \$47 billion more in military spending to top off a \$231 billion defense budget, while announcing a decrease to \$195 million in our annual contribution to the International Development Association. If we vote in 1988 for a president who will divert just one billion dollars from defense to development, we will have saved the lives of 10 million children, according to UNICEF calculations.

Unfortunately, the oppression is imbedded in the system much deeper than is represented by

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Mzala Speaks...

Bravo to Dr. Martin's South Africa class for joining the national Anti-Apartheid Campaign to Help Unlock Apartheid Jails. They helped collect keys and signatures to be handed in to the South African Embassy. This is a gesture of goodwill and solidarity with the oppressed black majority of South Africa.

What do these Anti-Apartheid campaigns mean to the ordinary black

South African? Firstly, they confirm the abhorrence of the Apartheid system and its unjustifiable practise. Secondly, they inspire the deeply needed hope and assurance that they are not alone in the struggle against inhuman practises. The campaigns are viewed as a moral boost and a significant political solidarity. To those who had a hand on this campaign, on behalf of the voiceless

people of South Africa, we say LE KA MOSO, CAMARADERIE.

Many people presume Apartheid is analogous to the racism practised in the deep South up to the early sixties. No, these two are not exactly the same; they may be bedfellows, yes. But Apartheid goes further than mere social racism. It is an institutionalized ideological practice and concept of racism which legally elevates the status of the white race above all other races. This means the key to

governmental recognition and priority is to be white. Everybody else is a persona non grata.

Guided by the illusions of the Apartheid principles, the South African regime decided to disenfranchise all blacks in that country. This means that 80% of the country's population is denied the right to vote for their country's government, yet the regime in power is said to be a 'democratic government'. What a 'democratic' farce? Those blacks have neither vote nor voice

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