



"I do not agree with what you have to say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it." - Voltaire

ated with anything or by anything except what you do and what you are, the BSU does a service of humanitarian proportions and that is what the group serves as. Even though we have the name BLACK, we are humans and we do services of humanitarian proportions!

Matthew: Agreed. Actions do speak louder than words, or titles. I am afraid I have run out of time. Though we may have just scratched the surface, I thank you for an in-depth and challenging conversation. Perhaps we can do this again in the future.

Gilbert: Peace and God bless.

Matthew: Thank you. Have a great day.

Bush Won and America Won

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The election fervor is over and George W. Bush will be President of the United States for another four years. Having voted for Bush, I am naturally pleased with the outcome. Along with Bush being re-elected, a conservative majority was established in both the House and the Senate, which means conservative judges could soon follow. This election could bring good things to America over the next four years. Allow me to present three reasons why:

First, the War on Terror will continue. President Bush showed a tremendous amount of leadership and courage when he stepped up and decided to meet a repeated terrorist threat when the UN seemed unable and other nations unwilling to take action. His efforts in both Afghanistan and Iraq have worked to disrupt terrorist networks throughout the Middle East, which has also allowed Israel to breathe a sigh of relief. He also overthrew a brutal dictator who had shown a willingness to use chemical weapons on his own people. Through the past ten years, from the embassy bombings in Africa to the destroyed military barracks in Saudi Arabia and the bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen, America has endured numerous terrorist attacks and in each case, there was no retaliation and no action taken. It's as if we told the terrorists that America was pacifist and would be willing to suffer loss of life for the sake of peace. Had there been any President in office besides Bush, I believe this would have been the case after September 11. With Bush's decisive action, terrorists now know that America will not easily be defeated and that we are not willing to appease with surrender in an attempt to entice them to stop killing us. These terrorists are well-educated, well-funded and well-motivated. They have to be fought and soundly defeated by a nation that believes passionately in victory.

Second is the issue of same-sex marriage. While many see it as a human rights issue, the majority of Americans see it as a direct crumbling of the cornerstone of American society and Western Civilization. Bush will be able to defend the institution of marriage and prevent it from being diluted into irrelevance. Marriage is the ultimate union of two sexes and through families; future generations are created and the ideas of freedom are passed on. When God ordained marriage, it was to provide a loving structure in which to channel human sexuality, especially male sexuality, and raise the children who would inherit the future. To allow it to be represented by two men or two women not only confuses the design of human sexuality, but fragments a vital building block of society.

Lastly, America may finally be able to put an end to partial birth abortion. Abortion is a form of infanticide, but an abortion in the seventh month or later is a procedure so horrific that thoughts of Hitler come to mind. Many abortion advocates have argued that the life, or even the emotional health of the mother makes this procedure necessary, but most Americans know of, and have even experienced, the miracles wrought by American medical science, including cesarean section. Doctors can even go into a woman's womb and repair a birth defect in a baby before it is born and premature babies can grow to live as healthy human beings. There is no necessary medical reason to sanction abortion in this country and most Americans know that partial birth abortion, like most abortion, is used as a form of birth control. Liberal thought advocates for women and children by giving women the right to kill their children, but President Bush is moral enough to know that partial birth abortion is too brutal to be allowed to continue. God help us if we consider the unborn baby a greater threat to society than terrorism.

With the overwhelming victory of conservatives to political offices this season, Americans may be in a position to defend themselves and the cultural ideas this country was founded on. One the toughest battles people have had in their efforts to return America to a Judeo-Christian ethic is leadership and judges that have little respect for that ethic. It is an

ethic that calls for a strong approach toward those like Osama Bin Laden and Saddam Hussein, who show little regard for human life; ethic that holds that marriage was designed by the God of the Bible for the holy union of one man and one woman and an ethic that believes that sex, pregnancy and birth are sacred gifts and to destroy the fruits of those gifts is an affront to the very ideas of life and family.

With Bush in office maybe these things can begin to grow again, halting the trend of America becoming another dead bastion of secular humanism. America's Judeo-Christian culture is unique and Americans know that if it is lost, America is lost. That's why they voted for Bush.

Bicycling Event

Tour for Tots is a metric century (62.5 miles) and 40 mile ride to benefit children who otherwise would not receive a toy for Christmas.

The Cross Creek Cycling Club of Fayetteville is hosting this event Saturday, Dec. 4. Professor Combs is a major sponsor of this event and is seeking St. Andrews students, faculty and staff to participate. For more information, please contact Professor Combs at ext. 5013 or go to www.crosscreekcyclingclub.org.



How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb

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As many of you already know, I am a huge U2 fan, so it only seems natural that I would include an article about the hot Irish band. Their political sharpness has been known to be incorporated into their lyrics; the most obvious examples being "Sunday Bloody Sunday" and "One."

Not only are they a great band but they are humanitarians and advocate peace throughout the world. They have done extensive charity work with Amnesty International and Greenpeace. Lead singer Bono has gone to Africa numerous times to help the fight with AIDS and relieve them of their debt to America.

How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb has already been streamed to the Internet so anyone can download the album but actual release is set for this Tuesday, November 23, 2004.

Many of you may have already heard the debut single "Vertigo," which has already hit number one in the UK. It has a punchy opening with Larry Mullen Jr. beating his drums sticks followed by Bono shouting the beats in Spanish. Guitarist The Edge has some amazing and innovative guitar riffs throughout both the song and album.

This is also a step in a new direction for Interscope Records who is responsible for the release of the album. This is one of the better marketing ploys by any band to spread the news about their very own iPod. This is no ordinary iPod; this is a black iPod with the signatures of Bono, The Edge, Larry and Adam on the back.

It's a fresh start for the band that has been together for nearly 24 years. It may not be Ioshua Tree but they have certainly redeemed themselves from their more industrial experimentation Pop. Bono has said this is their first Rock and Roll album, but because America has made the most of everything generic, you can find their new album in the Pop aisle.

Their touring schedule is yet to be released but they will be touring in Spring 2005. This should be an interesting follow-up to their Elevation Tour. They have a reputation for pushing the envelope and setting standards for other headlining band tours. Check www.U2.com or www.macphisto.net for details.

Their last album, "All That You Can't Leave Behind," was released in 2001 and won them a Grammy. Will this album be worthy of another Grammy for the band? Sadly, we will have to wait until 2006 because the September 30, Grammy cut-off has already passed.

Also available on www.Amazon.com is the DVD and CD complete with B-sides for those of you who are fanatics.

