

EDITORIALS

TOM CRUISE FOR PRESIDENT?



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Just what does George Bush have in common with Tom Cruise? Well, didn't you know that George was a Navy fighter pilot? He is considered a war hero. Maybe you don't care because you're a Dukakis die-hard. If you are, maybe you should go do your laundry because what you read may change your mind and cause you to do something radical like vote Republican.

Back to the ballgame. What do you know about George? I'll tell you, this guy knows what defense is. He is a candidate that is strong on defense. This is what America needs. Don't say "what about spending that money on the poor and hungry?" Listen, if we don't spend money on defense, chances are you won't be making enough to contribute to any of your favorite charities. Ever thought about how much those folks in Russia give to world hunger? Let's not get in the same boat they're in by dropping our defenses. George won't let that happen.

How did you like the Grenada invasion? Wasn't it great to see one on the scoreboard for the U.S.A. after such a long drought? Guess who convened the meeting that got that off the ground? Yep, good ole' George. He favors a foreign policy "more knowledgeable, muscular and interventionist than anything Dukakis" would impose (U.S. News and World Report 22 Aug. 1988). That is to say that he doesn't want us to take any more off the folks that want to put us in toilet paper lines 50 times as long as the one at Annabelle's on Thursday nights.

Iran arms-for-hostages trade-- is that what bugs you about George? Come on, how much influence do you think the Vice President has? This guy headed up a Task force on Combating Terrorism and recommended against giving concessions to terrorists but was ignored during the whole deal.

In a nutshell, here are a few more of George's interests: he has backed civil rights legislation, the 18-year-old vote, the pull-out of Viet Nam, and was one of the best CIA directors ever. He opposes the Equal Rights Amendment. Come on gals, let's not beat a dead horse-- what are you missing out on? Do you really want to see this pass with Mike's administration and then watch San Francisco spread to the east coast? You know what I mean. Of course you don't want to pay more taxes, do you? George doesn't.

Well, you say, he just doesn't have a good image on television. The U.S. News and World Report says that, "Bush is often stiff, awkward and silly, as inept verbally as Jerry Ford seemed to be physically." Look, let's face it, we've been spoiled by the Gipper. And furthermore, Mike Dukakis ain't no Johnny Carson. George says, "Be yourself, be what you are in life. Don't try to change just because you're running for President." Just ask yourself, would Tom Cruise or George Bush ever want us to drop our defenses? Nope, I believe they'd want us to have Top Guns.

TALK SHOW TALK

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When I'm all through with four hours straight of classes, I'd like to temporarily place logic, profound doctrine and grand professions of wisdom from my teachers all on the back burners for a while and for an hour deal with the silliness, inanity, and buffoonry that only the Flinstones and Scrooge McDuck can provide.

Silliness, inanity, and buffoonry I get. But it's the wrong sort.

While I want to watch colorful caricatures make major mayhem, someone high on Nehi or Cheerwine has the channel on some talk show. And if you bring the subject up, you'll soon see that I'm not quite the devotee to either Phil, Oprah, or Geraldo. I know that this may get the majority of MA-Hall residents riled, but even if they barricade the video game room in protest, I'll still keep my stand. Why? Here are some reasons, each talk show host getting his/her due:

PHIL DONAHUE: Nice guy, but he seems a bit too diverged in his topic choices. He's usually covering something that's a bit too remote and trivial, such as Sagittarian Nuns for Breakdancing, or Siamese Twins that Can't Relate to Garfield. Sorry, Phil. Next time you do something on Redheaded College Students with Violent Allergies, I'll give you a call.

GERALDO RIVERA: This chap's motto is "Passion isn't a dirty word." Sometimes he brings to our attention stuff that needs to be discussed, like the threats of urban gangs, drug abuse, and the rise of Satanism. But when he's not doing that, he's usually speaking on something that respectable people wouldn't talk about in public. Discussions on the sensuality of women's breasts and on celebrity women that have had sex with other celebrities do no good for developing the Christian mind.

OPRAH WINFREY: I don't suppose she's that bad when you see her at first, but when she talks, she is usually speaking to the women in TV-land. It's hard for men to truly appreciate talks on how to avoid stretch marks.

Add on the fact that these shows tend to be slanted to the liberal's point of view. In their efforts to be "broad-minded" for all audiences concerned, the truly good Christian aspects that can be gleaned from a show or two are watered down. I'm sorry but I can't see the worthwhileness of the TV talk shows.

Are there those that would do me a small favor? Pray that Channel 13 would bring back the A-Team. *Please!*

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