

LETTERS to the Editor

Buckley At Trinity

As William F. Buckley Jr. walked onto the platform at Trinity College last Thursday evening there was a large round of applause heard. Before he was able to utter one concrete word he had already captured the audience with his sarcastic smile and sly gleam in his eyes.

As the debate got under way, Buckley concentrated on tearing apart his opponent rather than the issues at hand. However, when one stripped away his fancy vocabulary and eloquent delivery, there seemed to be a great lack of compassion and understanding for the less fortunate American.

Mr. Duffey, the other debater, although not as polished or experienced as his opponent, stressed many ideas and feelings about the country's economy which seemed more realistic and humane than Mr. Buckley's views.

It is always a unique experience to watch a pro in diction such as William Buckley. However, just as we might watch a pro in football and be delighted with his ease at throwing passes, after the game is over and we examine it carefully in our minds we realize that the winning point might have been scored if this ambitious player cared more for his team than for himself.

Caryn Sugarman

In Our Hearts

Dear Jack;

Find it in your heart to print this.

*The calico kitten
cradled against
her mother's breast
purrs contentment
on the Senator's yacht
while the infant in Vietnam
suckles the muzzle of
of an M-16 rifle
next to her
mother's breastless body.*

rik carlson
UHah

An answered prayer

*The red hot bullet
hurtling through
two dirty commas
knocks off the pair
that's destined to destroy
a 21 year old GI
with a wife, a kid
and a calico kitten.
A Breastless mom
has it in her politicized head
to plant a warm, live grenade
in the baby's drawers
blowing sky high
a warm hearted yankee
who sees the kid starving
on a Vietnamese trail.
Let the M-16
blast away
through the bastard's mouth
and the mother's flat chest.*

All my love
Toby Quirk
West Point

Dear Teachers,

This letter applies to only those who upon reading it will see themselves in it, that is assuming you read the paper.

After being told periodically the DOORS ARE WIDE OPEN, feel free to drop in and consult me on any difficulties concerning the subject involved, I actually attempted on numerous occasions this year and last year, to do just that. Well the DOORS ARE WIDE OPEN, yes, WIDE OPEN, I repeat, until you try going through them! Then, many students have confronted this, you find that it is just a verbal policy and nothing more. The DOORS ARE WIDE OPEN, that is until you try going through them and find that MOST and I'm referring to at least several teachers, have them closed.

Why then make such a self-sacrificing statement if you CAN NOT uphold it? I say self-sacrificing because you would be sacrificing some time to help us. Why not just come right out and state that the doors are open while in class that any questions that might arise, beyond that time we must find out for ourselves and assume and hope that we'll be right? Why build up false illusions or hopes? Why keep saying it at the beginning of each semester and repeating it throughout the rest of it, if it's just a mere verbal formality and nothing more? Is it that like a computer you have been programmed to say that along with the welcome freshman slogan? Why go on like a sad broken record? Why not just say that my job ends with the lecture or would that be too callous?

There are some teachers that have the doors open and an eye on their watch. My only hope is that it continues running because if not a new hole to escape through must be found. The thing to do is keep another watch handy.

Then there are those that listen but DON'T HEAR. After a humming and what appears to be concentrated thought they come out with the gem, "I can't give you the answers." It's true that you can't give us any answers nor do we go to you for them! You could however, direct ways, expound on some views, even subjective ones would do. Something constructively stated is better than nothing!

To you who worry that we might come to you with personal problems, we tend to feel like you. We like to keep our private affairs just that PRIVATE.

I realize that you people are busy, on a time schedule and your time is valuable but so is ours. The mere fact that we attempt to communicate with you should be an indication that we're interested in learning, in getting all we can out of the lectures and the course itself and actually not trying to waste your time.

All I ask is that if you choose to have a closed door policy then STATE IT SO. But don't play with semantics, say one thing and mean another. It's not only a waste of time and words but shows you as HYPOCRITES. Why not be yourselves? Maybe we might not like it but we'd know where we stand. It would save us a lot of time and believe it or not our time is just as valuable as yours.

A note of thanks to those teachers, scarce though they may be, who put into practice what they state in class. It's nice to know that there are still some left who actually take time out for us, that keep their doors open, that there are still some that say things sincerely and actually mean it, some that are brave enough to let their real selves show through. It's a welcome change to meet teach-

ers who are REAL, who don't try to pawn on us something they themselves could not swallow.

Why don't you stand for what you really are? It certainly would be easier than standing behind a mask and being haunted that some day the mask could fall and we'd see the real you. It's easier to be real than something you aren't. You don't have to work at being real but I would imagine that at being something you aren't could be quite time consuming.

In conclusion I'd like to restate my thanks to those that keep their doors open and are real. We students really appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Zaidy

Put Your Ideals Into Action

Letter to the Editor:

In the summer of 1964, Abioseh Cole and I were co-leaders of a Crossroads group in Sierra Leone. This fall I have had the joy of renewing this friendship as Oseh is now at the Hartford Seminary working on Islamic studies. Further he is continuing his good works through a project in Hartford's inner city and is much in need of help. Could you volunteer an evening occasionally, to help with crafts, art, sports, tutoring? Here is a chance to put your ideals into action and show that you care as much about our young people as this African cares about us. Call Oseh Cole at 232-4451 or drop in to see me at Dana 377 for more information.

Elisabeth R. Swain

Bible Discussed

October 23, 1969

Dear Fellow Students,

Lately I have noticed many of you carrying Bibles, I suspect for a literature class. I would like to discuss this book, and I sincerely hope that my brief discussion will be of help to some of you in understanding the Bible at least from a general viewpoint.

The Bible points to God as its author; yet it was written by human hands. The preparation of the written word began in the time of Moses (c. 1490 B.C.). Inspired revelations were then embodied in an inspired book by men who differed widely in ranks and occupation, and in mental and spiritual endowments. This work continued during the long period of sixteen hundred years -- from Moses, the historian on creation and the law, to John, the recorder of the most sublime truths of the gospel.

In its wide range of style and subjects, the Bible has something to interest every mind and appeal to every heart. In its pages are found history the most ancient, biography the truest to life, principles of government for the control of the state, for the regulation of the household, principles that human wisdom has never equalled. It contains philosophy the most profound, poetry the sweetest and the most sublime, the most impassioned and the most pathetic. Different forms of expression are employed by different writers.

No one with a spirit to appreciate its teaching can read a single passage from the Bible without gaining from it some helpful thought. In the most simply stated truths are involved principles that are as high as heaven and that compass eternity. But the most valuable teaching of the Bible is not to be gained by occasional or disconnected study. Its great system of truth

is not so presented as to be discerned by the hasty or careless reader. Many of its treasures lie far beneath the surface, and can be obtained only by diligent research and continuous effort. He who with sincere and teachable spirit studies God's word, seeking to comprehend its truths, will be brought in touch with its Author, the mind thus brought in contact with the thoughts of the Infinite cannot but expand and strengthen.

With the word of a God in his hands, every human being, wherever his lot in life may be cast, may have such companionship as he shall choose. In its pages he may hold converse with the noblest and best of the human race, and may listen to the voice of the Eternal as He speaks with men. As he studies and meditates upon the themes into which "the angels desire to look" (1 Peter, 1:12), he may have their companionship. He may follow the steps of the heavenly Teacher, and listen to His words as when He taught on mountain and plain and sea. He may dwell in this world in the atmosphere of Heaven, imparting to earth's sorrowing and tempted ones thoughts of hope and longings for holiness, himself coming closer and still closer into fellowship with the Unseen, like him of old who walked with God, drawing nearer and nearer the threshold of the eternal world, until the portals shall open, and he shall enter there. He will find himself no stranger. The voices that will greet him are the voices of the holy ones, who, unseen, were on earth his companions -- voices that here he learned to distinguish and to love. He who through the word of God has lived in fellowship with Heaven, will find himself at home in heaven's companionship.

God has been pleased to communicate His truth to the world by human agencies, and He Himself, by His Holy Spirit, qualified men and enabled them to do this selection of what to speak and what to write. The treasure was entrusted to earthen vessels, yet it is, none the less, from heaven. The testimony is conveyed through the imperfect expression of human language, yet it is the testimony of God. Such a union existed in the nature of Christ who was the Son of God and the Son of man. Thus, it is true of the Bible as it was of Christ, that "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:4) And the obedient, believing child of God beholds in it the glory of a divine power, full of grace and truth.

My deepest thanks,
E. G. White

No Other Side

Dear Mr. Sklar,

Although we have talked since your letter appeared in the last Press issue, I'm writing this letter to keep the written record straight and for the benefit of anyone who might be following the debate.

First of all, if I was "sore" it was not because "my side didn't show up." For one thing I have no "side" as such, and at the meeting I was not hoping to see the editor disposed of then and there, but rather to see some kind of reasonable justice established. If I were called on to pick a side it would have been the Communications Commission I would have chosen, if only for their presence

Anyone interested in writing for the Liberated Press, this is your chance! Anything pertaining to witchcraft, the origins of, the punishment of, or something else of interest, is the topic. Deadline is November 9. An envelope will be posted on the Editor's door in the news room. Articles can also be given to Gini Welles, Andrews House, Rm. 305.

of mind.

I said in the first article that I thought the subject was approached objectively because of this "not having a side" and also because I had read the Liberated Press through last year, had taken it for real and had searched for its validity.

It's unfortunate that you caught on to and expounded on only my slights, and neglected the major thrust of the article. Those slights however, were not only to vent my frustration at the "mob mind" scene, but also to point up the situation.

Although I only spoke about Mr. Hardy's remarks and those of two others at the meeting, the group was so conformist that anything else that was said was redundant.

You said that anyone in the school would be published in the Liberated Press. If you were the girl in purple, would you even bother to try? My several articles have been screwed up by the Press in one way or another, and I sometimes wonder if it is worth the trouble. Lastly, the situation here is analogous to South Vietnam. The Communists there are a small minority, but they are so highly and well organized that their objectives are usually won. You see, here, there is no "other side."

Sincerely,
Fred Joy

1-A-0 vs. 1-0

Dear Mr. Bresnick,

Having read your letter I was pleased with your feelings against the present draft laws. However I disagree with your statement about deferments. You say that application for a Conscientious Objector's deferment is the biggest moral cop out of all time. First I think it should be made clear as to what a CO really is. There are two parts to this deferment. The first, the 1-A-0. This is volunteering for non-combatant duty in the armed services. This is generally medical duty in combat zones. The second type is the 1-0 deferment. This two years of civilian work "in the national interest."

You say that accepting a CO is accepting the system, thereby condoning the murder. This is true of the 1-A-0 deferment. The 1-A-0, by accepting duty without a gun, only leaves a spot open for another person in the system. However the 1-0 is in no way connected with the armed services. He may chose an assignment he feels is in the national interest. This assignment is not necessarily accepted. If you feel that a person cannot work for his country in a constructive manner and still disagree with certain policies of that country, you are a stubborn fool. A country cannot run by itself. Each capable citizen is responsible for at least those two years of constructive service. I too have registered an application for such a 1-0 deferment and am anxious to begin my service to my country in a constructive manner rather than the destructive one that so many people blindly accept by working in the armed services.

A last point is that any person, including those already in armed services, is open to apply for a C.O. no matter how old they are. All draft boards, on request, must send the form SS 150 for Conscientious Objectors to an applicant. It is not open to only certain religious sects. Also draft counseling is rapidly growing in many groups for free service to anybody needing help.

Peace,
Michael Dunnell

