

## Firing

Conway teacher shouldn't be fired for supporting boycott

The Horry County School Board fired H. H. Singleton this weekend for publically supporting protesting football players at Conway High School. Singleton was suspended in August for holding a press conference in support of black football players who were boycotting the team because a less experienced white player replaced a black player at quarterback. Singleton has been teaching in Horry County for 20 years and is the president of the local chapter of the NAACP.

The board said in its decision that the deciding factor in the firing was a teacher's responsibility to resolve a problem before exploiting it. The board also said the disruption at the school where Singleton taught was enough reason that he had to be dismissed.

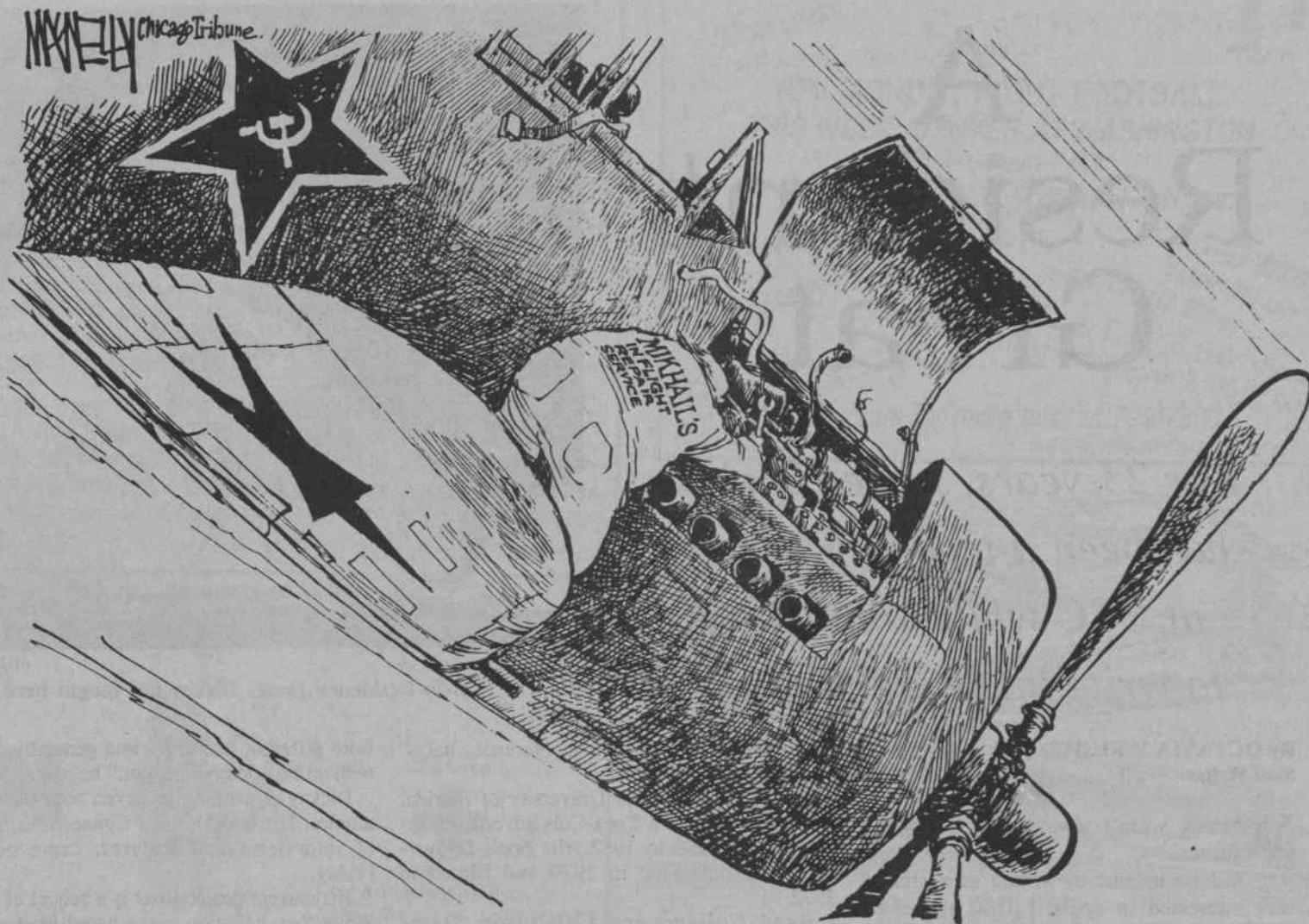
That is not enough reason. With this decision, the Horry County School Board is saying one of two things, both of them bad. The board is saying either teachers don't have a right to speak their minds or black teachers should keep their place in racial matters.

Either one is enough reason to fire the board. They are deliberately and consciously denying the right of free speech to Singleton. He has filed suit against the board, and if there is any justice, he will win a huge settlement. But the message coming from the county is clear enough — if you work for us, you don't have a mind.

No longer is the issue black or white because of the football players. Now the issue is decency and equality. Would a white teacher be allowed to lead a march for, say, Pro-Choice in Horry county? It would be interesting to see.

This is not over for Horry County. The board has laid the groundwork for major racial unrest.

Singleton should be reinstated, apologized to and probably given a raise for having the guts to stand up for what he feels is right. Obviously, the board has a different view of what America stands for.



## 1989 could be seen as one of best years

George Will, a semi-famous, syndicated columnist, recently wrote that 1989 is possibly the most dramatic year ever.

EVER! He says for the number and importance of the events that have unfolded this year, 1989 has been the most dynamic year in the history of years.

Well, 1989 has been bizarre and extraordinary, but the best year ever? I don't know about that.

Of course, if you look at the year, it has seen some of the most amazing developments in our life time, at least. In fact, since Americans are in love with lists, let's run down the top 10 most notable and weirdest happenings of the past year.

● No. 10 — General Manuel Noriega unleashes his Panamanian Defense Forces to pummel opposition leaders and nullify elections. He's never going to give up power whether it destroys his country or not. He maintains his iron fist control over his country.

● No. 9 — The Bat Man craze. This mediocre movie sets records for its hype and fan

draw. Never has one event been so publicized and anticipated and been such a dismal let down. But hey, Jack was awesome, wasn't he?

● No. 8 — Hurricane Hugo. A hurricane that will long be remembered as the most devastating storm to ever hit the United States. If this storm had hit before we had our modern high-tech weather predicting equipment, there would have been hundreds of thousands killed. Luckily, it just raped our coastline and cities.

● No. 7 — The World Series of 1989. This will always be remembered as the most bizarre sporting event ever. On national television, in the third game of a Bay City Series and what happens, the cameras shake and the city crumbles under a nasty earthquake. Some 300 people are killed on a freeway connecting the cities. Bizarre.

● No. 6 — The Abortion Issue. This year will be remembered for the Supreme Court giving states the ability to restrict abortion — setting off the biggest rift in American society since Vietnam.

● No. 5 — Solidarity takes over in Poland. Lech Walesa stays in the background, but his country finally gets its wish — to be ruled by the Solidarity party. It also sends Walesa around the world courting foreign investors.

● No. 4 — South Africa frees some of its political prisoners and begins to chip away at Apartheid. It has a long way to go before this

abomination is ended, but the foundation of change is laid this year.

● No. 3 — Tianamen Square Massacre. Some 3,000 are killed when government forces move into China's capital city and begin shooting, rolling over and murdering students calling for democracy. This was a peaceful march that the government made violent. It will come back to haunt the leaders in the future. The people won't forget this.

● No. 2 — The collapse of Communism. Governments in Hungary and other Soviet Bloc countries voluntarily dissolve their powers to yield to the rising call for democracy. Governments just up and quit. Go figure.

● No. 1 — The shredding of the Iron Curtain. With Soviet Bloc governments folding and resigning all over, the borders between East and West disappear. The Berlin Wall is opened and people are free to walk back and forth where only hours before they could have been shot doing the same thing. This officially ends the Cold War.

● Man of the Year — Mikhail Gorbachev. Hands down.

The '90s will either bring bounds of progress or years of impatience. Either way, the world is entering a new era, and 1989 could be seen as the beginning of that.

It's been an amazing year. Maybe not the greatest ever, but certainly in the top 10.



### FAST FORWARD



## Letters to the editor

### Christianity is a puzzle

To the editor:

This is in response to John Troutman's letter which appeared in the Nov. 1 issue.

Truly, Mr. Troutman, Christianity is a victorious way of life full of good news. However, as Mr. Dunham presented a small part of the Book of Romans, you err in presenting a small part of the good news. You wrote that if one believes Jesus is Lord he will be righteous, and if one confesses Jesus is Lord, he will be saved. Also, you wrote, "These are the only requirements God gives." Is it just enough to believe? And are these the only requirements God gives?

If believing and confessing were the only requirements, then Jesus' teaching to Nicodemus that a man must be born again (John 3: 1-7) is in obvious contradiction. And what about when Jesus said he that believes and is baptized shall be saved? (Mark 16:16). And that God commands all men everywhere to repent? (2 Pet 3:9/Acts 17:30). Finally, the pinnacle is the greatest commandment of all (to love the one God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength) is omitted! (Mark 12:29) Thus, without controversy, according to the Bible, to believe and to confess are not the only requirements God gives. However, Romans 10 cannot be overlooked, so where does it fit?

The Book of Acts contains the birth of the church and the beginning of salvation under grace. The entire Bible, rightly divided, ex-

plains fully what it takes to be saved. In the first couple of books of Acts, having received the gift of the Holy Ghost speaking with tongues in the upper room with 119 others and having been baptized, Peter, having the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 16:19), opened the "door of salvation." He said, "Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38-42) In addition, if we read the rest, we see we must continue steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread and in prayers. This, briefly defined, is true Bible salvation.

In conclusion, John, it is not my intention to diminish one particle of your walk and relationship with God, in fact it is very admirable to me that you are willing to take a strong stand for what you believe. Nevertheless, we have all, as Christians, been given the commission to teach, and I have shared with you the scriptures. The Bible tells us to search the scriptures, for in them we think we have eternal life. It is truly my prayer, John, that we all come to the fullness of knowledge and understanding of and obedience to the Word of God.

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Electrical Engineering freshman

### Christianity good and bad

To the editor:  
Christians beware. Do not read

this letter. It is written by an "enlightened, open-minded" pawn of Satan.

Christianity is a good or bad religion, depending on how you look at it. Note the use of the word "religion," because that's just what Christianity is. Of course, Christians believe their religion is the true religion. What they don't understand is that other people are just as devout as many Christians, just in another direction.

I am not going to disprove Christianity, because nobody can. You, can't disprove any other religion for that matter. You also can't prove a religion. It is all based on a matter of faith by the individual and what the individual feels is right. If somebody believes in the Bible, that's great. If somebody doesn't, that's great too. I do not wish this letter to be portrayed as a letter just against Christianity. It is a letter against anyone who claims to have the one and true way to God, as opposed to all ways being the one and true way to God (Gods, Nirvana or whatever.)

Lastly, in the words of some great philosopher: "Man is the only animal with gods."

Brad Rashley  
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### One shouldn't despise gays

To the editor:

I am responding to Laura Lindsay's Nov. 3 letter concerning Samuel Dunham's letter of Oct. 25.

I do not dispute the fact that homosexuals, blacks, whites, etc. are

all equal under the law and have the right to express their sexual preferences within limits. I also recognize that all of us need to be loved and accepted as the valuable human beings we are. If asked whether he hates homosexuals, I hope Samuel Dunham's answer would be no — that he hates what they do sexually. I do too.

King David in the Bible says: "Because I love God's commands more than gold, more than pure gold and because I consider all precepts right, I hate every wrong path."

The Bible explicitly says homosexuality is wrong and is an abomination against God.

I am not bothered by the "coming out" parties of homosexuals who choose to commit homosexual acts. But I'm afraid that those homosexuals will have their "going out" party also, for God is not mocked. If we break God's laws we will have to suffer the consequences. I think the AIDS crisis is evident of that, as are all the other ills that we fall into as a result of disobeying God.

Also, Ms. Lindsay says homosexuals aren't "stupid" enough to risk verbal, mental and even physical abuse by telling people who might hurt them who they are. My reply is that I hope they are more concerned with how they are coming across to God.

I pray for Laura Lindsay, that God will open her eyes to this "Holy Bible business" that she calls a farce. I also pray that God will become very real to her and will be her best and dearest friend. He will, if she asks him to.

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