



Listen Up

Homosexuals

Editor:
I can't thank you enough for the service you've done me and the entire TAMU student body by printing the correspondence you have received regarding homosexuality. It has helped me to correct several errors in my logic and in my interpretation of Christianity.

Thanks to the didactic epistles which have appeared in the *Battalion* over the past two weeks, I have learned that Matthew 7:1, which reads, "Judge ye not, that ye be not judged," does not apply to good Christian people when they are dealing with such vile, abominable abhorrences to God as homosexuals.

I have also come to see my erroneous interpretation of John 15:17, where Jesus says, "These things I command you, that you love one another." Now I see that this applies only to good Christians, not to humanity at large. Besides, homosexuals couldn't possibly be covered by any Christian commandment. Everybody knows that neither God nor Jesus would command us to love anything we know to be unclean. Of course, the fact that Jesus Christ spent his life among what the polite, moral society of his day considered "scum of the earth" has no bearing whatsoever.

Perhaps we owe it to God, America, Mother, and TAMU to eradicate these people God can't possibly accept. Perhaps, with aid from the Jewish Defense League, we could get together a few of Hitler's old gang. Look at what they were able to do with all those heathen Christ-killers. I'm sure they can do the same with faggots.

Of course, since we will be doing the Will of God in removing these sinful mistakes of His from His sight, we can safely ignore John 8:7, "Let he that is without sin among you cast the first stone."

Daniel E. Wheeler

'vile, abominable abhorrences...'

Editor:
In reply to letters of Williams, Glazener and Rogers of April 8:

To Mr. Glazener: I would like to point out that freedom of speech is a liberty guaranteed us in the U.S.

Constitution. I am sorry homosexuality makes you sick, but on this campus as well as in the world, it does exist. To ignore it does not erase the fact that it is present.

To Mr. Rogers: the freedom of religion also includes the freedom to renounce such. Not everybody assumes the Bible is law. However, if one does believe in the Bible he may manipulate it to his own avail. Perhaps in your readings you should have gone a bit further. Romans 2:1 says, "whoever judges another condemns himself, for thou that judgest doest the same thing."

Also, murder is an improper analogy; homosexuality does not have victims. As for the Texas statutes, the law concerns sodomy. It does not distinguish between heterosexual and homosexual sodomy.

To Mr. Williams: your credentials as a psychiatrist seem lacking. Why not let the doctors determine what "mental aberrations" are? If you are interested in their opinions you might refer to the *N.Y. Times Magazine* (2/28/74) or *Newsweek* (5/21/73).

Also to Mr. Rogers: homosexuality is determined as a state of mind. One does not have to participate in homosexual acts to be homosexual, he need only to desire to do such.

Freddie Ryals

Not starving due to policy

Editor:
In reference to your article entitled, "Hunger Will Change The World," (Batt., Apr. 2), your reporter misinterpreted a comment I made regarding Tanzanian policy on transportation and distribution of foodstuffs within the country.

In paragraph 8 it states, "He said that in some areas people starved because of the policy." No direct relationship between people "starved" (connotes having died) and government policy was made.

The example was used to describe how certain internal government policies can be disincentives to producers and hinder the efficient distribution of foodstuffs. A more important factor, shortage of rainfall, has caused famine to occur in certain

areas of Tanzania in the past three years.

Gregory Sullivan

Canine pageant

Editor, the Battalion:
I read with considerable interest Mr. Venner's account of the "canine pageant" held March 27 at the football stadium. As both an exhibitor in and organizer of this event, I feel the responsibility to take issue with his failure to objectively report the show.

It is true that some exhibitors spend an inordinate amount of time (and money) on the grooming of their animals. I fail to see, however, why fully half of the article focused upon this. The poorly concealed sarcasm between the lines left the impression that the show was some ridiculous exercise in pet-grooming. It was not.

For Mr. Venner's edification, the purpose of a dog show is to represent to serious breeders the best specimens of the breeds exhibited. Nearly 100 breeds were exhibited, including working and sporting breeds. There were also obedience trials which Mr. Venner failed to report upon.

There were a few stools in the area. This is obviously unavoidable in a large dog show. There was also a contingent of some 25 Vet students with sawdust, dustpans, and brooms continually cleaning them up. They worked hard all day and did an admirable job. Indeed, it would not have been possible for anyone to have done a better job.

It may be of interest to your readers that the majority of the net proceeds of the show are to be donated by the Brazos Valley Kennel Club to the Athletic Department and the College of Veterinary Medicine. The economic benefit for merchants in the area of these shows is significant, particularly at this time of the year. Had the journalist done some elementary homework, surely some of this information would have been included in the article, and I would not have been required to impart it in a letter to his editor.

Finally, for any offense to Mr. Venner's olfactory sensibilities, I must apologize. After stepping in his article, I feel entitled to a similar apology.

Rodney S. Nairn



David S. Broder

Political junkie waits for primary

WASHINGTON — This is a tough time for "political junkies." Presidential primaries, like soap operas and certain foaming liquids, can be habit-forming, even addictive. And for those who have grown accustomed to getting their weekly "fix" on the political picture from the voters of at least one primary state, the next three weeks are a time to dread.

Through some quirk of the calendar, they have to wait until Pennsylvania votes on April 27 for another dose of voting data to feed their craving for more on "the Carter phenomenon" or "the lunch-bucket coalition."

More normal folks will think that nothing can be finer than to have some relief from both the winners and the whiners. They could care less if there were never another primary.

To both the junkies and the jaundiced, let it be said that there really are some good things about the primary process as it has worked so far in 1976.

Frankly, this reporter had not expected that. The notion of subjecting the candidates to trials of strength at intervals of 168 hours seemed excessive, imprudent, redundant and generally dubious.

Thirty primaries in a single campaign year still seem about 20 too many, but it must be admitted that the unfolding drama of this contest has not only been as engrossing as a campaign story as anyone has covered since 1960 but has been salutary in a number of unexpected ways.

For one thing, the voters have been able to sort through and reduce the number of claimants to the nomination with remarkable efficiency.

Of the dozen different Democrats who were angling for the presidency in February, only three still appear to have a chance of winning. A field that seemed six weeks ago to be made up of indistinguishable nonentities has been culled and graded. The survivors may well be judged the fittest, not just to run but to govern if they should win.

Contrary to the fears of many, the primaries have not been exploited this year by ideological extremists in either party or by men who are inherently divisive figures. Instead, there has been a strong reassertion of sensible centrist policies — a clear indication of the recovery of the national balance from the wounds of Watergate and Vietnam.

While this may be judged as more of a tribute to the American people than to any particular nominating system, it is nonetheless healthy that the candidates of the extreme have received their come-uppance directly from the hands of the voters.

George Wallace, in particular, had a full, fair and well-financed shot at the nomination. He must concede that his failure was the result of the people's judgment and not the machinations of a political elite.

That may not make it easier for him to bear, but it is infinitely healthier for the political process that he was beaten cleanly and openly in the same game he had previously exploited, rather than being

victimized by a back-room convention cabal.

Third, the primaries have forced all the candidates including the incumbent President, to move out around the country on what has been, for many of them, a voyage of discovery. And whoever ultimately wins, even if it should be Mr. Ford, he will know he has gotten to the White House by the decision of the people, and not because of a choice made in Washington.

Fourth, the primaries have gone a long way toward burying the myth — that gained some currency in 1972 — that the press somehow determines who wins and who loses.

We in journalism can claim no credit for what has happened this year — nor need we shoulder much blame. And that's as it should be.

Most of us underestimated Carter while he was putting paign together. Yet, when New Hampshire and Iowa on the covers of Time and Newsweek, the immediate effect he finished fourth in Massa-

So much for the press. Similarly, on the side, Mr. Ford won Hampshire and Florida early (and premature) statements that he was a great states. Ronald Reagan did nothing in reverse in North Carolina.

No system that gives frequent embarrassment to bad. There are 20 more people, between now and then we may all have them. But for now, they passing mark.



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Mrs. H.L. writes: "My doctor prescribed hormone pills to help me through some of the troublesome symptoms of the 'change of life.' Now I hear that estrogen might be involved with bigger trouble — cancer. Is this true?"

ANSWERline: In two recently-reported statistical studies from Seattle and Los Angeles, estrogen hormones, given to correct the hormonal imbalance of menopause, have been linked with an increased risk of cancer of the uterine lining, which is called endometrial cancer. These reports are being reviewed with great care by the medical profession because therapeutic hormones are also useful and important to many women. If you have doubts, please speak with your physician, whom you should be seeing regularly for checkups. Estrogen users should have a Pap test, breast exam and blood pressure reading every six months. Any bleeding that occurs after the menopause should be brought to the attention of a physician right away — careful checking can be a lifesaver.

A cigarette smoker notes: "I am thinking of quitting and I'd like to know the worst — how many people get lung cancer and how many die of it?"

ANSWERline: We are experiencing an epidemic of lung cancer with an alarming death toll. In 1976, there will be an estimated 93,000 new cases of lung cancer. The disease will take the lives of 65,200 men — making it the greatest cancer killer of American men — 18,600 women. This is a

tragic waste of lives because most lung cancer could be prevented by the elimination of cigarette smoking. If you need help in quitting, ask your local American Cancer Society Unit about its program.

A Gary, Indiana housewife writes: "My children are now in high school and I am planning to go to work. But I am afraid that I might have trouble because, although I am healthy, I was treated for cancer four years ago. I have heard that it is difficult for former cancer patients to get hired. Is this true?"

ANSWERline: In some areas, in some industries, there can be problems because of misinformation. For example, an employer might think that a person who has been treated for cancer will need more sick leave than other people. However, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has been hiring cancer patients since 1957. A study made by the company showed that their "sick leave" records were considered as acceptable as those of employees who had never had the disease. The American Cancer Society Unit in your community is ready to help with any problems of possible job discrimination.

A Detroit grandmother writes: "Lately I have been bothered by occasional bleeding. Is that a leftover from the change of life?"

ANSWERline: Unusual bleeding could be the sign of a harmless condition or it could signal a form of uterine cancer which sometimes occurs in older women. Please have this condition checked as soon as possible for your health and peace of mind.