By JIM CRAWLEY
Joe Christie sat down at the table in T.J.'s a tired man. He had spent the day touring seven towns in four counties and

touring seven towns in four counties and several press conferences. Christie was a worried man; his father was seriously ill in a hospital. His worries also extended to the May 6 Democratic primary between him and U.S. Rep. Bob Krueger.

Christie didn't tell any of his backers or campaign aides at the table of his exhaustion or his worries. He didn't need to, they already knew. They were in the same state. The campaign does that to a man, any man and his followers.

As he ate his mushroom steak, the sen-

As he ate his mushroom steak, the sentorial candidate contemplated his cam-

rights of Texas insurance consumers. And he even accomplished this feat without an-

tagonizing the majority of the industry. Krueger, a second-term Congressman

from new Braunfels, is an enigma on the Texas political scene. During college Krueger spent more time studying Shakespeare than politics and has a Ph.D. from Oxford College. As in England.

#### **Politics**

In 1974, he returned to New Braunfels and successfully ran for the U.S. Congress. Since arriving in Washington his sophistication put him at the front of the freshman class of Representatives. While in the Capital Krueger has spent his time battling for the deregulation of natural gas.

paign with the voters of Texas.

For the record, Joe Christie has saved
Texans millions of dollars while he headed
the State Board of Insurance. No one can
deny that honor, especially the insurance
companies. During his tenure as chairman
he changed the board from a adjunct of the
chan etiquette and eloquence, and a nice model for a statue. Krueger is, or could be, all those things. Christie doesn't give that ap-

Christie is a popular guy. He's popular because if you've met him chances are good that you will say, "Ya know, honey, that fella sure seems to be a good ol' boy. Christie is a good ol' boy in the best Texas tradition. He's easy going, easy to talk to and very down-to-earth. The candidate has driven, flown and walked across the state trying to get the support of voters, unions and political groups.

This style of campaigning is the kind that endears itself to the emotions of the voters he meets. They will probably vote for the man that takes time to sit down and chat with an individual. But, that style of campaigning has a few drawbacks.

Money. You need a lot of money to talk to individual voters. Just think about the cost of coffee at each of those tea parties or social club meetings Christie attends. That alone ia s tidy portion of the campaign cof-

Time is the other major drawback. A candidate can only spend so much time each day on the campaign trail. In the last weeks of the campaign a candidate has to use the mass media for presenting his is-sues and campaign speeches to the voting public. The use of the campaign time is a

major function for the managers of the candidates to schedule. This planning can directly affect the outcome of a campaign.

The Krueger-Christie battle is an example of campaign planning and the differences in style.

ences in style.

The simple fact of this campaign has been Christie has spent too much time conducting a personal campaign, while Krueger has run around and gotten the political supporters. Krueger started his campaign by going out and not getting the voters. He got the political contributors and supporters.

Now, Christie is hustling around the state in search of more money and a few more big-name supporters. Krueger has also begun his TV and radio advertisements. Since the start of the Christie campaign he has presented himself to the public as a person that will serve the voters' needs. Unfortunately for Christie, not enough people have heard his view and ideas and become familiar with his easy-going style. They have seen Krueger and his conditionation. his sophistication.

It may come down to the final tally being decided on who used his time with the greatest wisdom.

## Letters to the editor

# They used to call it Friday

As the people who know me well would expect, I am writing in response to the article in today's Batt about the Gay Blue Jeans Day.

As one of the parties responsible for the ad that ran in Monday's Batt, I need to tell you that the ad was paid for by Alternative, a gay organization in the Bryan-College Station area that was formed by gays for gays and gay supporters (yes, we do have straight people in this organization.) I was present when the money was collected, and I can tell you that GSSO had no part in it. Alternative and GSSO are two separate organization. There are a few people who belong to both organizations, but that is the only connection.

Now, about the response to the ad that took over the editor's page today. I won't even try to fight the people who grouped us with necrophiliacs and child molesters. It would be a fight that would last for months. I would like to ask one thing. Take away ear studs, swishiness (which some of us do), butch looking girls, and all that other stuff that homophobes equate with homosexuals and look at two people of the same sex enjoying each other's bodies. What is so sick about that? You can't tell me there aren't straight couples who engage in oral, and even anal, sex. I know it goes on. My point is, if you don't like pansy guys or bull dyke girls, or ear studs on guys, or other things like that, deal with that itself. Some gays look just like that guy or girl next to you. Long curls and chiffon on girls and kicker boots and on guys don't necessarily denote straightness.

With as many Farrah-Fawcetts and Robert Redfords as I see from A&M when I go dancing at one of the biggest gay discos in Houston, I know that lavender does not a queer make. Oh, yeah, I will be wearing a "gay" t-shirt. Thanks for the suggestion.

- Charlie Andrews, '80

### About Friday. . .

I was completely disgusted when I read in your April 10 Batt an ad in which the Gay Task Force has proclaimed Friday, April 14 "Gay Blue Jean Day." To proc-laim that all who wear bluejeans on Friday are gay or support gay rights, to me, is a blatant violation of my rights. (If you want to pick something to wear, I think a dress or tutu would suit the occasion much bet-

This whole Gay Rights thing is becoming nothing more than a flimsy excuse for a bunch of militant fluffs to jump on a rhinestone-studded Band Wagon. (I realize some fine fag is going to write back and call me an ignorant bigot. When it comes to Gay rights, I admit I am a bigot and I'm damn proud of it). I hate to bring religion into such a petty and vulgar cause, but God did create Adam and Eve (not

So if you want to punch my lights out or something rough, you can recognize me on Friday. I'll be the guy in the suit, with the girl on my arm.

- Evan Corwin, '79

### About Friday. . .

Albeit many of you Aggies may not know it, this Friday celebrates the founding of the Society for the Televising of Raw Antelope Toes and Ears (STRATE). In an effort to demonstrate support of this move-ment, we the members of STRATE, are asking all good Ags to refrain from:

snorting gasoline
 spitting STRATE up and remaining

3) wearing lavender silk ski masks

4) and at all cost, refrain from weaing

hubcaps on your kneecaps While this change in regular lifestyle may seem like a great sacrifice, we are emploring all true Ags to assist us in this

Throughout history, potential STRATES have been persecuted. Shakespeare, for instance, demonstrated his STRATE avant-garde proclivities even before television's existence when he boldly exhibited antelope toes and ears on the stage of the Globe Theatre. Marlene Diet-rich is another potentially latent STRATE who has as of late been the subject of social

I am sure many of you Ags may object to our sampling technique. However, we would ask you to notice that our method was borrowed from another happy unrecognized student organization.

So put your gas cans, ski masks, and hubcaps into the closets on Friday and come support us.

— Jean Peirre Forage, '78 Kayce Glasse, '78 Philip Mitchell, '80 Dave Rich, '78

### About Friday. . .

In reference to the advertisement on page 9 of Monday's Battalion concerning "Blue Jean Day" we, the men of Crocker Hall, urge all those opposed to gay rights to wear shorts, slacks, or anything other than blue jeans on Friday, April 14. It seems rather preposterous that the National Gay Task Force would ask people to wear blue jeans in support of their cause when they know that a majority of the people at this school wear blue jeans every

Their ad should act more as a warning for people not to wear jeans instead of encouragement to do so. Still, we do not expect their ad or this letter to reach many people, and the Gay Task Force should not be falsely encouraged by people wear-ing blue jeans Friday. You can be assured, though, that we will be wearing slacks. (If they want to show support for gay rights, they should have their male backers wear

- Don Jeffers, '80

Editor's note: This leter was accompained with 14 other signatures.

### About Friday. . .

In response to the advertisement in Monday's Batt stating that Friday April 14 is national gay wear blue jeans day, I would like to say that I am offended and terribly disappointed that you would publish such an advertisement inferring that anyone who wears blue jeans on that day is a fag! Simply because I may wear rings on my fingers does not imply that I wear bells on my toes. What about the normal heterosexuals who attend this University who like to wear blue jeans and whose wardrobe may consist only of blue jeans?

If the gays want to be publicly recognized let them paint the word "gay" across their forehead or wear T-shirts that read "I am gay," but please do not destroy the dignity of heterosexuals who like to wear blue jeans by inferring that anyone who wears blue jeans on Friday is gay.

Why don't you print an advertisement inferring that anyone who wears shoes on Thursday supports a movement for a dictatorial overthrow in the United States - Steven Fitzpatrick, '81

### About Friday. . .

After reading the advertisement in Monday's Battalion promoting gay rights and the support thereof by wearing blue jeans this Friday we decided to write a In re

short letter criticizing those who saw fit to have that ad printed. Texas A&M consists of a largely conservative body of students of which the majority probably do not hold any real interest in supporting a "Gay" day on Friday.

Homosexuality is a very controversial subject; however, in our minds there is no controversy about what it is. . . a sickness, an escape from the reality of a truly meaningful relationship and from life. Maybe these people are trying to drum up support for their cause by promoting the wearing of blue jeans on Friday because they know that blue jeans are probably standard dress on the A&M campus and for that matter, anywhere else. This led us to believe that these gays, or whatever they wish to call themselves, implied that any person wearing blue jeans on Friday is, a gay or a gay rights supporter. They are knocking the cowboy standard of dress (boots, belt, hat and jeans) as well as the person who wishes to wear blue jeans only as a casual form of dress and for no other purpose. We can most assuredly predict that even those who are not in support of gay rights and wear blue jeans on Friday will be looked upon in a funny manner, and this is unforgivable

So in closing we have only these comments — We don't try to knock everybody because everyone has the right to do as they choose, but as far as gayness, that right ends where the toe of my boot begins. They can take their strange attitudes toward sex and go to hell where they might be a bit more welcome.

— Bob Bielenda, 80

### About Friday. . .

Editor:
Alas! Once again it seems that I am driven to the point of writing to the editor, in view of certain items which have come to my attention. Coming from a long line of jean wearers, I, as well as many others, are faced with the dilemma of what to wear

I tip my hat to the "Gay Activists" for conceiving the most underhanded scheme of the year. Knowing that America's number one garment worn by both males and females is a pair of jeans, they have construed a plot to implicate false support of their organization. Consequently, people failing to read their small ad in The Battalion will be subjected to undue ridicule and suspicion by inadvertently wearing a pair of jeans.

To avoid this predicament, I have come up with some brilliant alternatives: (1) Those people not having anything other than jeans to wear can wear nothing at all, or (2) everyone can shake off going to school on Friday.

Since I realize that neither of these ideas are practical, I recommend that Friday be designated as "FOOT DAY", and that all people opposed to gays and gay-supporters wear something on their feet on Friday!

- O. Robert Hilmo, Jr. '78

### About Friday. . .

An advertisement appeared in the Battalion on Monday, April 10, declaring this Friday "Blue Jeans Day." All supporters of Gay Rights were asked to wear blue jeans to class on Friday. I hope all Ags take note of the advertisement by putting their TGIF jeans back in the closet and wear dresses, suits or Class B's instead. - Jane E. Eike, '79

Editor's note: This letter was accompained with 85 other signatures.

### About Friday. . .

In response to the ad that appeared in

this Monday's Batt suggesting gays and gay supporters wear blue jeans this Fri-day. We would rather suggest that all gays, and their supporters, wear pink hot pants, put on orange t.u. shirts and a beannie...on their way to the bus stop. Austin is only a couple of hours drive from

- Michael J. Smith, '81

Editor's note: This letter was accompanied with six other signatures.

## About Friday. . .

Monday's paper had an advertisement saying for anyone who supports the Cays and their rights to wear bluejeans on Friday. This ad is a trick which hopes to make people look like Gay supporters. They know that most everyone already wears bluejeans regularly. By wearing jeans on Friday this will have no relevant meaning that you support these "not-so-regular

people."
They should have written something like "Everyone who supports GAYS don't breath on Friday and turn blue." Do you

get my point? It's a fraud, but still don't show them any support (unless you are one). I wish we would stop hearing from them. Don't they know most of us couldn't care less about their rights; to me they don't deserve any. They can play their games somewhere else, not at a state-supported school. You almost, but not quite, want to feel sorry for these people. Also many people did not even see their ad and will wear bluejeans anyhow!

So it anyone comes up to you on Friday and makes a comment about wearing bluejeans, tell them if they are a real gay supporter to prove it by holding their breath for 10 minutes!

- Joe H. Hickman, '79

### About Friday. . .

In response to Blue Jean Day this Friday, I would like to voice this opinion. I for one will be wearing blue jeans this Friday. I want to make it clear though that I do not support the gay movement in any way, shape, or form. Many people have come up to me reminding me not to wear jeans on Friday. I'll be damned if I let any fag or straight person influence what I'll wear on Friday. To me, my wearing jeans will be my protest against the gay movement and those persons fool enough pot to ment and those persons fool enough not to wear jeans because they think someone will consider them as being gay. Gays don't own me, blue jeans or, I hope, my fellow Ags. - Tim Nichols, '80

### About Friday. . .

Editor:
We would like to inform the readers

We would like to inform the readers that Friday is Clothes Day. Formed by the Ratify the ERA-Save the Dolphin-Protect the Ozone Layer Society, the purpose of Clothes Day is to show support for the worthy cause of your choice. To participate, simply wear any clothes at all on Friday. Some sample worthy causes are

listed below:

(1) Legalization of marijuana

(2) Violence on television (for or against) (3) Ratification of the Panama Canal

(4) Rejection of the Panama Canal

(5) Explusion of all Communists, hip-

pies, atheists, Ronald Reagan-haters, shuttle bus drivers, and other suspect persons from the American shores. So remember, be a good American, support your cause, and wear clothes Fri-

- Fred Elbert, '80

# TOP OF THE NEWS A CAMPUS

## Russian flu drug study

Participants in the Russian flu drug study should report to Lourge A or B, Corps dormatories, today between 7:30 and 9 p.m. to have blood sample taken. If unable to attend, report to the University Health Center Thursday or Friday and bring weekly report cards

### Graduation announcements read

May graduates can pick up their graduation announcement in the Student Program's Office, Room 216 A&B, MSC, from 8 at to 5 p.m. Extra announcements will go on sale April 17 in the Stud Finance Center, Room 217, MSC, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The a nouncements will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

## LOCAL

### Coulter to receive air control aid

A \$56,000 remote air-to-ground communications system will installed this summer at Coulter Field, east of Bryan. The system w aid pilots flying over Brazos County in communicating with Houston's Air Route Traffic Control Center. There are two frequencies Easterwood Airport now used by pilots in connection with the Houston Control Center, said Bobby Clay of the Federal Aviation Admin istration. The two additional frequencies will be added at Coulter Field to avoid interference between the two systems. The project which is scheduled for completion in September, will be constructed by Daymar, Inc., an Omaha, Neb. firm.

## STATE Ector County jail death probed

An Ector County jailer testified Wednesday that a Mexican American prisoner "went berserk" the night he died in custody. Jac kie Perkins testified at an inquest into the death of Larry Ortes Lozano, 27, that Lozano appeared "violent, uncontrolled, and as gressive" Jan. 22, the night he died. Mexican-Americans have alleged that Lozano died from beatings by Ector County sheriff's deputies Sheriff Elton Faught has said Lozano died of self-inflicted wounds suffered when he beat his head against a jail cell window.

# NATION

## Salvage hunters claim treasure

The state of Florida Wednesday lost an 11th hour effort to keep group of private salvage hunters from taking possesion of 2.3 million. Spanish treasure dating back to the 1600s. Federal District Judg William Stafford refused to interfere with an order from south Florid Judge W.O. Mehrtens giving Treasure Salvors, Inc. of Key Weight. Judge W.O. Mehrtens giving Treasure Salvors, Inc. of Key West possession of the gold coins, jewelry and artifacts retrieved from the Spanish galleon Atocha that sank off the coast of Florida in 1622 Judge Mehrtens sent word that the federal government would not interfere with the takeover Wednesday of the high-value items, including gold coins. The treasure ship was found in 1971. Mel Fisher, president of the salvage group, said that the treasure will be divided among 400 stockholders who already have gotten an estimated \$16 million worth of treasure from the Atoche.

## Earthquake hits Alaskan island

A strong earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale shook par of the Kodiak Island in southwestern Alaska Tuesday. No damage injuries were reported, the Alaska Tsunami Warning Center said. The tremor, which could have done extensive damage had it hit a highly populated area, was felt at 5:43 p.m. in Kodiak, the largestein on the island. It originated about 80 miles south of the Gulf of Alaska No shock waves were reported felt in Anchorage, about 250 miles to the north, the Warning Center said.

### 'Duke' continues recovery

Massachusetts General Hospital says John Wayne is continuing his satisfactory recovery from open heart surgery. "Mr. Wayne slep through the night for the first time since his open heart surgery. hospital spokesman Martin Bander said Tuesday. The 70-year-ok 'Duke" was taken out of intensive care Saturday and placed in an intermediate care unit. Wayne underwent surgery April 3 after com plaining he had lost some of his "zip" in recent months.

## WORLD Texan appeals Israeli court

The Tel Aviv, Israel, supreme court will rule soon on an appeal b a 23-year-old Texas student against a five-year jail term she receive for running a scouting mission for Arab guerrillas, her attorney sai Wednesday. Attorney Felicia Langer said no date has been set for the continuation of the supreme court hearing in the case of Terry Fleener, a student at the University of Texas at San Antonio, and one-time stewardess for Kuwaiti Airlines. During the first hearing Tuesday, the court decided to lift a security blackout that had been of the proceedings. Fleener's conviction Jan. 9 by the Tel Aviv distriction court came after a secret trial. Langer said she expected the supreme court to announce its decision very shortly. During Tuesday's hearing, Langer said she appealed for reduction of Fleener's sentence and immediate deportation because of the "marginal case" against her client. Prosecutor Sara Sirota said Fleener should be "happy" that

she got away with such a light sentence.

# WEATHER

Clear to partly cloudy today tonight and tomorrow. Cool tonight and warm during daytime hours. High today mid-70s, low tonight mid-50s. High tomorrow near 80. Winds from the north at 5-10 mph.

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