

# LETTERS:

## Constitution doesn't protect GSS battle

**EDITOR:**  
You err in referring to the recognition of Gay Student Services as a "matter of basic civil liberties." I have looked over the Constitution without finding any clause which could be construed as requiring a university to grant official recognition to an organization dedicated to peculiar sexual practices. I found plenty, however, restricting the U.S. Government to certain carefully defined functions. Interfering in the management of state universities was not one of those functions.

That is not to say that the Supreme Court necessarily will adhere to the constitution. In legalizing abortion and banning school religious activities the Court has shown that its primary concern is imposing its own humanistic ideology on American society. Any one defending Judeo-Christian morality before the Supreme Court is likely to be defeated. The same goes for any one defending individual liberties or local prerogatives against federal encroachment.

Hence, your prediction that A&M will lose the case probably is correct; the Court will see the case as another opportunity to expand its own power and grind morality and the Constitution into the dust.

Nevertheless, the case should be fought out, even if lost. There are constitutionally prescribed options (impeachment or congressional restriction of Supreme Court jurisdiction) to prevent judicial power from getting out of control. As the Supreme Court becomes more and more aggressive in usurping power, Americans will realize that these options need to be exercised.

Al Dobey  
Senior

## Beware: make sure people are who they say they are

**EDITOR:**  
As a part-time maintenance man for an apartment complex I have entered

many apartments in order to do repair work of one type or another. By informing the apartment resident that I am the "maintenance man," I am, without any hesitation, allowed entry to the apartment. Only very rarely will anyone question if I am indeed the maintenance man or if I really have any business in their apartment. To allow any stranger entry to your apartment without being sure of their legitimate purpose is to expose yourself and your possessions to unnecessary risk. Crime and violence are a part of our society. An awareness of your vulnerability can allow you to increase your safety. The person who knocks on your door is probably who he says he is. Probably. Be sure.

Robert D. Tolles  
Class of '84

## Garbage letter: pure rubbish

**EDITOR:**  
This is a response directed at a letter printed in your LETTERS section, Thursday, September 27, 1984. The letter was written by Marc D. McSwain, Class of '85.

Dear Marc,  
You can guess how truly upset I was when I read about your loss of sleep. It just seems that life can be so unfair at times. Well, welcome to the real world, kid. It's rough out there, and you had better get used to it now. There are a million things you are going to have to put up with in your life, and garbage trucks at 6:30 in the morning is just one of them.

Of course, I can understand where you're coming from; nobody likes to be disturbed early in the morning. However, why did you write the Battalion about your problems? What can they do? All they've done is print your letter, much to the dismay of their readers who don't want to read your sob story. That doesn't show much thought for a person about to graduate. In fact, your entire letter doesn't show much thought.

You stated, "Isn't it nice to know that this 'world class' university cares more about its garbage than its students?" Perhaps you would rather have no garbage collection at all. Did it ever occur to you

that the garbage trucks run on a schedule? They don't just empty the dumpsters outside your window at 6:30 a.m. and then go home. No, they pick up trash all day long. Someone has to be the first. What do you suggest? A revolving schedule? Not very efficient. What if the trucks came in the afternoon when you were in classes? How about students who have early classes and are napping or studying at that time? I guess I would just have to read their complaints, too.

You also stated that this has been going on since the beginning of the semester. Why, if it is so disturbing to half the dorm, as you stated, have you waited five weeks to say anything about it? Why not talk to people who can do something about it? As a regular reader of the Battalion and an A&M student, I don't particularly care for reading about your petty inconveniences.

Patrick Bates  
Class of '88

## Jackie says: register to vote

Dear Fellow Aggies:  
Just as each player's skills are needed to make a good team, your participation in the 1984 election is needed. You can make the difference.

Everyone knows Aggies are leaders and they speak their mind. Don't pass up this great opportunity to participate in the future of our country. Let your voice be heard through your vote in the upcoming election.

Register to vote and this opportunity is yours.  
Gig'em,  
Jackie Sherrill  
Athletic Director and  
Head Football Coach

## Aggie searches for lost ring

**EDITOR:**  
About 2 weeks ago I lost my senior ring in either east Kyle or the visitor parking. If anyone has found this ring I would appreciate if you would call me at 693-1090. There is a reward for the return of my ring. Thank you.

Robert M. Reese  
Class of '83

## Good article about sidewalk preacher

**EDITOR:**  
I would like to thank Ann Brimberry for the article in Tuesday's Battalion about Ron Tewson. I have personally met him and enjoy stopping to hear him. I believe the article was very realistic and true to life of Mr. Tewson. Thanks.

Stephen Johnson  
Class of '85

## Recognition of GSS would be big mistake

**EDITOR:**  
I wish to write and applaud the noble decision of the Board of Regents to appeal recognition of the GSS, to the Supreme Court if necessary. It would be a shame for our university, the best in Texas, to give recognition to a band of sexual misfits. After all it is Texas A&M's prerogative as to whether or not it will recognize an organization. Should the A&M administration and the liberal gay right supporters go to the Supreme Court, may the best "man" win.

Mark Browning  
Class of '88

## Homosexuality: part of God's plan

**EDITOR:**  
God made us what we are. He gave us the power to direct our lives. But he also provided us with certain emotions over which we have little or no control. These feelings are a part of us.

Homosexuality is an innate feeling. It is not a lifestyle which can be chosen or rejected on a whim. Why one is attracted to another is not something which can easily be altered by a simple change in attitude. If a male is emotionally or physically attracted to a male, or a female a female, so be it.

Historically, the nature of a society

has been to persecute those who differ with the majority, to suppress or simply ignore that which is unfamiliar. Such is the case with gays. We cannot deny their rights because they feel something that others may not.

Not recognizing the GSS is a disgrace to this university.

Glenn Murtha  
Class of '86

## Star Trek code supports coexistence

**EDITOR:**  
This is in response to Michael Grage's letter in the October 1, 1984 LETTERS:

Mr. Grage, shall we commence gathering stones to pelt them with? I think that you are trying to speak for everyone, when actually you speak for yourself and perhaps a few others. Would your God agree to your discrimination of people not like yourself? Are you the original that everyone should be a duplicate of? You say you offer your religion to those who want "peaceful coexistence." I offer you this: Being human, regardless of religion (or lack thereof), is based on co-existence in some manner. Peaceful relations are far more difficult, yet it is an aspect of human nature to try. I think the many writers of the STAR TREK series summed it all up the best: an old Vulcan code of 'Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations.' We are all different in multitudes of ways, and we must learn to accept everyone as not only human, but as equal in rights. We don't have to agree with their views, but we should give them the right to their opinions. I think the judge who made the ruling that A&M should recognize their group shows a bit more wisdom in the matter than the Regents. That judge at least recognized the GSS's rights, which are guaranteed by law. If the group followed the steps to be recognized by the university and were denied such, then they were denied their rights as equals and as humans.

Please consider all this, and then choose what you think is more human, your way or mine.

Dave Martin  
Class of '88



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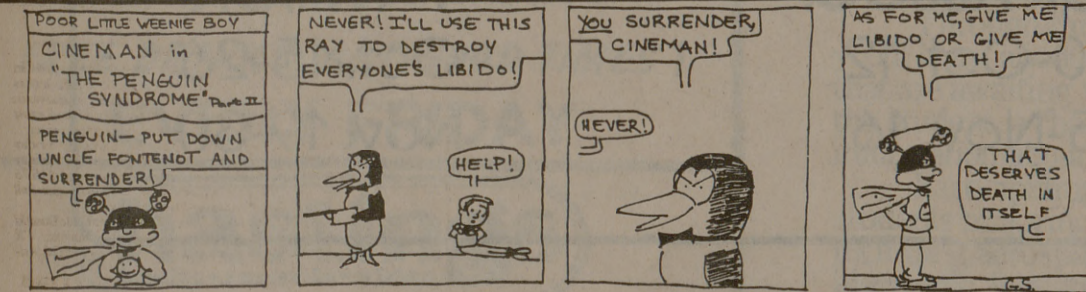


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