

## Recycling will help save our environment

The College of Science Dean's Forum is composed of a small group of science majors who meet regularly with Dean John Fackler to discuss current issues related to the sciences. As can be easily understood, environmental concern has been a

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Reader's Opinion

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reminders, recycling can easily become a habit in your office or home.

Many students have already recognized the immediate need for increased recycling. Along with this, several other steps toward conservation could be taken.

major topic at the meeting.

With the continuously depleting resources and the increasing pollution of our environment, now is the time for students to express their overall concern for current world conditions.

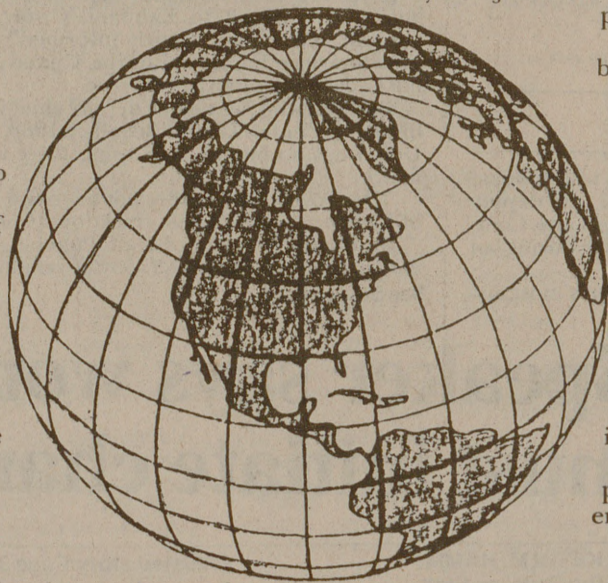
Simply turning off the water while you shave or brush your teeth could save you up to five gallons of water. Avoiding styrofoam cups down on chloroform that damages the ozone layer.

Taking your name off of large mailing lists would save paper and decrease your "junk mail" by 75

One of the easiest ways to achieve a better state of the environment is through recycling.

The potential of recycling is incredible; all we have to do is take advantage of it.

On our campus and in our homes, large amounts of recyclable materials are available to us. Coca-Cola alone brings over two million cans to A&M each year. Paper, glass and cardboard refuse increase the amount of recyclable material several-fold.



The Texas Environment Action Coalition will provide any dorm or department on campus with a recycling container for aluminum cans. We urge you to contact the TEAC and obtain your free recycling container by calling Mark Evans at 847-1728.

The TEAC also has paper collection bins behind Peterson Building and the Soil and Crop Sciences Building. Through constant

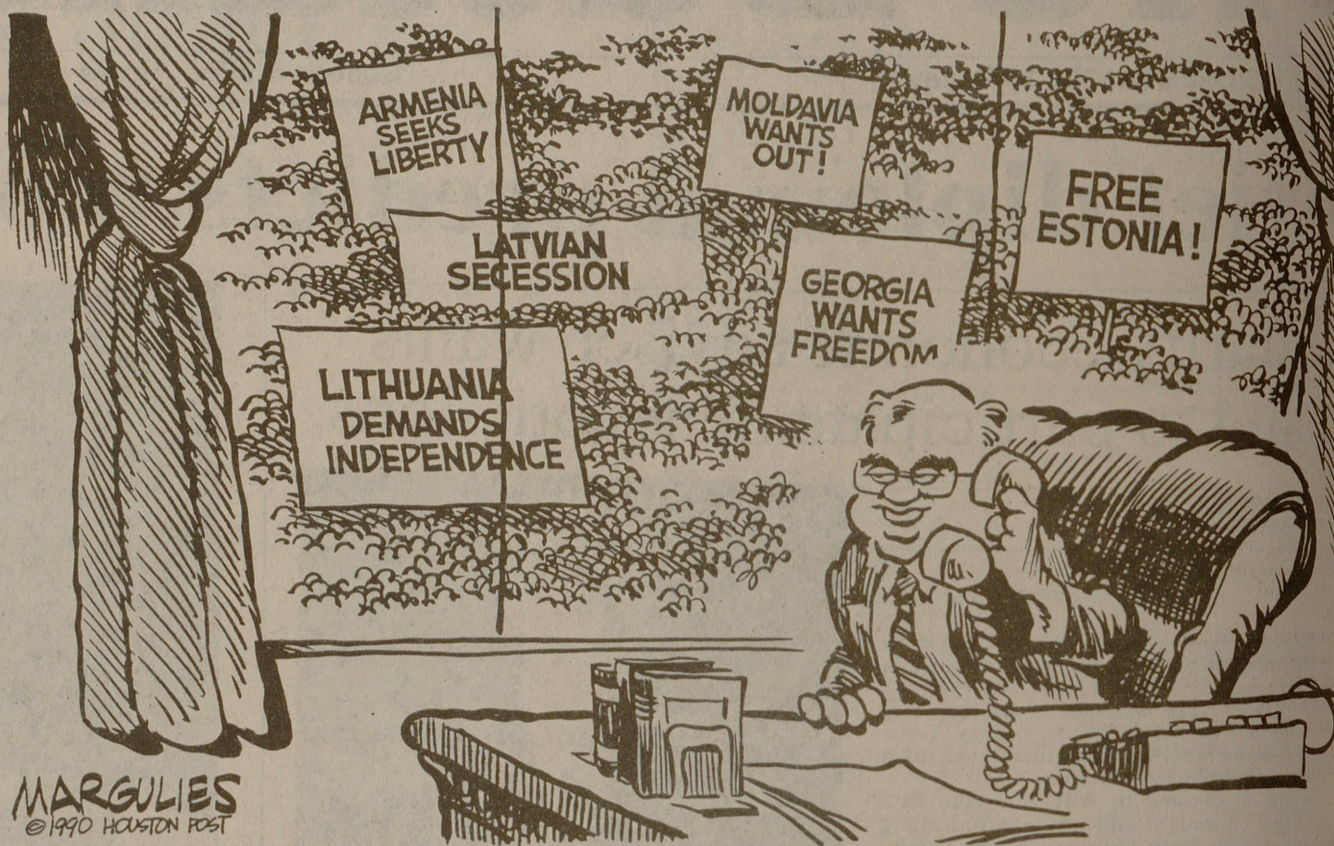
percent. You can do that by writing to:

Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, 11 West 42nd St., P.O. Box 3861, New York, NY 10163-3861.

If you are interested in helping preserve our environment, begin recycling or find out what other concerns exist and how you can get involved to produce change.

Join a group like TEAC or read a book like "50 Things You Can Do to Save the Earth" to find out more. We encourage you to think about your behavior and do what you can to be more considerate of our planet.

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"We'll support German reunification, if they'll back Soviet reunification."

## Texas needs new taxes to survive

George Bush was right when he said "no new taxes" for the United States, but Clayton Williams is wrong when he says the same thing about Texas.



Scot O. Walker  
Editor

The biggest problem facing the United States right now is the budget deficit. The main reasons we have the budget deficit are fiscal mismanagement and our inability to make tough choices like slashing social security and foreign aid to countries like Israel.

We certainly have mismanagement and waste in our state budget, but if all the state programs were 100 percent efficient, they still would be way underfunded. A good local example is our own Evans Library. The money allocated by the state amounts to about 50 percent (some estimates say as low as 40 percent) of what the library actually needs to operate at minimal levels.

In every area, Texas spends less per capita than the rest of the 10 most populous states. Less on public education, less on higher education, less on public health and hospitals, less on social programs.

The state simply needs more money. Everything is underfunded, especially

education, and the only way to do anything about it is through taxes. Everyone hates to hear that, and politicians absolutely refuse to say it, but sooner or later everyone must realize that on a state level, the time has come.

Jim Mattox was fond of offering the lottery as a panacea for what ails us. But, as Jim "Just Call Me Jesus" Mattox knew well, the lottery would raise only \$600 million in a good year. Sounds like a lot of money, but it would not pay for the public school reforms mandated by the courts, much less make up the disparities in funding of other programs. And considering our most recent experiment with legalized gambling — the horse racing debacle that is costing us more money than we are making — it's obvious we can't put all our hopes on a lottery.

Yes, I've heard all the economic

theories about how taxes inhibit growth and investment. I believe all those theories, but I also believe that there is a minimal level of contribution that the state just has to get from citizens and businesses, and Texas just isn't getting it.

When you can't balance a budget, you have two choices: cut spending or raise income. Spending in Texas is already below acceptable levels, and the only way to increase income is through new taxes. Texans are not presently staggering under the load of our tax burden, and I'm not suggesting that we tax ourselves into a recession.

But Texas needs new taxes. Texans need new taxes, and Texas A&M and the other schools all need new taxes.

But, if you are still opposed to new taxes for Texas, don't worry. There is no aspiring politician anywhere in our state who will stand up and say we need new taxes. And the saddest part is that we are damaging the future of our state by underfunding education, and it will cost us even more later to make up for all the damage we are doing.

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## Mail Call

### Xenophobe fears other opinions

EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Mr. Gary M. Gaither's letter in the April 27 issue. What ever happened to "The land of the free" and "All men are created equal"? Would you have homosexuals drinking from separate water fountains now as well? You represent the classic xenophobe. You are terrified of those who have different opinions or values than your own and seek to repress them.

Your own example of "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" should tell you this. Who was throwing who to the lions? You are attempting to make common cause with other of your ilk around the world, but by no means do you represent a majority, and even so, a majority is not always in the right.

Your use of the word "perversity" to describe these opinions clearly shows your fear of the other. In short, sir, your bigoted remarks are closed-minded and ill justified, and your feeble attempt to link your opinion to history is contemptible.

I believe South Africa would be a better climate for your

opinions. Don't get me all wrong: I believe that you should have the right to express your opinions, no matter how much I disagree with them, but you should always remember that everyone else does as well. Or is that also a "perversity" in your book?

Paul J. Bounds '92

### Is the Dream alive?

EDITOR:

My friends say that if it is in The Battalion it is the truth, but Martin is dead and Bobby went, too. So I ask you, is the Dream alive? Jesse said "Yes!" The University of Texas said "Yes!" Public Enemy and NWA both said "Yes!" Demetra said "Yes!" They all said "Yes, the Dream is alive!"

But it is 1990. Where is the Dream? Is it in the snide looks, the less than subtle innuendoes, the separate but equal treatment, the freedom not to associate? Is it in the racial jokes? Is it in the blatant, obvious and painful embarrassment of the Delta Tau Delta and Phi Gamma Delta organization as UT? Is

it in South Africa? Is it in the destroyed apartheid shanty on the Texas A&M campus?

George Bush said a new breeze would blow. All I feel is the same hot air we had for the last eight years. It sounds like the same tune with just a new voice singing the harmony, but harmony is not what I see and hear.

The comments at work are not kind. "They" should do for themselves. "They" are causing too much dissent. How can the Dream survive the mentality of "they" and "them" versus "us" and "we"? Tell me "Is the Dream alive?"

Paul Normandin '84

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