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# MAIL CALL

### Gay rights organization supports pedophiles

How legitimate is the gay rights movement? The National Coming Out Day issue of U.S. News contains an article on pedophiles. It reports that the North American Man/Boy Love Association is a member of the international Lesbian and Gay Association, which advocates "the treatment of all sexual minorities with respect," including pedophiles.

I think that pretty much sums up the gay rights movement. Instead of teaching children "Heather has two mommies," perhaps someday children will be learning "Heather has two mommies and a forty year-old lover named Hal." Hooray for sexual deviants!

Can I be the only person who thinks that John Scroggs has worn out his welcome as a Battalion columnist?

Grant Ruple  
Class of '94

### Study shows genetic trait linked to homosexuality

After reading the Mail Call on Oct. 7, I felt it was necessary to respond to the ignorance and obviously prejudiced views of one Mr. Peter Brunone. In his letter, Mr. Brunone chastises John Scroggs for his statement that homosexuality is "some sort of genetic thing." Throughout his letter, he quotes statistics and doctors supporting his theory that homosexuality and genetics are not linked in the slightest.

Perhaps Mr. Brunone should have done a little more research before coming to this close-minded conclusion. Simon LeVay, M.D. did extensive research in the hypothalamic structures of homosexual men versus heterosexual men. Mr. Brunone must have missed this study. Or maybe his television was not working when the news reported this summer that a gene had been identified with homosexuality.

Mr. Brunone also suggests that homosexuality can be "unlearned" and "treated successfully." Homosexuality is not a disease, it does not need treatment. Psychiatrists and psychologists can "treat" homosexuality by something they call conditioning. All conditioning is, is a fancy technical term for brainwashing. You can label in whatever you like, but you are still manipulating a person's mind and emotions to fit the views of society. The change is possible, but it is wrong.

As for the "experts" that Mr. Brunone quotes, I would just like to say that anyone can find someone to quote in regards to supporting his/her own beliefs. There's a saying: "Even the Devil can quote the Bible." Well, Devil, meet Peter Brunone.

Kimberly Campbell  
Class of '96

### America of the past never really a 'truly free society'

Our esteemed columnist, Eliot Williams, wants "a new American revolution" (per his Oct. 4 column). You see, "Our generation has very little concept of what life is like in a truly free society."

A "truly free society" is about as common as a vacuum in nature. Speaking of physics, it wasn't "luck" that Einstein's theories worked, he used his mind. Williams should too.

It seems Williams believes he can punch the entirety of the federal government into his Hewlett-Packard, subtract welfare, subtract capital gains taxes, hit the equals sign and reach LED nirvana.

He desires "to return to the system we governed ourselves with many years ago," before "the politics of race and poverty" when government worked "without forfeiting the natural rights of its citizens."

What was this haloed time Williams refers to? Why the time of Thomas Jefferson, of course, when women couldn't hold property (or vote),

and many blacks were property. I don't fault our forefathers nearly as much as I do those, like Williams, who think we should return to those days of yore.

Then, in a somewhat surprising move, Williams switches 180 degrees from ultra conservative to nihilist. I doubt many readers waded through to the thirteenth paragraph, but here he states, "Therefore, the only way to achieve total liberty is for our markets to fail." He has very little concept of what life was like during the depression.

When I deliver this letter, perhaps I could relieve him of his wallet. Someone has already relieved him of his brain.

Mike Quinn  
Graduate student

### People stare because of appearance, not race

Tracey Jones, please quit bashing white students. You suggest that the Dixie Chicken have alternative music night. And "hip-hop" night?! To accommodate minorities?! I've been to alternative music clubs, and they don't throw George Jones on when wranglers and ropers walk through the door.

They stare because of different appearances, not because you're black. If you were partying with 400 black people, and one white person walked in, I think that person would get stared at, too.

Why don't you work on starting a "hip-hop" club? You wrote a column about how singled out you felt at the Chicken, how much you didn't like it, and then you asked the Chicken to offer a few nights to focus on only minorities!

Please, no more of your black hero adventure stories and how blacks are always singled out. I don't know of a "White Accountants Society" at this university.

Shauna Wells  
Class of '94

### Columnist works hard to find incidents of racism

I was not surprised to find the subject of Tracy Jones' column this week was "racism in nightclubs." Last week it was "racist professors at A&M" and although I cannot recall the previous week's, I do remember it was along the lines of (gasp) racism. I find it difficult to believe Ms. Jones cannot find some other topic of interest, being the educated lady she is. As a reader I would appreciate some variety, although I do understand how strongly she seems to feel about her chosen topic and would therefore like to respond to her position.

"Seek and ye shall find." It seems Ms. Jones has sought and found racist attitudes in every aspect of her life at A&M. She has stated many instances of behavior, some seemingly innocuous, that are actually products of deep-set racist attitudes. If you feel self-conscious walking into a room solely because your particular ethnic group is not represented en masse, it would appear that you are suffering from your own feelings of insecurity and not at the hands of a bigoted society.

Why should you feel unwelcome? Those people staring didn't invite you there. Why should you care what they're thinking? If acceptance is what you're seeking, why don't you try smiling back and saying "Howdy!" If they return the favor, you've just made a positive impression. If they don't, they have their own problems with insecurity which will only hurt themselves in the long run and which really shouldn't disturb you in the slightest. After all, they aren't your friends.

The Dixie Chicken caters to a certain type of audience. If Ms. Jones and her friends frequented the Chicken more often (once she had overcome her own feelings of insecurity), I'm sure their opinions and desires would weigh more heavily in the owner's mind.

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Quentin Ellis  
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