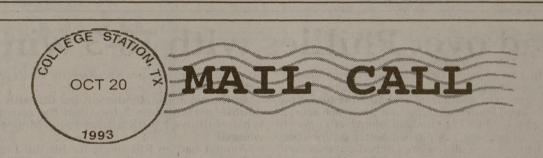


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#### **Freedom of expression** for all but Christians

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The recent criticism of professors mentioning their Christian faith in the classroom is representative of a nationwide trend of double-standard liberalism. Across this country and now at Texas A&M, every group with an opposing or unconventional view is insured of freedom of speech and a platform from which to present their message. Those opposing their view are labeled as "narrowminded, "bigoted" or "judgmental" just to name a few.

There is only one group in the United States and now Texas A&M that is not given these same privileges and is even criticized when they speak up, and that is Christians.

Liberals will go overboard to insure that homosexuals, Bonfire opposition, even peo-ple who won't take their hat off in the MSC are given "freedom to express their opinion" and "respect." However, when a few professors mention the fact that they believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, they are blasted and even on the front page of our campus newspaper.

I dare say that if a group of professors took out an advertisement professing the fact that they were homosexuals and mentioned the fact in class, the mighty band of liberals on this campus would bend over backward to insure that they were given their "freedom to express themselves" and that their opin-Liberals often accuse Christians of being

hypocrites. I think they need to look in the mirror.

> **Glenn** Stern Class of '95

#### Apathy, not protesters, real threat to Bonfire

Bonfire is one of Texas A&M's most famous and visible traditions, but the tradition is dying. It is not dying because of the efforts of environmentalists trying to turn it into an "ecological disaster" or because of lack of popular support; it is dying because

of apathy. The general public at A&M likes the Bon-fire tradition. That is immediately obvious by the large amount of Bonfire paraphernalia worn and owned by the student body on any given weekday. On weekends, however, Bonfire support seems virtually nonexistent by comparison.

Some of you may not realize that you are more valuable to the building of Bonfire than any other asset available to the redpots. It is dedicated Aggies giving of themselves who kill the trees, load the trucks and wire logs into stack. Without these individuals, there would be no Bonfire. The problem is that these individuals are too few.

If every single Aggie killed just one tree apiece, we could build three Bonfires. We need you so we can build it again. This Saturday and Sunday is your chance to do your part to ensure that, come Nov. 24, you'll have something to do besides washing your clothes or watching another great rerun on HBO.

and edifice do to human behavior, particularly when the bureaucracy grows into the monster that it is the United States

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But after my own recent experiences with bureaucracy and reviewing what happened to Wade Graham (the student and cadet who was expelled from this university through no fault of his own), I can't help noticing a disturbing trend: the divorce of the administration from the reality that the students live in. And, keeping in mind that the administrator most associated with a more benevolent bureaucracy, Dr. Koldus, retired this semester, I am more than passively concerned.

My most recent experiences with our bureaucracy taught me several things. First, bureaucracies diffuse responsibility. In a very real sense, no one is ever held accountable. In any given situation, the bureaucrat's defense can be invoked: "That's not my department." And then when the unfortunate occurs, endless finger pointing ensues. Using the words of a past president, "plausible deniability" becomes the watchword.

Second, because of the hopelessly latticed command structure, accountability is shuffled from desk to desk, from department to department. The net result being that students like Wade Graham lose out, in part, because no one in the bureaucracy had the fortitude to take responsibility

The solution at places like Texas A&M traditionally has been to circumvent this vicious cycle by cultivating leaders like Dr. Koldus who keep an eye out for students falling through cracks in the gears of the bureaucracy. Being available to troubleshoot for students and acting as a liaison between the bu-reaucracy and the individual has been one of the greatest legacies left to us by those such as Dr. Koldus

But, as we head into the twenty-first century, the question remains: what will the new bureaucratic tradition for Texas A&M be? 'As an American and a Texas Aggie, I demand that our bureaucracies work for our good, not the good of the bureaucrat. I only hope that Dr. Koldus' temporary replacement, Dr. Malon Sutherland, and whoever the new university president may be, look at this dilemma the same way Dr. Koldus did and live up to the tradition.

> Dave J. Morris Class of '93

### **Diversity often excuse** for discrimination

In many ways certain kinds of diversity are good for the American society. The recognition of different races, religions and the opposite sex has lead to many benefits in every part of our society

However, there is a very fine line that separates beneficial diversity and harmful diversity. I believe at Texas A&M this line has been crossed. For example, I was walking through the commons when I noticed a poster screaming, "Celebrate Diversity." thought, "How nice." I looked down and saw the diversity of which the poster spoke: gay, lesbian and bisexual persons (not the

same Aggies I know).

Wednesday, October 2

Group A says they are not as fortuna Wedne looked upon as equal. They whine for spe services. The status quo's solution: sate group A until the whining subsides

Have we really made Group A equ have we just succeeded further in separ them from the society with special servi Morals and ethics are gone in this con I see only one hope: God and those who

stand up for true ethics and pure morals. I don't know who they are. I do kno probably isn't me. You see, I fall sometimes too. However, I try. I try to good person, and I applaud all of your also try.

I see our society slowly crumbling du things like a whacked out welfare sy gay rights and affirmative action (kno many as reverse discrimination). Can imagine our kids growing up in a soo that fights for the rights of men who has with other men and people who get based solely on quotas?

To the response: "Oh John's just a ho phobic, redneck bigot." 'Fraid not.] feel like people were created equal, and all have to go through persecution time to stop blaming everyone else f misfortune and try to do something a it. I will not support anyone who celebro something that is an obvious aboming to my God.

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### Ladies enjoy privilege of leaving their hatso

I am writing in reference to the concerning females wearing hats du yell at the games (Oct. 15). The remov hats during yell is a tradition created men of A&M for the men of A&M.Ia that I am one of those ladies you saw remove her hat at the Missouri gan quickly was physically threatened and lishec I could trade sides and go to Missouri, gover woman no less. betwe

My father, a respected Texas judge, told me "that any female could be a won but only certain females could reach thes tus of a lady.

As for that excuse that I should take hat off because of women's equal rights, father told me that I deserved my rights and respect because I had worked them and not because I had expected then love those rights of equality, but I still being treated like a lady. I hope to my status as a lady here at A&M, if everyone else would let me.

Being a lady means keeping your hato the games, saying thank you when some opens a door and being happy that there still men out there who will treat me as su To Jennifer, I ask you to consider if you and lady or a woman.

One last thing, they changed the ded tion for the MSC to "all Aggies who he died in any war" and "all individuals: move their hats.

ve their hats." So, in the MSC, you will find me with every "M hat in my hand.

> Jennifer Lee Jacks Class of

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### **Bureaucracy divides** student, administration

As an Aggie, I have lived the Spirit of Ag-gieland, and I know that the Spirit doesn't always extend to the administration of this university. Much can be said about where Texas A&M is headed and what bureaucracy

stomach churned. How can a society which is so educated, not only by books but also by our past, want to celebrate something like homosexuality and bisexuality?

If I were to say "in the name of diversity, we must celebrate the minority of our society that is persecuted for drug use," I would be hunted.

You see, it is not how minority a group is or how much a group is persecuted, it's what the group stands for. I am amazed at how groups of people can whine about inequality and prejudice and get away with those same things. It is time we as a nation stop giving special favors to those who "believe" they

are well deserving. For example, group A is a small part of a bunch of groups combined in a society.

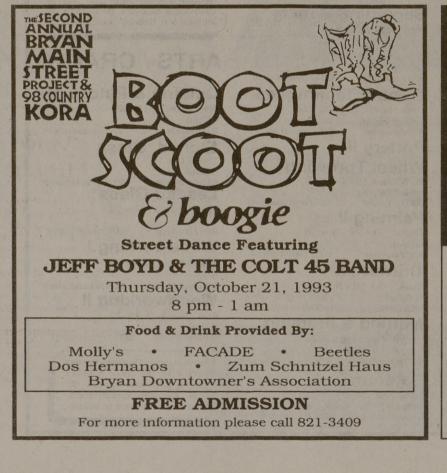
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had turned them into the South Area Office lege is

As relieved as I was to have my propa returned, I was unable to thank him for buildin honesty because he neglect to leave a name or phone number.

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