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MAIL CALL

Give foreign professors the respect they deserve

I'd like to express my disappointment in the lack of respect for some of A&M's foreign professors, as I have witnessed in my math class. It seems that some students enjoy making cracks about professor's accents or their pronunciation.

I'd like to challenge all these students to try to learn a foreign language well enough so that they don't speak it with an accent and then stand up in front of 100 people and teach. It's very hard, and I believe that before throwing around snide comments one should think about some of these professors. Many of them are very well educated doctors who have had to learn English, one of the hardest languages to learn, as adults. Learning any language as an adult is very difficult, especially one so difficult as English.

I merely wanted to point out that when people make rude comments and loud imitations, it not only distracts those who are trying to learn but it also distracts the professor and probably makes he or she feel very bad.

The disruptions are unnecessary and in bad taste. If you come to class to make fun of the professor, then you must not have anything better to do. Perhaps you should just not come to class, or maybe you should sit quiet and listen. A lot can be learned when a person from another country teaches you American history or political science or even English. A new perspective may be very enlightening.

With all this fuss over multiculturalism, it may serve well to begin cultural awareness by offering your professors the respect they deserve as well-educated individuals and as teachers. By showing tolerance to the way a person speaks our language and by realizing that this person is bi- or even trilingual, we will be traveling a large step forward in the quest for cultural awareness.

A.M. Sierra-Martinez
Class of '97

Administration doesn't act to control boosters

The recent charges of major violations in the athletic department of Texas A&M University come as no surprise to me. It is not because I question the integrity of Coach Slocum or Recruiting Coordinator Tim Cassidy. I continue to have the utmost respect for these two men. The problem lies with the overzealous alumni and worst of all with a university administration that has done nothing to discourage these illegal actions.

The man who was largely responsible for our probation in 1988 was Rod Dockery. At the time, A&M disassociated him from our athletic program. This summer, Dockery signed a multi-million dollar contract with A&M which allowed his company to perform services in the name of Texas A&M University. The University seemed to think that Mr. Dockery had paid his dues. This act by our university sent out signals.

First, it signaled to A&M alumni (such as Warren Gilbert) that this university will forgive an act that puts the Texas A&M football program in jeopardy. It ignores the fact that future violations, if not this one, could lead to the "death penalty."

Secondly, it unfairly signaled to the NCAA infractions committee that Coach Slocum's tough talk about running a clean program was just that, talk.

The problem is that if A&M ever gets the "death penalty," Dockery will still have the profits from his deal to help sober the loss, while fans like me will feel like our lives are finished. These fans will have given their

hearts as well as their voices to the Aggies over the years. The great memories of Ray Childress, Bucky Richardson, Darren Lewis and Sam Adams giving everything they had for maroon and white will be tarnished if the administration continues to appease the likes of Dockery and Gilbert.

Tom Pearson
Graduate student
Class of '90

Grad students treated as second class citizens

I am writing to complain about the second class treatment of graduate students. First of all, it is a crime that graduate students are not receiving the same stipend wages. Some receive as little as \$400 a month while others receive as much as \$1200 a month. There should be a universal A&M graduate student stipend, otherwise the University sends out the message that some Aggies are not as important as others.

Secondly, as graduate students, we are charged an additional \$14 more per credit hour than undergraduates. Even more offensive, many of my colleagues and I are being charged a lab fee for a lab we are not being offered - only to be told there's nothing anyone can do about it.

Finally, what provoked me to write in was that I recently found out that as a graduate student, I am not going to be allowed to order my ring in time for my graduation. Undergraduates have only to complete 95 hours and may still be as many as 57 hours away from graduation when they order their rings. Graduate students, however, are being required to complete all of their requirements for graduation before even being allowed to order a ring.

I am sorry, but this does not seem fair to me. Graduate studies gives us until Oct. 29 to defend, Nov. 5 to submit our theses and dissertations, and until Dec. 3 to submit final corrections in order to graduate in December.

I don't understand why we can't order our rings provisionally, as well. If the undergraduates can order their rings way before they graduate, why can't graduate students do the same? The only answer I get is "It's always been done this way," or "It's not our fault. It's so-and-so's office."

It seems to me that all of these ridiculous procedures and requirements were created long ago, and no one has ever bothered to change them. I find this all very offensive and am currently, along with many of my colleagues, not feeling very inclined to make any future alumni contributions to a university that treats me as a second class citizen and attempts to frustrate me at every turn.

Elizabeth A. Allen
Graduate student

Forget football; A&M number one in red tape

In response to your editorial on Tuesday, Oct. 19, regarding the bureaucracy and red tape at Texas A&M, I wonder why this surprises you? Have you ever tried to use the Financial Aid Office? Have you ever tried to use the Student Finance Center? Get a new ID card? Co-enroll?

Texas A&M is a world class university, and our red tape should not be any less. I dare say, the red tape at the University of Texas is nowhere near in our league. We are heads and tails above the rest. I've attended four other schools around the country, and we are without a doubt the best. Forget what the football polls rank us. I consider us the

National Champs the last 6 years running when it comes to red tape and bureaucracy. If there ever became some type of professional league for this, say the Federal Government, I think Texas A&M would be a hotbed of recruitment activity.

So next time you hear about some students slipping through the cracks or having to go to three different buildings to get a photo ID card, remember it is only Texas A&M living up to its world class reputation, and you should expect nothing less.

Richard Sears
Graduate student

Lubbock resident says Tech fans are immature

I am a member of a country band who plays every weekend at the Old Town Cafe in Lubbock. A couple of weeks ago, on the weekend of the Tech-A&M game, we were privileged to have a number of Aggie fans at our audience on Friday night.

They did some impromptu cheering for their football team on one of our breaks. A Tech fan asked me if he could use my microphone to respond to them. I hesitated, telling him I did not want any ugliness. He assured me that he would be very polite. Foolishly, I gave him the microphone. Without giving obscene specifics, I can tell you that he was anything but polite.

My purpose in writing this is to apologize on behalf of myself and the members of the Old Town Cafe House Band, for his behavior. Obviously, I regretted giving him the microphone as soon as I realized what he was doing, but it was too late by then. I would like to say to everyone at A&M that some of us in Lubbock are tired of the childish rudeness some Tech fans delight in throwing at you. We do not ALL agree with it, and some of us would like for it to stop.

We had a number of A&M fans come back to Old Town on Saturday night also. I want all of you who were there either night to know that the band really appreciated you. You were not only extremely polite, but you liked our music and let us know it. I have never had people for whom I enjoyed playing any more than I did the A&M fans that weekend.

We hope that you will come back to Old Town next time you're in Lubbock, and we hope that the Tech fans will grow up one of these days.

Maggie Durham
Old Town Cafe House Band
Lubbock

Bonfire wake-up calls have negative effect

Traditions constitute an integral aspect of life at Texas A&M University. However, at times these experiences are degraded by those who are entrusted with their implementation. The acts to which I am referring are the 6 o'clock wake-up calls that rattle the foundation of Aston Hall every weekend in preparation for Aggie Bonfire.

For 15 to 30 minutes every Saturday and Sunday morning, the leadership of Aston Hall bang on resident's doors and yell such catch phrases as "let's go kill some trees" and "wake-up you stupid pricks," while heavy metal blasts and the flagpole is struck repeatedly with an axe handle in the courtyard.

In regard to wake-up calls, the Residence Hall Handbook and Planner states that "use of excessive noise in the hallways to wake up Bonfire participants is not permitted. These methods include, but are not limited to, banging axe handles on doors, loud stereo, air horns, chain saws, etc."

In addition to breaking regulations, the acts negatively affect student attitudes toward Bonfire and other traditions. If this is allowed to continue, support for such traditions will no doubt dwindle, thus tainting the Spirit of Aggieland.

Chad White
Class of '97

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