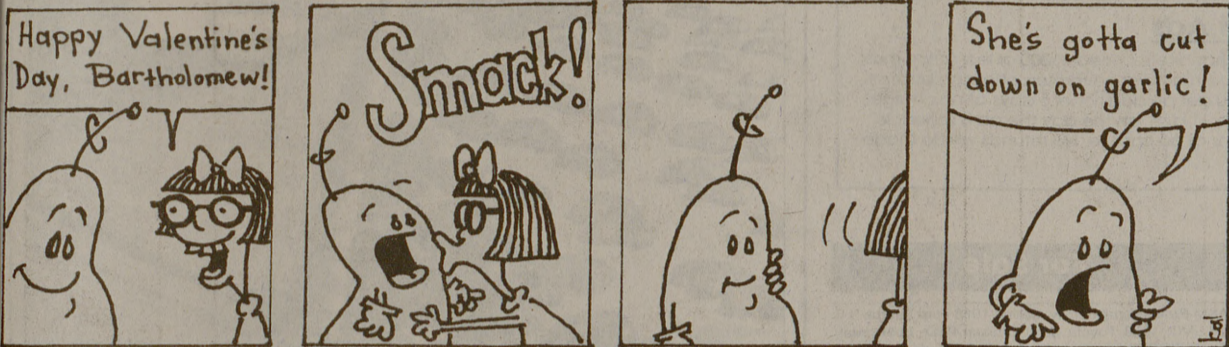


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Prayer

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"They can pass legislation, but Christ still lives in my heart, and I can still pray."

Brett Lemoine, a senior computer science major and president of the Agnostic and Atheist student group, said the amendments really won't change anything because the right to pray already was protected in the Constitution. The amendments simply clarify a right that has already been provided for.

"The First Amendment and the separation of church and state protects individuals from religion and

protects religion from the government," he said. "It is important that a school system does not sponsor or organize prayer for students, but the amendment the way it is stated is fantastic."

"If the amendment said it would withdraw funds from a school if it did not sponsor a prayer session, then that would be way out of line. But the amendments are just saying that you can't stop students from praying."

But members of other groups feel that religion has no place in schools in any form.

Weiner said time for silent thought is fine in schools, but it needs strict control and should not be preempted by religious thought.

"Religious prayer just can't be tolerated in public schools," Weiner said.

Heather Anderson, a junior biomedical sciences major and president of Aggie Lutherans, said she agrees with the amendments, but feels that withdrawing funds is too harsh.

She said that it is important to allow a student to voluntarily pray, but Amendment 75-22 would be better if another form of punishment were used.

"There is a lot of diversity and we have to recognize this diversity and think of others' feelings in prayer situations," she said. "We must be sensitive to everyone's needs."

Minority

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more of them will feel even more comfortable at the University," he said.

He suggests going to black high schools and churches and offering more scholarship money to black students.

"We lose a lot of students because they are not able to afford Texas A&M and they get better offers," Carreathers said.

Tony Jackson, senior academic advisor for the College of Business and a member of the recently created University Committee for Undergraduate Minority Recruitment Coordination, said Texas A&M needs a strong commitment from the top level of the University.

"If you can get people who have the vision, you can carve out a niche and get some good students," Jackson said.

Natasha Hudspeth, a black sophomore psychology major, said Texas A&M is doing an excellent

job of motivating students to come here.

"A&M was one of the few universities I visited that looked at minority students as students they would like to come here," she said. "UT basically was very cold and had sort of a disconnected feeling."

Although Hudspeth said she does not think there are enough minority students at Texas A&M, she said skin color should not affect recruitment.

Hudspeth said she is concerned because black students are often stereotyped as only being at Texas A&M on scholarship.

"It's presumptuous to think black students are here as athletes or on scholarship," she said. "I'm not here to make a statement or to prove something to someone. I'm here to get an education."

James Courtney, Class of '67 and one of the first black students admitted to the University, said A&M should not use any type of a quota system or try to increase its minority enrollment.

"I think our school is doing all it needs to do," Courtney said. "We

need to only take the best students."

Wash Jones, area coordinator for student activities, said Texas A&M needs to make changes in the future in order to help black students feel more comfortable at the University.

"Texas A&M has been talking about wanting to diversify," Jones said. "If they want to diversify, they have to go out and recruit blacks a little harder to convince the black students that they fit in."

"We need to make the environment more appetizing to minorities with programs geared toward their success and sensitive to their needs. We also need to make sure staff and faculty are sensitive to black students."

Jones said the University has come a long way in making black students adjust to life at Texas A&M, but much still has to be done.

"If we continue to make small strides in the direction we're going, things will get better," Jones said. "It's not going to happen overnight."

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Homosexual community unwelcomes pedophiles

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The gay community has long allowed other sexual outcasts to ride its coattails, from transvestites and transsexuals to bisexuals and leather-fetishists. But it is now trying to distance itself from pedophiles.

Last month, a New York group called Stonewall 25 voted to bar the controversial North American Man-Boy Love Association from its international march on the United Nations on June 26. The demonstration will commemorate the 25th anniversary of an uprising at the Stonewall Inn, a Greenwich Village gay bar.

"Those who advocate or engage in sexual abuse of young people are not welcome in the family of gay men and lesbians who live upstanding and honorable lives," said Pat Norman, a co-chair of the march.

The gay community has histori-

cally been inconsistent in its response to pedophiles, leaving itself open to attack.

In January, the Senate unanimously passed an amendment, introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., to sharply reduce funds to the United Nations unless it severs ties with the International Lesbian and Gay Association. Helms objected to the association's relationship to NAMBLA, one of about 350 groups that belong to ILGA.

Helms said the United States was "fast asleep at the switch" when it joined other nations in voting last year to give consultative status to ILGA in the U.N. Economic and Social Council.

The council is a 54-nation body that studies economic and social issues and makes non-binding recommendations to the U.N. General Assembly on such topics as human rights, the status of women, population, social welfare, crime and other issues.

Blood cholesterol levels sweet on chocolate lovers

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Bring on those bonbons. Pour on that chocolate syrup and go ahead and buy that box of Valentine's candies because chocolate, even when consumed daily, does not raise blood cholesterol levels, a new study says.

Not that the study affects the eating habits of a true chocolate lover.

"We just love chocolate," said Susan Pingleton of Dallas, a hospice nurse, as she sipped a cup of steaming cappuccino. "It doesn't make a difference to us about studies."

Fellow chocaholic Ruby Marrero, also a nurse, agreed.

"I come here whenever I'm in the area — and that's a lot," Ms. Marrero said while downing a piece of chocolate-covered cheesecake at Neuhaus Chocolate Shop.

Dr. Penny Kris-Etherton of

Pennsylvania State University and principal researcher of the study, says it sheds new light on an unusual fatty acid.

"This finding is exciting, because it confirms past studies that stearic acid, the predominant saturated fat in milk chocolate, is a unique fatty acid," Kris-Etherton said.

Cocoa butter, which makes up 55 percent to 60 percent of chocolate, is rich in stearic acid.

The study included a group of 15 male students from Penn State, all of whom were given foods high in saturated fat over a nine-week period. Some were given one candy bar a day.

All meals were provided by the Nutrition Department's Food Laboratory.

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