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# **CLASSROOM COMMUNICATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CCEP)**

#### **PURPOSE:**

The Classroom Communication Enhancement Program is designed as an integral part of efforts to continue to enhance Texas A&M University's tradition of excellence in undergraduate education. In any classroom setting occasional problems which impede communication between a professor and a student may arise. The Classroom Communication Enhancement Program provides an effective mechanism for solving such problems at the level where they occur and the individuals of responsibility. Moreover, the procedures are designed to effect resolution in an expedient manner.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CCEP**

A student who has a concern about classroom communication should first discuss the concern with the instructor of the class. If, despite discussion with the instructor, the issue is not resolved, the student then may bring the matter to the attention of the department head of the instructor's department. At that point, a form (Classroom Communication Concerns Form) is completed by the student. If the matter is so sensitive that discussion with the instructor is impossible, the student may report the concern to the department head; at that point the form mentioned will be filled out.

The classroom Communication Enhancement Form Describes later steps in the procedure.

#### **Types of Problems Not Covered By CCEP**

Sexual Harassment

Discrimination

Grade Appeals

Please refer to Texas A&M University Rules and Regulations for procedures concerning these problems.

Questions about the Classroom Communication Enhancement Program may be directed to your dean's office.

#### Thursday • September 8, 1994



## Schools must include religion

I would like to clarify a popular misconception. The First Amendment of our Constitution states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." This means Congress could not establish a NATIONAL DENOMINA-TION. For 170 years after drafting the Constitution, the First Amendment still applies as such. However, in 1962, the Supreme Court changed the definition of "church" from "denomination" to "religious activity.

America's Founding Fathers recognized the importance of our Christian heritage. Ben Franklin said, "... God governs in the affairs of man.' And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?" Franklin also warned that the exclusion of God would result in internal disputes, the decay of the nation's prestige and reputation and a diminished national success. The stained glass in the U.S. Congressional chapel portrays George Washington kneeling in prayer. Washington warned that if religious principles were excluded, the nation's morality and political prosperity would suffer

Our nation's first schools began in churches. For more than three centuries, public schools not only promoted prayer, they relied on the Bible as the primary instrument to teach reading, character and morals. Chapel attendance was required at Texas A&M from 1886-1918. When William Bizzell became President of A&M (1914), he announced that certain policies would prevail including higher standards of morality and greater religious activity. Bizzell insisted upon faculty participation in Sunday school and religious activities by instituting a school of religious instruction which offered a four-year course on the Old and New Testaments

It is said that "separation of church and state" is so misunderstood today. The current misinterpretation of our First Amendment is fulfilling the prophecies of Washington and Franklin at the expense of our nation AND our schools.

> Heidi W. Voges Class of '95

### A&M plagued with cliques

It was with great anticipation that I made the transition from high school to Texas A&M. I was expecting great things from this place with its reputation for being the friendliest campus in the nation. I told myself that I was finally free of the cliques, the

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prejudices and the petty preoccupations of school life. Here, I thought, I would be able to a act freely with a diverse population of student would become my intellectual companions and friends. I expected courtesy, friendliness and the sence of the snobbery that plagues so man schools. However, I have been alarmed to find ries of blank, expressionless faces greeting me day, and I've learned to expect friendliness in ing degrees according to what I'm wearing.

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I've also noticed things like racial divisi inconsiderate behavior. For example, the the ramp outside the MSC has a sign ab asking people not to chain their bikes th keep it accessible to our handicapped stur and visitors. Nevertheless, many bikes chained to the rail. These same Aggies not "lie, cheat or steal" obviously don't have thing in their code about common courtesy.

People here often seem to function arou another rather than with one another. add that many people are very friendly : cere, but I think we can do better. I'm ha be here, but I'm not content to sit here serve what I think is wrong. I would like this, not as a condemnation, but as a d to stop quibbling about politics, stop th about who has or wears what and not was cious time acting like high-school snobs. one, am looking for a few real friends.

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### Build the hell outta Bonf

For the last two years, I've read the Batta and have been alternately amused and ann by the editorial page. However, the artic Lynn Booher on Sept. 1 bothered me enoug actually write. Booher, in a "list of rules freshmen, informed the Class of '98 that "uncool" to participate in Bonfire wakeups come letterheads, as well as anything deemed "redass." Since she implied that she speaking from experience, I was curious which dorm she lived in. If Booher lived i ner, then my question is answered. But didn't, then she really has no business to about something she can't possibly underst

As for her assertion that it is "uncool," I to point out that many people think that st ing up at football games and giving a dog an

tary rank is "uncool;" however, most of the tions to the MS ple go to other schools besides Texas A&M. demics are important, but it takes more t diploma and a ring to be an Aggie. It me from 2 t hard work and camaraderie and sometimes have bo MSC wi getting up at five in the morning. But for A who participate in every aspect of life at a there is no other way. To the Class of 9 like to offer my own advice - Build the Outta Bonfire.

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