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Faculty backs professor's rights

AUSTIN (AP) — As some students, state lawmakers and others call for his ouster, University of Texas law professor Lino Graglia is getting support from those who defend his rights of free speech.

The university's Faculty Council issued a resolution saying it believes in "academic freedom, tenure and the right of faculty members to speak as individuals with the protections accorded by the Constitution."

Graglia sparked controversy last week when he told a news conference that blacks and Mexican Americans can't compete with whites and tend to come from cultures "in which failure is not looked upon in disgrace."

The 67-year-old professor has been teaching at UT since 1966.

At a meeting Monday, the Faculty Council ap-

proved a resolution on free speech and diversity.

While defending Graglia's rights, the resolution initially also proposed to say that the Faculty Council deprecates views that "denigrate the academic qualifications of minority students." But that section was revised after objections were raised.

"This is a very troublesome resolution," said psychology professor Joe Horn. "It says, we have free speech but watch what you say ... I think we're taking a serious step back to qualify academic freedom in this way."

The resolution was changed to say that the council "strongly supports the value of diversity in higher education."

Graglia also received support from a campus rally sponsored by the Young Conservatives of

Texas, during which several students jumped on his defense.

"I wish his critics would debate him on issues, instead of conducting this character assassination by sound bite," said Mark Paredes, a second-year law student.

"Nobody has said, 'Graglia, you're wrong because of studies X, Y and Z.' ... All they've said, 'Our feelings are hurt,'" Paredes said.

Sonia Mohammed, chairwoman of the conservatives groups, condemned calls by lawmakers to remove Graglia.

"I think it's an atrocity that our elected officials would suggest that a tenured professor be removed from his job simply because he expressed a view that may be unpopular," she said. The Daily Texan.

Convict seeks pardon

HOUSTON (AP) — After serving 12 years of a life prison sentence for rape, DNA testing cleared Kevin James Byrd of the crime. Now the 36-year-old — free on bail — wants Texas Gov. George Bush to clear his name and give him a pardon.

"I think I've been through enough," says Byrd, released from prison July 30.

Backing his request for a pardon are the judge who oversaw his 1985 trial and the Harris County district attorney's office that prosecuted him.

But science or no science, a cautious Bush has referred the matter back to court. That's prompted Byrd's attorney to

suggest Bush's flirtation with a White House run has stalled his client's petition.

"I think a strong possibility exists because my instincts tell me that if this case were in any other state in which a governor did not have political aspirations ... that governor would have signed off (on the pardon) in a heartbeat," says Randy Schaffer, the attorney.

Nothing could be farther from the truth, insists Bush spokesman Karen Hughes.

"The court has never ruled on the admissibility of this evidence," Hughes says, referring to the DNA test results that favored Byrd. "The proper venue is in the courts."

RALLY

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"So I ask you to do the same and be the kind of folks that will work with everybody — Republicans, liberals, conservatives and Democrats. It's vital not only for you but for our nation," Morales said.

Georgette Lopez Agud, the first president of the Hispanic Heritage Council and Class of '92, said she and eight other Hispanic students formed the council to bring the different Hispanic organizations together to cooperate instead of competing against one another.

Lopez Agud described the different organizations as "multicolored pieces of a quilt." She said as more Mexican-American groups were created at A&M, ideas began to clash and a struggle began for students interested in the organizations.

She said the leaders of these organi-

zations had to find a pattern for the "quilt" or the groups would fail.

"We could still contribute our own unique and vibrant colors to this quilt," Lopez Agud said, "but the everlasting beauty would only be seen when the panels were stitched together and as one. We found the strength and courage to respect what each group contributed to this Aggie culture."

She said she was pleased with what the HPC has accomplished and how it has grown since the group was formed in 1991.

Radio station "La Fabulosa," KMBA 99.5 FM, broadcasted live from the rally. Jose Sanchez, HPC president and a senior finance major, introduced the twelve presidents on the Hispanic Council.

Laura Huerta, CAMAC president and a senior Spanish major, explained the history of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Former President George Bush declared Sept. 15 - Oct. 15 National Hispanic Heritage Month on Aug. 17, 1988.

LOTTERY

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Anthony said he gave BANA 303 and 305 students the assignment for several reasons.

He wanted students who had not used the computer lab over the summer to get back in lab and get an account number and a new password. He also wanted them to become familiar with the EXCEL program.

"Underlying, I want them to know how slim their chances are of ever winning or not to do it (playing the lottery) as an investment," he said.

Randy Sullivan, a BANA 303 student and a junior finance major, said he was not surprised no one won the 'A' because he did not think Anthony would offer such a good prize if he thought someone would win.

He said the project also taught him a lesson, not just about grades or the lottery, but about life.

"I learned that anything worth having you are going to have to work for," Sullivan said.

Although none of Anthony's students picked the winning numbers, Vasquez said at least three lottery players from the Bryan-College Station area have won.

Leslie Warren won \$10.1 million in September 1994, Gale Bradbury won \$8.9 million in February 1995 and Michael de la Mora won \$20

million in July 1997.

Anthony said he was none of his students was the assignment because he did not want to give his students false hope. He said the lottery is fun to play as a wrong way.

"The people who play the lottery pay a lot of money to the winners, but they talk about the millions of millions who lose," he said. "Of people buy a Lotto ticket instead of a loaf of bread."

However, Vasquez said Texas Lottery Commission ways has emphasized the lottery is a game to be played for fun only.


"We encourage all players to be prudent," Vasquez said.

She said a gambler's line number is printed on the back of every ticket and Texas Lotto advertisements. "Most of all, we want people to remember the game of chance," Vasquez said. "No one should play the hope that the ticket will cure all of the financial issues."

Sullivan said despite the hot-line number printed on the back of lottery tickets, he believes people still abuse the game.

"There are some people who treat their lottery like a check stub," Sullivan said. "They say, 'Tomorrow, I'm going to buy a Ferrari as soon as they read my numbers.'"

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