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**MAIL CALL**

**Private matters not public business**

*In response to the recent Mail Call on homosexuality:*  
I knew when I picked up a copy of Monday's Battalion that Mail Call on Tuesday would be quite interesting.  
What I was not prepared for was the overwhelming response from people claiming to be Christian. And for the record, I don't know what Bible Aaron Hendrick uses, but mine says: "These were the waters of Meribah, where the Israelites quarreled with the Lord and where he showed himself

holy among them" - Numbers 20:13.  
Perhaps something that most people don't realize is that there are 576 different actively practicing Protestant denominations in North America alone.  
This means without even reaching into Catholicism, Mormonism or various other religions, there are at least 576 different interpretations of the exact same book.  
I will readily concede that there are places in The Bible that refer to the wicked.  
Now what defines wicked is often left up to the translator.  
This is why we have the New International, New World, King James, The Living Word and so on.  
When comparing all of the wording of these Bibles, they are very similar but not exactly the same.  
Hence, the meaning and interpretation is not always the same.  
The thing to remember when dealing with any issue one does not necessarily agree with is simple.

One certainly has every right not to agree with someone's opinion or actions for any reason, not just religious.  
But with that right comes certain responsibilities that as adults is necessary to follow: If someone is not directly harming you or society in general, then keep your nose and your comments out of their business.  
And I refuse to believe anything that takes place in privacy and security of one's home is contributing to the degeneration of society.  
Lastly, for all you Christians out there: "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone."  
*Gwen Chapman  
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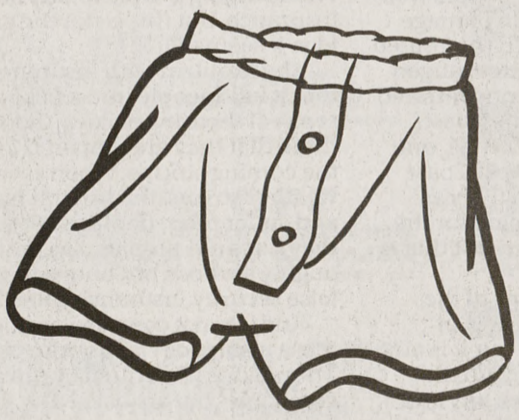
**Columnists abuse influential positions**

*In response to Donny Ferguson's Sept. 30 column, "The Boob Tube:"*  
I am proud to be an American. I am proud to call the most prosperous nation in the world my

home, but more important am proud of what makes it.  
Our country fought a brave fight, on the battlefield in the hearts of men to establish where every man, regardless of race, color or creed, enjoy certain rights. One of rights is freedom of speech.  
And here on campus, this right has manifested itself in form of our newspaper, The Battalion.  
As a freshman, I began reading The Battalion in an effort to make sense of this new, exciting campus.  
That didn't last for long, however, because I didn't feel the need to keep up with campus news but because I could no longer read The Battalion without feeling infuriated. It wasn't the helpful source of information, but a biased attempt of certain writers to exert their own founded opinions upon the sands of Aggies.  
As a matter of fact, I had given this "newspaper" a glance until last week when I read an article in which one writer tried to convey the C-SPAN.  
I suppose it wouldn't kill any of us students to partake in minutes of C-SPAN, in fact, I commend the writer as it mutually benefit some students. However, I received none of the benefits because, for all that there may have been in the article, I held nothing but contempt for the author and the insult upon poultry science major being us as drunkards.  
Yes, I am a poultry science major, but everyone in campus should be insulted - insulted because this author has abused his position of authority to air his ignorant opinions about a group of people of whom he has had no contact with - insulted because our Battalion has become nothing better than a gossip column.  
It seems to me, that perhaps once a victim of ridicule for the enjoyment of C-SPAN, this author has targeted others with the same immature name calling that thought we left behind in grade school.  
Actually, in my opinion, you find more obnoxious drunkards on C-SPAN. I hear Ted Kennedy is regular.

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**Christian messengers misunderstood**

*In response to Michael Sch...  
Oct. 6 column:*  
I am deeply offended that you would slander Christians with your column.  
My suggestion is that you should actually read the Bible passages around.  
Your article is incorrect on several points.  
"We earn God's love." God loved us first, it pains him when we sin against him.  
"Christianity tells students that God hates them, God hates what they do, God hates the way he made them." If God loved us so much, why did Jesus die for us?  
"Not even God can heal this is just outright wrong." God can save anyone, provided they are willing to receive him.  
Jesus Christ is the Lord of transformation. He can take anyone who receives him and mold him into the image of God. However, their hearts must be completely devoted to serving God.  
Michael, if you are willing to learn about Christianity, I am willing to talk to you.  
*Wilbert  
Class of '97  
Accompanying  
2 signatures*

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