

MAIL CALL

Church, state must remain separated

It would appear that many students writing to Mail Call recently felt that our nation's laws should be based on *The Bible*. This opinion is both dangerous and outrageous. As the 1797 Treaty with Tripoli states, "The government of the United States of America is not in any sense found-

ed on the Christian religion." If our laws happen to correspond to parts of *The Bible*, that is fine. However, laws should never be made or broken in order to comply with any religious doctrine. One must keep in mind that all religions are entirely rooted in "faith." No one on this planet can truly know who is correct. Therefore, we must make our laws based on what works best for our country,

not on what certain groups of people consider "morally correct."

Alycia Schwendeman
Class of '01

Yell leaders useless for Aggie basketball

I am writing in disgust of what I have witnessed at A&M men's basketball games this year. I respect A&M's traditions just as much as

everyone. However, the yell leaders do not belong at our basketball games. Time and time again, I've seen a rowdy crowd at Reed Arena silenced by "Hump It Ags." Every team that comes to Reed knows that a simple timeout will kill any momentum we have gained. During these timeouts, the student section is silenced in order to perform the yells. What the A&M basketball teams needs is some fast-paced music thrown

in these timeouts to keep the crowd in the game. I will say that I enjoy the dance team. They add excitement to the game and keep the team's momentum up. If we want to have a basketball team for the new millennium, we need to foster the proper basketball environment that other top basketball schools do.

Jack Patterson
Class of '99

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