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Aggie Spirit

Qatari students excited to join A&M

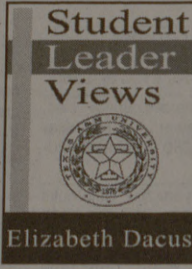
Aggie Spirit is not just about the traditions we hold dear. There has been much controversy recently about what are truly Texas A&M traditions and what is really part of the Aggie Spirit. I've come to the conclusion that although traditions are an important part of being an Aggie, our spirit is far more important and reaches much further than any of our traditions.

On a weeklong trip to the Texas A&M campus in Doha, Qatar, I met true Aggies who didn't know all our traditions, but still upheld the Aggie Spirit.

The 29 students I met at TAMUQ have the same love of family, friends and community we possess here in College Station. Much like us, they value unity and tradition in everything they do. In the four short weeks they have been in an Aggie school, they have formed a tightly-bound group that enjoys learning and spending time together.

The sense of community and family in this small group of students is just as you would find it on our home campus. The friendships they are forming are the kind that will hold them together for a lifetime.

These students also feel a strong connection with students who live thousands of miles and an ocean away. The Qatari students embraced the 13 students in our College Station delegation with open arms. We were instantly a part of their Aggie family in Qatar because we knew



Elizabeth Dacus



we were all Aggies.

Their biggest wish was to meet and know more Aggies from our main campus so that they could feel more community with them.

Not only did the 29 Qatari students have the Aggie Spirit, but the community was beginning to catch it as well. Just as our families and community leaders in College Station have become a part of the great Aggie family, the Qatari community was anxious to become a part of the Aggie family. We met numerous parents, friends, community members and business leaders who had already begun to capture the Aggie Spirit in their hearts.

Regent Sue Rudd Wynn commented on our trip that we found the "spirit that can never be told" in Qatar. I don't think she could be more right. Although we taught these students many of our most revered traditions while we were there, we did not have to teach them how to bleed maroon.

I hope that as we all look in to the future we won't spend so much time talking about uncovering or whether Sky Rocket should really be a yell. I hope we will think more about the spirit that holds our Aggie family together.

Memorial Student Center Council President Elizabeth Dacus is a senior accounting major.

A little safety advice for Aggies

I'm a bus driver and every day I see Aggies doing things that are very dangerous. I know that everyone is in a hurry, but there is no reason to walk in front of a moving vehicle, especially a bus.

Remember that thing your mom told you when you were little, "Look both ways before you cross the street." Every day people come very close to getting hit by a car or bus simply because they aren't paying attention. Being in a hurry is not a good reason to be seriously injured or killed.

Now for all you crazy bike riders on campus, many of you follow the laws and are concerned for your safety, but some of you don't even realize that you are jeopardizing your life and the lives of others and breaking the law. Bicyclists, you need to be aware that you are under the same laws as motor vehicles. You must stop at stop signs, you must stop at traffic lights. You are supposed to yield to other vehicles. You also need to "look both ways before you cross the street." They do give tickets to people on bikes for breaking the law.

For all Aggies, try to slow down and think before you do something that could be dangerous. Consider the people in the car that you walk or ride in front of and remember that they are in a hurry to

MAIL CALL

Remember that cars and buses are dangerous and they will do a lot more damage to you than you will do to them.

Geanie Jaffe
Class of 2004

Inmates deserve to feel pain

In response to Lindsay Orman's Oct. 15 column:

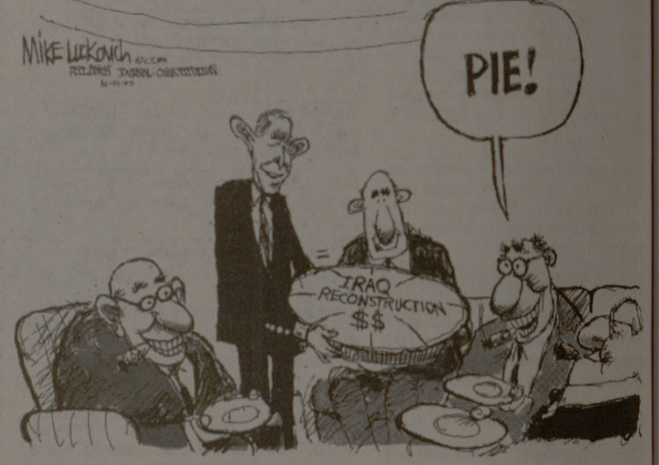
I, for one, believe that no matter how torturous an execution may be, the one receiving it deserves what he or she gets. I have grown up fully believing in the saying "an eye for an eye." Pavulon, a drug used for lethal injections, is considered inhumane by many because it actually allows the death-row inmates to feel the pain

of dying. I don't understand how the is so inhumane. Is a homicide not inhumane?

Any individual that performs a malicious act deserves to endure the same kind of pain that they bestowed upon their victim(s). If you want to call an execution inhumane, consider "Old Sparky" or hangings, but not lethal injections, no matter if the inmates do feel any kind of pain.

I am assuming that most people would almost enjoy seeing someone who murdered a loved one to experience a less "pleasant final breath." So, if anything is inhumane, it is only what the criminal did to end up on death-row and not the actual process of lethal injection.

Lindsey Rodgers
Class of 2006



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Sunday School 9:00
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Sunday Night: 5:45 p.m.
Mid-Week 6:45 p.m.
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Call for on-campus pick-up info
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www.am-umc.org/college

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