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Aggie legacy

Students must celebrate each other

It is hard to know when one crosses boundaries in life. On a daily basis, students are faced with decisions, and each choice provides a quick glimpse into the contents of their characters. As children, our beliefs are molded to different perspectives, ranging from politics to religion, often reflecting those of our parents.

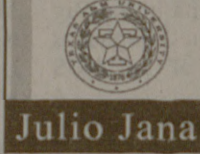
Once in school, students, children and teenagers continue the process of learning but, as college students, these issues are presented on a more academic level. We are taught by professionals who know how to extract the best from their students.

At some point in this lifelong process of intellectual development, students are also taught to be xenophobic, or to fear what is perceived to be abnormal according to our principles. As a result, hatred, racism, indifference and intolerance can arise. Feelings that distort human existence by creating the opposition of a certain race or set of beliefs, which became evident in the 20th century from the annihilation of Jews during World War II to the civil rights movements in the 1960s, can still be found today in our daily routine.

Principles that inspire discrimination of any kind must be reversed if we are to reach the fullest intellectual capabilities we seek in higher education.

As we all reside in the United States, the icon of democracy, we need to focus on the basis on

Student Leader Views



Julio Jana



which this great country was founded. We should feel honored and obligated to share the respect we receive and are taught at Texas A&M with those around us.

Let the feeling of belongingness students have gained by joining the Aggie family — one that judges no color, race, nationality or religion — be our contribution to the world. Although we often share different values and sets of beliefs and morals, by respecting each other's viewpoints, we can perpetuate the greatest legacy: the legacy of being Aggies until the day we die.

Having grown up in Latin America in an Italian/Lebanese family, at an early age I realized there are a lot of differences in the world. More importantly, I learned that even if people come from different backgrounds and possess assorted viewpoints on political, economical and religious issues, common ground can always be found. The greatest thing we can possess is respect for one another.

As a representative of A&M's international students, I am proud to be an Aggie. I am proud to be part of an institution that is striving for increased diversity and one that reaches beyond the borders of our daily lives.

International Student Association President
Julio Jana is a senior agricultural economics major

MAIL CALL

Bill Byrne misplaces blame

In his "Weekly Wednesday" column on aggieathletics.com, TAMU Athletics Director Bill Byrne seems to blame the Young Conservatives of Texas A&M and their "affirmative action bake sale" as the cause of recruiting difficulties. I would think it obvious that (1) our first losing football season in more than 20 years and (2) an embarrassing 77-0 defeat (which could have been even worse if Oklahoma hadn't let up in the fourth quarter) are going to have far more damaging effects on recruiting than a handful of students using a tongue-in-cheek activity to stimulate discussion on a current political topic.

Tim McGuire
Class of 1991

'Towel out' too expensive

To whomever attempted to create a "towel out" for the University of Texas game: Nice try. One of your problems was that all the old people — seniors and fifth years — remember a time when having a "towel out" meant reducing the price of a Twelfth man towel to \$1. That way, even the poorest of Ags could find enough loose change to afford one. Now organizations are figuring out that they can print their own towels at an equal or cheaper cost than \$4 each. I'm starting to think the "towel out" was just another factor in Bill Byrne's plan to boost revenue.

Curtis Rogers
Class of 2004

Political science lacks classes

As an international studies major, I am required to take POLS 329 or POLS 331 sometime during my college career. I was lucky; because I registered on the first day of junior

registration I got all my classes. My neighbor was not so lucky. She registered the second, and was not able to get any classes, even though she's a political science major. Currently, there are about 1000 POLS majors, but there are only 600 spots available for 300+ level classes. Also, there are international studies and American studies majors who also have to take these classes. At this rate, there are going to be far more political science majors that are going to be stuck here for 5 or 6 years due to the lack of courses.

I urge political science, American studies and international studies majors to contact the dept. of political science and Liberal Arts and express your concern for this problem.

Carlon B...

A lost ring during the game

During the University of Texas game, I realized that my Aggie ring flew off my finger. I told a few people around me and suddenly saw a wave of students bending over, looking under their benches. "Someone lost the Aggie ring!" I heard from several rows away. Even when we had the ball, people were getting down to help me and my friends look. After the game was over and it got cold and windy, you wouldn't believe how many Aggies stayed behind with us, crawling around on their stomachs, their hands and knees searching cracks and holes and pouring out drinks. At that moment, everyone cheered and whooped and I thanked them for helping. One man said, "Congratulations. Cherish forever." I've always loved A&M, but this made me realize what a wonderful family we all have here.

Erika Wood...

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