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has his own philosophy about the freestyling genre of rap. "It depends on the individual, but I think that most people have

rhyme memory bank that they work from on stage," Ehlig said As each student who raps seems to have a different perspective

on hip-hop-related topics, each of these men agree that the hip-ho scene at A&M is lacking.

"Hip-hop is not well-represented at A&M, and I felt like I was culture shock when I came here," Ehlig said. "I have been listening to rap since I was 11, and I feel like no one here does at all, excer to dance to the beats.

It does not take a place with a significant hip-hop scene for these rappers to find inspiration, but Williams feels more of a hiphe scene would spur positive change.

"I feel A&M needs more of a hip-hop presence because it is doorway to diversity," Williams said. "Diverse students want a come to a place where they know they will get diverse entertain ment. I know I don't want to hear Pat Green.'

Population at alt M is 2 percent black and I fett liked

I represent more than myself right

So failure isn't an option. I have to stay stalled

I have to look all the stereotypes and labels

Many critics who study the hip-hop culture use the term "he struggle" to categorize the inspiration for many rap songs.

'The term, 'the struggle,' is overused and almost cliche to me Everybody struggles, and most people define it as simply growing up in the hood and trying to get things," Okafor said. "I rap about more of the struggle of black people as a whole, which is a strue tural racism based on a class system that has been perpetuated over the years.

All three of these rappers are passionate about music, and Okala said "inspiration can be found anywhere."

As I grow and mature and have more, real-life experiences. will forever better express myself through song," Williams said "Somebody asked me the other day why writing papers for schools more difficult for me than writing a song. That question is simple wanswer because it is writing with my mind versus my heart."

I struggled to get a "B," but always stayed confident!

This is more than andre ali, this is a Williams accomplishment Sa

So stop calling me the dumb guy now!

Matter of fact, you can call me alumni now

Williams is currently negotiating a record deal and will be mov-ing between Atlanta and California to explore career options. Okafor is hoping to start his master's of fine arts degree and will continue to work on his demo.

"I want to be heard by as many people as possible. To me, the ultimate expression is when you are able to get as many people to hear and understand what you have to say," Okafor said, "If three million people dance to my song, taking them away from a personal problem for three minutes, I will be satisfied."

Man that aggie graduation ring, sure looks nicd

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I'm looking forward to the rest of my life

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Ex-Notre Dame VP Joyce dies at 87 SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) -The Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, who

versity president, from 1952 to 1987. Hesburgh administered Co last rites to Joyce on Saturday. During their time in charge at Notre Dame, the university's 9,000, and the school's academic reputation grew as well. He also headed the university's board in control of athletics. During his tenure, the Irish won three national football champi onships. The indoor athletic arena carries his name.

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served 35 years as executive vice president of the University of Notre Dame before retiring in 1987, died Sunday at age 87.

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