

# Letters to the Editor



## Shocked at situation

Dear editor,

I wish to applaud you for your continued reporting on the recent events that have surfaced on campus. It is good to see that someone is willing to stand on their principles despite the threats to their own existence. Unlike so many others, you have continued to bring light to the controversial issues that others would consciously overlook—issues that are important to the student body.

I am shocked that the student government is permitted so much power over the newspaper. This power seems to mock the very reason that a newspaper exists. Despite their financial pressures, and various other efforts to stop you, it is good to see that you have continued to deliver.

I feel that it is unreasonable that the student government expects you to report on only the good issues that surround them and ignore those that are not so good—the issues that might tarnish their image. A newspaper is not designed to

please its government—rather it is there to be a watchdog over it.

If it was designed to report only the good, we would have never been informed of Watergate or the Iran-Contra scandal. While watching the news the other night, I saw a report on how Radio Baghdad was claiming that the cease-fire

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was a result of high Allied casualties. Is it a newspaper's purpose to spread such outrageous propaganda? Should it turn its head for fear of extinction?

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have extreme control over it?

If the Student Government wants the student body to know the good things that they are doing, they need to take it upon themselves to make it known, rather than relying on The Yellin' Rebel to do it for them. They need to make themselves more visible. I am not implying that they are ineffective; I am just saying that they need to make themselves better known.

I feel that it is very important that The Yellin' Rebel be granted its independence. We, as students, have a responsibility to let the Student Government know how we stand on this issue. Through letters and petitions we can make our position known. The Yellin' Rebel used to have a motto under its title that pretty much sums up the current situation: "I'd rather have a newspaper with no governments, than a government with no newspapers."

Now, more than ever, I can see what it means.

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## Police brutality another brick in the wall dividing America

by Kelcey West

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As of today I no longer wonder why we can't rid America of racism. As of today I no longer look through the window of time hoping to see equality, peace and love in the hearts of Americans.

When I first saw the beating of Rodney King, the black man beaten by the Los Angeles Police Department for a traffic violation, hatred instantly flowed through my veins. To actually see a man lynched in 1991 is unbelievable as well as contradictory to everything for which this country stands.

It wasn't only the fact that it was a black man who was on the ground, being kicked by 12 officers, that stirred my anger. It was the fact that he was a human being who was the symbol of what has separated this country—rac-

Each night that the federal government goes to sleep without taking action against clear-cut racial incidents such as this one, society grows closer to the Watts Riot and demonstrations of the 1960s.

Today is still "yesterday" when 12 officers are captured on film beating a man and their only punishment is suspension. Society has failed to move an inch toward unity.

Police brutality in our society is a mere starter flag. There are millions of Americans—white and black—standing in line to unleash violent anger still in their hearts from when racism was legal.

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## Wouldn't want to live anywhere else

Dear editor,

When I see the American flag, the pride swells up in my throat and my heart beats faster because I'm so proud to be an American. The American flag flies proudly on houses, apartments, vehicles, and business establishments. My enthusiasm is catching, or is it the other way around?

I catch the enthusiasm as I watch a crowd of Americans cheer and smile and send love to our military troops. This is being an American—I can voice my opinion. That means I can stand alone and protest the war, and the military, and still be an American. I can stand in a crowd of spirited Ameri-

cans, support the troops, and feel that war is right, too. Either way, I live in America. I'm free to feel that righting the wrongs of the world is what I support, and that war is a part of this.

Belief in America, the American people, and democracy is such a gift that we Americans have, and it's a gift we can unwrap every day we are alive. Thanks to the wonderful military defense our country maintains, we can be safe and free. To the dedicated Americans who follow through with their commitment to keep us safe and free; to the dedicated Americans who follow through with their commitment to keep our freedoms unharmed; to our military troops, I salute you all!

The familiar swelling is here again, the pride, the enthusiasm -

it never stops unless you let it. I never will.

Look around at all the red, white, and blue, the yellow ribbons we wear with such a good feeling, because we support the troops. Our beliefs leave such a beautiful feeling within, I hope we never let it stop. Being Americans should leave our hearts pounding with joy and our throats swelling with pride. It is our choice to keep this feeling and always remember our special gift of being American.

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