

and why they believe what they believe. In order to do this, you must look at all sides of an issue. Do not base your vote on something you heard from a friend, research the candidates yourself and form your own opinions.

Stand up for what you believe, your voice can be heard. You heard me right, your voice can be heard. I don't know how many pretzels I've nearly choked to death on in the past couple weeks after hearing people say that one vote can't make a difference (my family says I'm just a fast eater). Who governs the all-powerful government? The American people! The voters like you and me!

This election is different than those of the past by the simple fact that it is a matter of life or death. What will it take before we start saving the lives of our brave young American soldiers? Be a patriot. True patriotism is loving your country enough to make a difference, to try and make it better by voting and understanding what you are voting for. I hate to break it to some of the students here, but you are in college now and it may be time to find out that contrary to popular belief around this campus, your parents do not know everything. Do not allow them to tell you who should run this country. Please, form your own opinions in the upcoming election.

Take the time to research the candidates. Find something that you like in all the candidates. Find something that you don't like in all the candidates. Now is the time to push for what you believe in. We can not continue to let the older generation tell us what is good for our future.

On November 2nd, vote for what you believe in. Take some time to form an opinion, it may save your life.



*When someone has as unique a take on life as our own "Tex" does, it would be a shame not to share it with the public. That's why this year's Clarion staff have decided to create an advice column highlighting the wisdom of one of our campus treasures. - Ed.*

cowboy rough and toughness because I'm a little more of a redneck. From what he (Bush) has done in the past proves to me that he's not afraid to do what has to be done."

**Dear Tex,  
My boyfriend doesn't  
like me. Why?  
-Crushed on Campus**

Dear Crushed,  
Well, I don't want to hurt your feelings but you might want to give your boyfriend some space. That might be one reason for his behavior. Do you shave? I know guys don't like girls that look like men. That might be another factor for your boyfriend not liking you. I think you need to shave everything except your head and give your boyfriend some room. Best of luck to you.  
-Tex