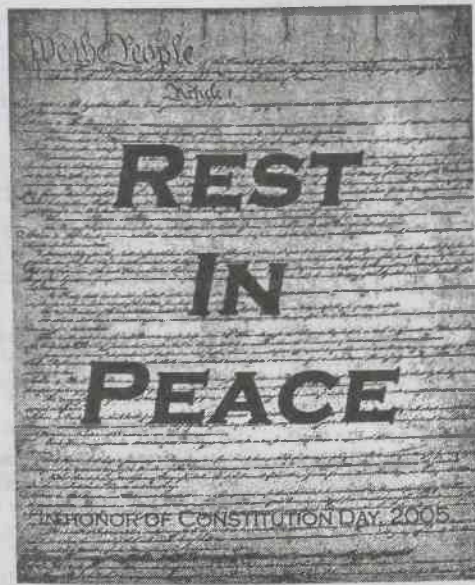


A Simplistic View

by Hall Penn



Got questions?

Tex can answer them.

If you want to have Tex answer your queries, send an email to clarion@brevard.edu and put "Ask Tex" in the subject line



Howdy Tex,

I know that in the past publication of The Clarion (Sept. 9, 2005), there was a column bashing your "ask tex" column. They said that you are just "degrading the intelligence of this campus". So, while I am not arguing with them on that matter, I would however like to ask you something. Why, for someone that gets to have a column in our campus newspaper, someone who is getting a college education, ride around with Bush 2004 stickers stuck to the back end

of their truck? Tex, to make your column as useful as possible, why did you vote for the man? Is it a Texas thing? Or is it because you truthfully are intelligent, or maybe, is it the lack there of?

— Peter Caye

Dear Peter,

The ideas of the author who wrote the editorial you are referring to are his own entirely. But since you thought enough of this column to submit a question, I will take the time to answer you. Yes I voted for Mr. Bush. I am proud to say that I am just one of the many Americans who helped him stay in office for a second term. The fact that you would insinuate that educated people *couldn't* or *wouldn't* support the president is obscured and has absolutely nothing to do with my column. The "Ask Tex" column is for people who want advice on an issue. I take great pride in this column and any social value that it may have. My advice to you is simple, learn tolerance. Thank you for taking the time to write

Hey Tex,

What did you think about the letter to the editor in the last issue of the Clarion?

— Ben Whittle

Ben,

The first amendment protects everyone's freedom to speak his or her mind. Sadly enough, that includes those who are who are challenged. Having a thesaurus handy can make anybody sound intelligent.

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