

Opinions



Letters:

Himmel's column was a bummer

Editor,

"If you can't understand the opposing view, you really don't understand your own."

Marcus Graham's statement (Letters, Dec. 1) really should be followed — much confusion and resentment could be avoided. But what of this entire matter of the GLBA committee status?

Peter Himmel's column really bummed me out. As a band member, I'm with 200 incredibly diverse people, the greater bulk of whom were freshmen still a little green to college and the world it represents; two hundred primarily heterosexual individuals raised in primarily Christian households. I passed the paper around and saw more than a couple heads shaking sadly at Himmel's vision.

The North American Man-Boy Love Association? Bestiality? Necrophilia? I'm sorry, but never have I known any self-respecting homosexual who supported, let alone practiced, any of these. To correct Himmel's so-called opinion, NAMBLA enjoys a status just short of the Klan among the gay community I've been in contact with (which is not entirely limited to Washington and Idaho). It is discouraging to see "homosexual" equated with "criminal."

This is my fifth and last year here in Pullman. Without the GLBA in all its incarnations, I doubt I could have made it through past my third. I've been gay now since before I entered kindergarten and spent nearly 20 years hiding the fact that what I felt for other men was not merely, as Marcus Graham would put it, a

"strong friendship." Strong friendships were what I developed with most of the women in my life. Love was what I felt when I spent most of a year in my first relationship. That same giddy feeling, that same melting sensation, is what I felt when I laid my head on his chest and listened to the slow pounding of his heart for the first time. It was something I never felt with any woman I had been with, no matter how much I cared for her well-being and happiness.

I know there are others like I was. They're staring at their ceilings at night, scared their roommate might suspect, that their parents might find out (there are so many stories of kids on the street, because their parents just could not love their own child just because he was "that way"). They're standing on street corners, watching as a group of thugs assault two gay couples in Helena, Montana, and listening as the police refuse to treat it as a crime. They're sitting in a military prison, because (like the Blacks before them), they "lower morale" in the same manner as humanitarian Tom Dooley (hand down your head and cry). Their spirits still haunt the extermination camps in Nazi Germany, when the Allies freed the Jews but not the homosexuals. It is for these people that the GLBA exists, and why we wanted to make it an ASWSU committee.

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Who needs Veterans Affairs?



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 Commentary

Editor's note: This is a satirical piece about the argument opposing the GLBA obtaining ASWSU committee status. Doug Hughes has no convictions against the Veterans Affairs committee.

I am 100 percent against any Veterans getting money from ASWSU student fees.

Veterans are a socially irresponsible, culturally destructive force plaguing this university, and this nation.

Being a Veteran is a choice. Nobody is born a Veteran, or made into a Veteran by society. Veterans choose.

Veterans kill. They kill in unjust wars, supposedly at the orders of higher ups, but who really holds the smoking gun? Veterans want to kill, they feel it is a need, and most, if not all, Veterans have difficulty refraining from killing in peacetime.

These killers have gained committee status with ASWSU, and as such they are entitled to student money. Most students don't agree with their pro-war, pro-killing agenda. This agenda is the only point of their organization, foisted on anyone who is a part of any of their activities.

Veterans shouldn't have committee status because they don't provide any information, education, or service to all students equally. They just reserve all monies, taken from students no less, to farther their sick agenda.

Groups such as "Serial Killers For Death" (SKFD) and

the "Man, We Really Like Killing Association" (TMWR-LKA) are supported and endorsed by the Veterans committee.

The choice of being a Veteran is no different than being a serial killer or a crazed sniper (not a militia sniper though, they're o.k.) and it is time we denied them the money they take from students.

The government had better take notice of this small but vocal group of Veterans, because their twisted agenda flies in the face of the Christian Values upon which this country was founded. In the Holy Bible, a model and influence on the Constitution, it says "Love covereth all sins" (Prov. 10:12) and "Love thy neighbor as thyself" (Lev. 19:18 and Mat. 22:39). Nowhere in this great Truth does it talk about good killings or respect of those who do.

Some say ASWSU is to represent students, and because most students support the abolishment of Veterans Affairs and their organization, this should be carried out accordingly.

The fabric of this nation is being ripped apart by these Veterans. They'd have you believe they merely want the freedom to live free of persecution, and to have their personal choice without judgment, but it is about time we used our Christian values, that we all believe in, and condemn these Veterans as the killing crazies they are.

Doug Hughes will return your call if you leave a message at 335-2764.

Quote of the day

"A child is a curly, dimpled lunatic."
 —Ralph Waldo Emerson

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