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In each group, if they can be categorized, members sought to freely express their own sexual preference by that "guaranteed" right. Why condemn one and not the other for using a freedom clearly stated, yet often reserved for only a few, in the First Amendment?

Condemning someone for stating his or her preference for anything strikes directly at the heart of democracy. What happened to the statement—"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend with my life your right to say it"?

Vicki R. Ashby

'Inequity'

I planned to play on Regents' Reds softball team this year. I played informally on Regents' intramural teams last year but since I am living in sin (off-campus), I cannot properly play on any dorm team unless I go through certain channels. Specifically, I must attend a meeting of the Intramural Council and petition (beg) them to allow me to play. I filed this petition prior to spring break and today (April 13) the council finally ruled on my request (the delay makes it somewhat difficult to join another team). Their verdict was "no."

The council's reasons were "rules" and "precedent." These rules may change next year but this certainly doesn't do me any good. I wonder, if the rules deserve revision, why they cannot be changed now. But then, considering the council's speed in judging my petition, we may wait until the light in Bryan Tower turns white before the regulations are modified. I also fail to understand why dorm people can play on off-campus teams while the reverse is prohibited. A final inequity is that a former dorm resident can play on the old dorm team but individuals who've never lived in any dorm (transfer students like myself) are deprived of this opportunity. Do I just have a persecution complex or are these restrictions unfair?

I feel that I should have avoided the council and accompanying red tape, entirely, as I have in the past and will do in the future. I simply wanted to play softball with friends from the dorm in which I will live next year.

I honestly cannot understand why the council turned down my request. I was sure that they could rule in my favor when I explained my circumstances and once they realized that Regents wasn't recruiting all-star players for a championship team. But the council is interested in exercising its power and seems to

have forgotten that intramural sports are supposed to be games for all the students. The rules loom so large that they obscure the people for whom they were created.

Karen Sticklin

Inconsistent

Craig Sutherland's analysis of National Gay Blue Jeans Day and gay lifestyles seems to be suffering from two things: inconsistency and a confusion over the difference between sex and love.

In his letter of April 14, Mr. Sutherland states, in the same paragraph that (1) "Why the hell are you (gays) advertising?" (that you are gay, by wearing jeans on April 14), followed by (2) "Why do you persist in cowering in a corner? Come out, let yourselves be known." It seems that this gross error in logic and consistency should not have escaped Mr. Sutherland's proofreading of his letter's text. Perhaps this is why he doesn't have seventeen co-signers on this letter.

More importantly, his banal reference to sexual positions indicates that he equates homosexuality and lifestyles and perhaps even "straight" loving relationships with sex. My understanding of the purpose of GA/GPA is to educate the people of the university community that it is possible for two people of the same gender to form a long-lasting, loving and caring relationship with each other. Sex need not enter the picture.

Tell me, Mr. Sutherland, are you obsessed with sex, or are you uptight about it?

Dean Morris

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