

## Letters

### Himmel's last column shows true shade

Editor,

It's sad to see Mr. Himmel waited so long to reveal the source of his apparent ignorance and arrogance as he did in his last column. For all his bashing on Generation X, he could still stand to learn a lesson from it's undertone. You can never trust politics. I don't believe Mr. Himmel came "full circle." I think for being such a "radical," Mr. Himmel can sure play the political patsy. It was as easy to be a hippie in the early '70s as it is to be an angry white male in the '90s and spew Rush Limbaugh's statistics. Neither require any thought. In light of this, I

submit he is not the "radical" he envisions himself to be. He falls entirely too neatly into the politics of the time. In doing so, he misrepresented himself as being a man of strong personal convictions. I don't doubt that in 20 years he'll be plugging the political flavor of the decade.

More seriously, Mr. Himmel seems to be quite the coward. I am personally disgusted with what sounds like taking conscientious objector status during Vietnam conflict as a trendy political move. I didn't notice him showing up or speaking out at the big Senate meeting before the

GLBA vote either. There were no bullets flying there (though I wondered if some Bibles were not hollowed out) and he might have enjoyed the hypocritical hate ebbing from some of the ultra-conservatives in the audience. Ah well, there's always next decade. Perhaps he'll change that mind again.

I wish Mr. Himmel farewell and the best with his apparent personal conviction problems. In the spirit of the Generation X he so dislikes; Don't choke on your "royale with cheese."

Garrick West

### GLBA offers more discussion and awareness on issues

Editor,

For centuries Western civilization has avoided the discussion of homosexuality. Its history, issues, suffering, and very existence has been suppressed. Yet, in the last month, WSU students have been exposed to more information about this topic than ever before.

This controversy has launched a tremendous discussion and information flow that the ASWSU Senate

should be commended for initiating. It is through information, and the freedom to acquire it, that education at this university gains its beauty, power, and purpose.

Our culture advances when free-thinking individuals armed with an informed mind are allowed to make decisions for themselves. Wisdom is perpetuated by the dissemination of information, and not by the act of forcing people into a closet where

their views, perceptions, and suffering will never be shared.

By giving the GLBA programming funds, ASWSU is not propagating its views or sponsoring the homosexual lifestyle. It is simply increasing the student body's access, awareness and discussion of information that has always been difficult to find.

Stephanie Zimmerman

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