

Letters

Gay oppression overblown

Editor,
This letter is in regards to Layla Tromble's piece concerning the rights of gay couples. She speaks of homosexual students as unable to show affection in public because of the constraints placed on them by the heterosexual majority in the student body. When exactly did I vote on this? As a heterosexual student (and this may shock the gay population) I really don't care what you do.

Layla speaks in broad generalities about heterosexuals. She claims, "Having flowers delivered could possibly be OK as long as no one saw the other name on the card." Who would she be afraid of seeing this? The fact remains homosexual students are not as oppressed as they would like to think. During my three years here I've never heard of any anti-gay groups nor any violent acts directed towards gays. The only thing I have heard is homosexuals flinging accusations of oppression at every student that is heterosexual. A prime example was the graffiti recently displayed in Bryan Hall. If this was meant to raise awareness of heterosexual students, it was widely misguided. This only appears as a plea for attention and a display of immaturity (would graffiti stating "white power" have been seen as a positive statement to raise awareness? I highly doubt it). Once again, despite some homosexuals' attempts to create a huge discrimination problem here on campus, the majority of students really don't care what sexual orientation anyone chooses.

I'm not ignorant enough to

claim no prejudice exists against homosexuals. However, all groups experience prejudice at some times. People hold prejudices against gays, African-Americans, women, fraternity members, those residing in residence halls, etc.. Regardless of this, the fact remains: constantly screaming about discrimination that does not wholly exist creates more walls than it tears down. Layla and others like her need to knock the chip off their shoulders and stop laying blame on the entire heterosexual population on campus for beliefs we don't all ascribe to.

Mike Hayward

Whine justified

Editor,

I hadn't read Miss Tromble's article (opinion piece) until I read Miss Mata's letter. So I found a day old copy of the *Evergreen* to find out what offended Miss Mata so much. Was it the fact that Miss Tromble asked everyone to be a little more considerate? Or was it that she asked others to consider the feelings of every person and not just "the few, the proud and the painfully heterosexual." The simple but important point that I got from the piece was that Valentine's day is for everyone and that everyone should enjoy it, regardless of what sex they like to have sex with.

As to what Miss Mata said about reaching people through "more intelligent and creative expressions," well I thought this was a creative and intelligent expression. The woman just wrote an article on what she feels is an important issue, regardless of whether you agree or not, you have to admit that writing

an article in a newspaper is quite creative. Was the article whiny? Well, imagine that you were stopped from expressing your feeling for someone or something you love. You might be a little bitter too. As far as I am concerned the article was not whiny; a little bitter perhaps, but justified for feeling that way.

So, relax and just be a little considerate of everyone's feelings and everything will be fine. By the way I hope you had a nice Valentine's Day.

Aamir Hanif



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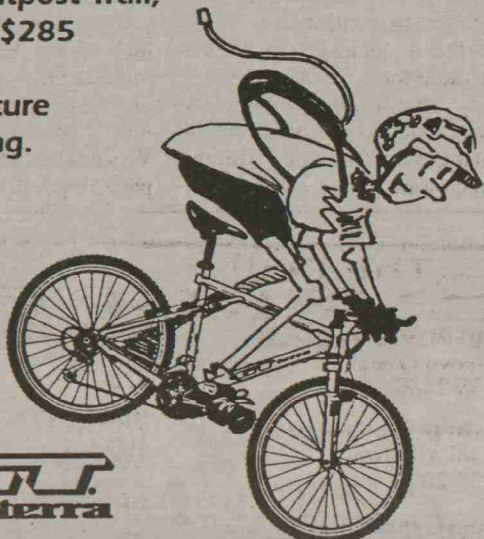
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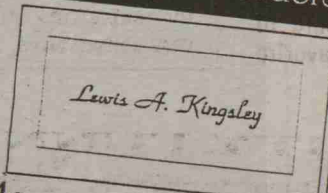
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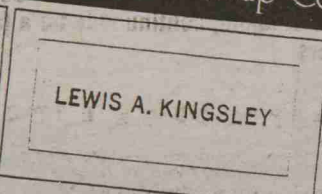
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