

Gay conscience

by David McCorkhill

The latest attempt to block funding of Gay Awareness in ASWSU is taking the form of a move for a more democratic student government.

The anti-funders are claiming that the fact that a majority of WSU students oppose funding of this controversial group obligates ASWSU assemblypersons to vote against their consciences—to vote against what they believe is right—to vote against funding. This is another in a series of attempts to show that this issue has no right and no wrong—only the whim of a few arbitrary student leaders who are trying to siphon off our hard-earned dollars.

In fact, it is only by ignoring matters of conscience and right and wrong that one can oppose this group's attempts to create more cooperative relationships between straights and gays.

If voters want a cupola covered with political weathervanes they should have elected a different assembly than the one they chose. This year's assembly has already dedicated itself to the task of examining the important issues and deciding every question on its merits.

I have been raised in a generation steeped in the importance of adhering to principles in the face of overwhelming odds. In JFK's "Profiles in Courage," I was told that the best politician was the one who put aside partisan politics and voted as he thought was right even when he knew it would cost him his career.

Now I don't argue for elitism. I think that the arguments for and against Gay Awareness can be understood by everybody. No decision which affects so many should be made by the whims of the few.

But it is not by whim that the assembly has decided to fund Gay Awareness. It is because it is the right thing to do.

I cannot help fearing the consequences of a leadership which votes according to the turn of the public opinion wind. For I am also a child of the Nixon years.

For most of my 22 years Richard Nixon has been doing just what the anti-funders are demanding—he has voted with polls, campaigned for every popular cause from rooting out the communists in our country to standing firm to the communists in other countries to supporting the war in Viet Nam to ending the war in Indochina to limiting government in this country. And it worked. He got himself elected.

But Nixon ended in a state of amoral opportunism which grew directly out of this kind of politics.



SECRETARY COLEMAN'S LITTLE BUNDLE OF JOY

Budget draws mixed reactions

To the editor:

The funding of the Gay Awareness is certainly not achieving its purpose. All it has done was produce a big controversy.

The purpose of funding \$460 to the gays is to prompt society to accept them. Well, the opposite is happening instead. There are people who have never been angry against the gays before and are now furious.

Instead of better acceptance of the gays, the funding brought the opposite effect: nasty letters about the gays have begun appearing in the Evergreen, threats are now being aimed at them and water balloons are every now and then being launched at them along with taunting names and curses. What went wrong?

Firstly, it is certainly not the wish of the majority to fund so much money to the Gay Awareness and yet the ASWSU assembly — against the wishes of the students they represent — funded them \$460 during a time of a tight budget. As a result, some of the other clubs began suffering. An example is the Karate Club. It only asked for \$50 and guess what happened. As a result of the May 20 assembly meeting, the Karate Club did not receive any money at all. Has the Karate

Club been discriminated against in favor of the gays?

Secondly, most (including myself) don't want to fund the gays because it is against their moral beliefs! Just as strongly, I wouldn't want to fund a premarital sex club because it is against my personal beliefs.

Even though I don't believe in funding the gays, I certainly do not poke fun at them. I feel sorry for them; they should be helped. Just simply giving them money will not help them. Instead, they should lovingly be taught that their bodies are not designed to be abused for homosexual acts. More than ever, they need the

love of Christ to change their lives.

Ken Rekila

To the editor:

Congratulations to the assembly members who voted in favor of Gay Awareness funding. It's about time this group was recognized and financially supported. The violent opposition alone proves that there is a definite need for awareness and understanding of homosexuals by the community. It is the discrimination that needs to be corrected.

Name withheld by request

'Gay' letter altered

Portions of two sentences were omitted from a letter printed in last Friday's Daily Evergreen.

The first paragraph of the letter, which was signed by four administrators from WSU and ASWSU, should have read:

"This letter is written in support of ASWSU funding for the Gay Awareness Committee. This committee has shown itself to be one of the most conscientious, well-organized groups in the ASWSU committee structure..."

You're out

the write to life

by Knotso Bright

Living is a challenge. The fine thread existence is constantly being threatened by prophets of doom. Whatever you do is bad for your health.

A ride from a stranger, candy from some unknown source or an odd pill with a friendly face are all potential sources of elimination. Do you chew your pencil or suck a Bic pen? If so your life expectancy has been shortened by twenty minutes. Our time is running out, but everybody and their governments are trying to mute the final trumpet riff.

Why must the general public be compelled by purists to lead a monkish existence? Whatever you like to do either causes cancer, heart attacks, both or cirrhosis of your mental health. I learned in margarine advertisements that saturated fats will give me heart attacks. My chemistry professor tells me that unsaturated fats will possibly give me cancer. If you eat a steak fried in Crisco, your chances of beating the reaper before you are 50 years old are slim.

Anyone who is not a fool ignores these rantings

by extremists. Unfortunately, foolish and unfoolish people end up raising children, and teach them that the world is out to make them a mortician's profit. I tried to give away a banana milkshake to a 10-year-old boy at the library the other day and it couldn't be done. This fear frozen child was amazed that I had the nerve to talk to him, never mind offer his system something foreign to ingest. Didn't I know the rules about food pushing? This poor kid's faith in his human brothers has been liquidated at the tender age of 10.

You can't live forever, so die someday. Smoke that cigarette, Johnny Smoke. You sure aren't getting out of your coffin, so one more nail in it won't make any difference at all. If it is raining, take a ride from a rapist because you may die from pneumonia if you don't.

An old saying sums it up beautifully. "People that don't; smoke, drink, chase loose women or eat chemically treated food; are sad cases. They'll feel pretty stupid when they find themselves in the hospital dying from nothing."

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