

Letters

Requiring students to fork over hard-earned money for programs lacking morality is unfair

Editor,
 I'm mad. If the GLBA is given committee status my hard-earned money will be supporting something I am totally against. The GLBA has no right to public money. Committees are supposed to be for the good of the university and its students, but this committee serves to divide the student body. Just because some people choose an immoral lifestyle does not entitle them to part of my earnings.
 The GLBA tries to compare itself with cultural diversity groups in an effort to get people to jump on its political correctness bandwagon. What about moral correctness?
 Let's look at these facts. Cultural diversity is natural, something God has blessed mankind with. It adds a spice to life and helps give people an identity, an identity as one of God's children.
 Look at homosexuality on the other hand. It is true some people choose this as their identity. And I stress the word choose. Homosexuality is not natural and it is a sinful, immoral lifestyle. It is a choice. That is the difference between ethnic committees and the GLBA.
 A better example of something to relate the GLBA to would be a fictional underage drinking club. The club could be made up of minors who choose to use alcohol, even though its consumption by them is illegal. This club could educate people about different breweries and different mixed drinks. It could even educate how to drink and not get cited for a MIP, just as the GLBA says it's important for us to pay for them to educate us about immorality.
 The best thing of all for this drinking club would be that they could gather to "educate" and party at your expense. Could tax and tuition money be used to pay for illegal parties just because some one made the choice to party at your expense?
 Of course not. So why should tax and tuition money be used to pay for the furthering of someone's immoral choices? I, as well as many others, am deeply opposed to funding this choice.
 I brought this up at the forum on the GLBA held in the CUB on Tuesday night. My question to the GLBA and the ASWSU programming committee was that when the Supreme Court has ruled that Christianity cannot be publicly funded in our schools, why should something that is totally against Christianity be funded?
 If we were to ask that a committee for Christian students be funded by the ASWSU we would instantly be denied this, so why should the GLBA receive consideration for funding? My question was brushed aside with the excuse that it was not understood how my question directly pertained to the funding of the programming of the GLBA. This is a valid question, not only about programming funding, but any funding for the GLBA.
 A few minutes later another speaker brought up the fact that my question had not been answered and I even offered to repeat the question in a format that would be more direct. My question was evaded further and never answered, setting a precedent of trying to quiet the opposition for the remainder of the evening. The rest of the evening went with many more questions being dodged, such as the ones about what good educating us on homosexuality would do when it is so against our morals and how the GLBA would benefit WSU as a whole when it is dividing our community as all this controversy has shown.
 Toward the end of the evening speakers began to attack the point of view that I am writing about, saying they're Christian and support the GLBA. These people made it sound as if I belonged to a group full of hate and despise for homosexuals, and questioned what God I believe in. I would like to address these people.
 Never once was there any mention of hate or despise, or for that matter for even a dislike of the homosexuals themselves. It is the homosexuality that I am against, not the people themselves.
 If these people are Christians why are they not familiar with the Bible's teachings on homosexuality? Do they choose certain parts of the Bible to believe as fits their desires or needs? If you still have a different perception of God than me or would like to hear what the Bible says about homosexuality and love and forgiveness, I invite you to come discuss it at my Bible study meeting at 7 p.m. next Tuesday in the study lounge of third floor Gannon Hall. All are welcome.
 John Pigman

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