

# LETTERS

## Butch controversy continues to roll Keep Butch 'out'

**Editor,**  
I would like to applaud the courage shown by WSU's Butch for coming out of the closet at Seattle's Gay Pride parade.

Given the current political climate, with anti-gay initiatives popping up all around us, with U.S. Representatives and Senators protecting the nation from the hordes of married gay couples swarming out of Hawaii, with bad faith from the White House, and with rampant fear and loathing in the university community of all places, such an act does not come without its price, even for a mascot.

The immediate public reaction in The Evergreen points to the ongoing need for these displays. Wes Taylor, a WSU alumnus with a nostalgia for a purer Pullman, hopes that his alma mater will retain its good image, which is apparently under assault with the exposure of Butch's sexuality.

To my way of thinking, Butch's appearance at the parade did much to improve WSU's image. Now when the Cougs go to Seattle, we can hold our heads just a little higher.

Doug Hughes, The Evergreen's Opinions Editors, longs for the traditional Butch, and presumably the traditional WSU.

The good old days were certainly more heterosexual, in image if not in practice.

I propose, however, that the traditional WSU is exactly what we need to do away with. It has a poor record in its treatment of women, minorities and gays.

It is time to dismantle the WSU of old and replace it with a better WSU.

Though it would be politically expedient to do otherwise, let's resist the urge to ride Butch out of Pullman on a rail. Instead, let's celebrate her as a leader among college mascots.

Research suggests that 10 percent of mascots may be gay.

Though we have yet to see similar acts by Butch's comrades in Ann Arbor, New Haven, or Lynchburg, perhaps she has already inspired others to follow her lead. And the movement had its start at a university known for its tradition but on its way to overcoming it.

Jeff Sellen

**Keep BUTCH GROUNDED ON CAMPUS**

by "GRADS" or else...

Dan W. Eagle

Dan W. Eagle, "The Button Man," WSU class of 1939, voices his opinion on The Evergreen in cartoon form. Eagle was an editorial cartoonist for The Evergreen while he was a student.

## 'This garbage makes me want to vomit into my...Cheerios'

**Editor,**  
It seems like every day I open The Evergreen there is an article or opinion about the GLBA.

And every day it's the same thing: Your paper raises an issue about the group and then, letter after letter is sent in complaining about or praising them.

The complainers whine about ethics, and the supporters call the complainers "homophobic."

These letters of praise and complaint then trickle down into the next GLBA topic raised by The Evergreen.

Maybe I'm just not with the trendy times of the 90's, but this garbage makes me want to

vomit into my morning bowl of Cheerios.

I understand that everyone has their opinion and needs to speak it, but we don't need this same crap every day.

I take into account that it is the summertime, which makes it difficult for you to find something interesting to write about.

But let's try to expand The Evergreen's

agenda, and get a little variety in our topics.

If not for me and those like me, do it for our Cheerios.

In short, please focus a little more attention on quality journalism, rather than littering our school newspaper with GLBA propaganda.

Andy Guyer

## All are in WSU clan

**Editor,**  
I read the article in The Spokesman Review about the WSU mascot participating in the Gay Pride parade.

I wanted to write and give my support to WSU in its actions.

Wazzu represents a wide range of people and interests and one of the great assets of a college environment is diversity.

I happen to be a heterosexual, but I respect the interests of my fellow Cougars who are gay or lesbian.

I think it is important to remember we are all members of the Washington State University family and we each need to respect and celebrate our differences.

Whether we are male, female, Black, White, Native American, gay, lesbian, Greek, non-Greek, Democrat, Republican, Religious, agnostic, etc.

We are all Cougars, and our differences should not be looked at as a problem, but instead as an opportunity to learn about diversity.

I applaud those who marched in the parade, whether they were gay, straight, male or female.

I think they set an example, and sent a message.

That message was, that Wazzu is an institution that truly is about higher learning.

Wazzu represents inclusion instead of hate.

Wazzu represents diversity and is intolerant of bigots whether they be in regards to race, sex or sexual orientation.

I just wanted to thank the WSU community for showing that it is enlightened about inclusion instead of hate.

Alan C. Anderson

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A native of Nezperce, Idaho, he also attended North Idaho College and the University of Idaho. He and his wife are looking forward to returning to the Palouse to open the new practice and raise their three daughters.

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