



PERSPECTIVES

Discrimination

Job well done, assembly members!

Just think. That paragon of power, the ASWSU Assembly, really showed what they were made of recently when they decided to push those pitiful, sniveling gays back into the closet where they belong.

Not only did you sufficiently kill any chances of their becoming a threat to you by not funding them, one of your number went so far as to suggest that the Gay Awareness Committee not even be recognized as an official committee.

But, as a letter in today's Daily Evergreen points out, why stop here?

Why not chew this one over: bring up a suggestion that left-handed people would no longer be considered as official members of the human race. After all, left-handed people are obviously inferior, and act in a sickening manner (imagine the terrible thought of using your left hand for such important items as writing and eating. It leaves one sick at the way these people have corrupted these acts.)

Although not unanimous by any means, the assembly members voting to abolish funding for the committee have acted in the most discriminatory manner possible. Although the defense might be given that they voted in the manner instructed to them by their constituents, this damping of differing ideas reminds one of the Hitler Youth.

But is this act discrimination, or simple fear?

According to Bob Johnson, a professor in the Psychology Department, society fears homosexuality for a number of reasons.

"Since people seem to worry most about male sexuality, the fear is that males who are gay will move away from the accepted image of the aggressive, initiating man," Johnson said. "This view of homosexuals as effeminate is generally wrong."

Whatever your fears, worthy assembly members, may it be suggested here that you overcome them.

Or else start wearing brown shirts.

— jim anzell

Clarification on editorial

In last Friday's editorial, concerning Assembly approval of a \$20 bonus to ASWSU President Tom Pirie, the wrong impression may have been given.

However, we would like to assure the student body that the decision was not unanimous. In fact, we were surprised that the issue was even brought up before the legislative body and shocked that the motion passed with such ease.

During the discussion, the legality and ethics surrounding the issue were questioned. The intent was not a bonus for "a job well done," but a reimbursement for gifts to a senator and his staff (lobbying.)

Lobbying with state funds is illegal. Aside from the ethical considerations, we were embarrassed, as members of the Assem-

bly, that the Daily Evergreen was requested to withhold information from the public.

Hopefully, this letter clarifies the issue and demonstrates that dissent did and does exist.

— larry beck
jay matsen
dan pierce
colleen johnson
karen sticklin

Editor's note: ASWSU President Tom Pirie was given the chance to respond to the charges of lobbying in this letter.

"I did not use state funds to lobby, I paid for all of these things out of my own check book," Pirie said. He added, "Lobbying with state funds is no longer illegal, anyway."

FOOTNOTES



by LARRY GONICK



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To the editor Don't leave things half-done

Now that the Gay Awareness question is resolved, I think we should decide what to do with the money the ASWSU saved by turning them down.

In keeping with the attitude toward Gays on campus, I feel we should buy swastika armbands for everyone. The Nazi dogma is obviously appropriate for WSU, considering our treatment of those who "differ" from the norm.

Denying funds to Gay Awareness is only right, since Gays are obviously sinful and sick. I applaud this trend to ignore or actively harass those who are in the wrong, rather than pamper them as in the past. I hope this initial controversy is only the

beginning, as I feel there is much housecleaning to be done at ASWSU.

It is clear that Niggers shouldn't be funded, since us white boys ain't. The same holds true for Spics, Chinks, and those damn Indians. And why the hell is there an association for Women Students and not one for men?

Let's not leave this admirable crusade half-finished. Think of the money ASWSU would save if we denied funding to all these vermin. Important study time is wasted discussing these problems as well, time that could be spent learning what we are told to from books rather than wasting it on all this discussion about

what is really happening in the world.

To avoid all this wasted time we should just change the admission requirements so that only nice, clean, white middle-class Americans who vote the straight party ticket can attend WSU. After all, that's what most people are, and those other weirdos don't really matter.

As for the sub-humans already on campus, we should probably let them leave voluntarily, but if they persist we would certainly be justified in throwing them out. After all, we are the master race and all those damn defects just pollute the rest of us. Heil Hitler.

— bruce cameron smith

Test scheduling causes some conflict

All teachers have a touch of vanity. They like to believe that each class produces something of value, even if student non-attendance encourages self-doubt. That question momentarily aside, the vanity of teachers is likely to be more noticeably ruffled if another teacher alters his schedule so as to interfere with theirs. To keep things pleasantly anonymous, we'll call the source of this conflict the Comedy Department.

The Comedy Department has an unusual test policy. Everyone in Comedy 301 and Comedy 320 is to take a test at the same time, Wednesday at 6 p.m., or 3:30 alternate. In most cases that would eliminate conflict, but one student is in both Comedy classes. He is also in English 201,

which meets at 4 p.m. My class.

Naturally the student is aggrieved to miss my class. He is doubly aggrieved when he learns an in-class writing assignment is planned, and that make-up will be more difficult. And my vanity asserts itself. Who is this professor who dares trample on my class time?

The presumption left me at a loss for tack. I called the Comic professor to tell him of the conflict, to say he should offer a further alternative. The Comic professor was firm in his refusal. He resented my imperative tone, saying he wouldn't change for anyone who dared try to tell him what to do. (As I say, I was at a loss for tact.)

I appreciate his anger. But I still think the Comic test policy

should be questioned. Why not in normal class time? Is teaching or teacher convenience at issue here?

The conflict is expected again in December. Perhaps the appropriate academic officials could consider the Com. matter. Unless real necessity is shown, shouldn't priority be given to regularly scheduled classes?

Of course I must confess the joke will still be on me. Last year one student came late. After class he asked another what he missed. "Oh, don't worry," she reassured him, "You didn't miss anything."

Hmph. Anyone who misses today is in a heap of trouble.

— keith b. fahey

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