

More to the editor

Doesn't want to be forced...

In our ever-changing society the acceptance of new values and norms are constantly being attacked. The reason for this is evident, society does not want to accept it.

Or could there be another reason? The question of homosexuality is one of these changing norms under attack and as far as this human being is concerned, it will stay under attack.

Finally, I have accepted that like sexes are attracted to one another and that sex, if you can call it that, is not the criteria for their relationship. Fine and dandy. Case closed.

Wrong. Now, as a heterosexual, and very proud of it, I'm not telling you what I'm doing in my bedroom. Why do the Gays have to tell me what they're doing in theirs?

I believe the majority of society will accept homosexuality, but I don't want to be forced to see it or even to the extreme of it being publicized.

This is the other reason that I think the idea of new norms is being attacked; society might not care if they are not forced to see it every day.

Maybe it's not that they won't care but the concept of "you do your thing and I'll do mine as long as nobody hears about it is just fine."

Gays are not a minority! The big cry for equal rights is a bunch of Bull Shit! There is no job application in existence that asks if you're gay or not. Who really cares what you are doing? No one! I just don't want to hear about it!

Speaking of committees, I

think it's about time that the Heterosexual Awareness Committee be formed, then all the students can be informed, educated, and seek to understand the heterosexual.

Maybe we could try to get recognized by ASWSU and funded like all the other really important committees on campus. Rah rah, to be a student.

Finally, I'm in the process of organizing the first National Straight Day and all those who are straight can wear white pants.

It is a shame that our society doesn't accept these new norms and values. I could see it now, driving back to Pullman, on a big billboard in the Palouse, "Go Gay. The Natural Way".

Let's keep our lives to ourselves and remember, I don't force my way of life on you so don't force your way on me.

—gregory firm

Arrange for pet care

Students of WSU:

Be aware of the homeless cat problem on campus, and make sure you arrange for your pet cat or dog to be fed and cared for before you leave for Christmas vacation.

Remember, pets need to eat every day and have shelter from the elements just as you do. Local and Moscow veterinarians may board your pet if you cannot find a friend who will provide loving care.

There are some fifty wild cats in the Campus Commons area, alternately freezing and starving, trying to scrounge an existence after being born of other cats turned out to fend for themselves.

The apartment manager and Pullman's Animal Control Officer, fully aware of the problem, have attempted to live-trap the cats, to be transported to the Animal Shelter and hopefully to farm homes. A live-trap is simply a cage with a door which falls shut after the animal has entered, an entirely humane device, checked hourly.

The cage placed at Campus Commons was stolen. People for Pets, the local humane society, has provided funds for more such cages, but until they arrive, the cats are still suffering and roaming loose on campus.

Please be a responsible pet owner—either spay/neuter your cat or know six people who are

definitely committed to accepting and caring for your litter of kittens.

—ruth olsen

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Why fund service that is not wanted?

I had always thought the purpose of the ASWSU Assembly was to find productive ways to spend student monies, including the financing of whatever educational services the students desire.

Why then has the assembly decided to fund an educational service most students say they don't want?

The assembly does have a right to 'ignore' what the students say. The members were not elected to be mere puppets. It's possible they may have access to more information than the average student.

Still, that autonomy seems poorly exercised when an assembly member can say "those don't mean anything" when she is presented with signatures of more than 240 persons opposed to funding Gay Awareness.

Is it proper for her to refuse to obtain the floor for one of her constituents wishing to speak against the funding?

It wouldn't bother me so much if the final decision made by the assembly seemed to be based on

solid reasoning. But that group seems to be working with as many misconceptions as the bigots included among those opposed to the funding.

Those who oppose the funding on moral grounds probably should be ignored. The money won't go for recruiting gays or promoting a cause (so says the assembly, so I'll assume they're right.)

It's supposed to be spent to help educate us about a certain group of people — gays.

The question of funding is not a moral question. Unfortunately, that seems to be the way the Assembly is handling it — as some sort of underfunded crusade against the bigots among us who would oppose some one else living according to their own set of morals.

The assembly, should it reconsider funding Gay Awareness, would do well to ask one very simple question — "Does the majority of the student body want to spend a little of its money to learn about what it means to be gay?"

Hopefully, they'll figure it out and say "Nope." Sure, there are bigots among us, but the funding won't do any good for them, it'll foster greater resentment of the gay community.

And most importantly, it isn't wanted and the resulting services probably wouldn't be used by the persons who need to use them.

—john leenders

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Freedoms affronted

I am well aware that in order to live in a dorm, or any living group for that matter, some sort of government must be established whereupon rules are made in the interest of the residents of that living group.

This is for the protection of the living facilities and the residents, often in that order.

However, a line must be drawn somewhere as to just how far this "government" can exercise its power.

I'd like to relate to you an example of government abuse by telling about an incident that recently took place in McAllister Hall.

A resident of the aforementioned hall had in her room an empty keg which she intended to use as a phone stand. The R.A. carried out what she thought to be her job and issued a warning that the keg had to go or the room would be d-boarded. The dorm officials are now deciding what kind of furniture can and can't be used.

I understand that one argument against the possession of an empty keg is that it could be switched at any time for a full one and that, of course, would be against dorm policy.

When the resident in question learned of this argument she offered to paint the keg for identification purposes. Still, the keg had to go.

The alcohol policy for the Kruegal-McAllister halls has just been revised and in it it states the guidelines for the use of

kegs. This revised policy fails to define kegs in terms of their being empty or full and it does not specifically state that an empty keg cannot be in the dorms, yet it is being interpreted as such.

I did some research and found that there is no page in the Washington State law books that states it is illegal for a person of any age to have in his or her possession an empty keg. The laws in this state should prevail over all other laws imposed on its residents.

Most everyone is aware that the drinking age is 21 in this state and it is illegal for a minor to possess alcohol. However, an empty keg is just that; empty. It seems that on this campus, or at least in the K-Mac dormitories, the absence of any such law is overlooked, as is our freedom.

As I said before, I understand that rules and regs have their purpose. However, if dorm residents are expected to be treated like adults they should be treated like adults.

I know the resident in question and her roommate and I'm sure their possession of the empty keg was innocent. Forcing them to get rid of it was a breach of their rights as individuals.

This keg incident is a small one and perhaps to many it is meaningless. However, for myself and my peers around me it was the straw that broke the camel's back, so to speak.

Yes, the incident is petty and those who made it an issue in the first place have only indicated where their heads are at.

—nancy mccullough

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