

# To the editor

## No gay Christians

by R. Diggs

Let one thing be kept clear concerning the issue of homosexuality—there is no such thing as a "Gay Christian".

Many have fallen prey (including those who claim to follow Christ) to the "do whatever feels good as long as you don't hurt anybody else" doctrine of Situation Ethics. Today, theologians teach that any act is right if it is "self-liberating, other-enriching, life-serving, or joyous".

Basically they are saying forget the Bible and do whatever you wish!

For anyone who accepts the word of God as their standard, homosexuality is a sin—condemned as severely as idolatry, adultery, and murder. Listen to its words:

"You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female: it is an abomination" (Lev. 18:22).

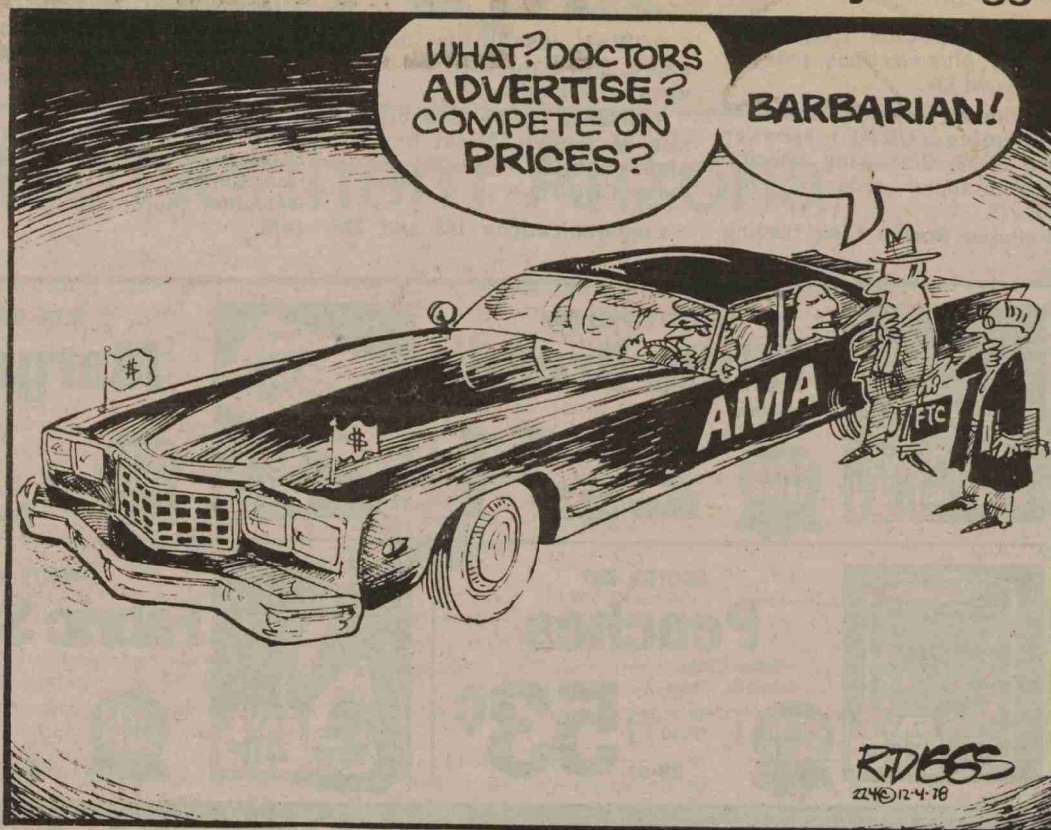
"For this reason God gave them over to degrading passion: for their women ex-

changed the normal function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the women and burned in their desire towards one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error" (Rom. 1:26-27)

"Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals...shall inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 6:9-10)

How can followers of Christ support such a "lifestyle?" We must teach the error of homosexuality and strongly condemn those who fall prey to it, and hope and pray that they might be turned from their ways back unto the Lord, that they might be saved.

—frank spaun



## Appreciate gay funding

I appreciate the action of ASWSU to fund the telephone for the Gay Awareness Committee.

Currently there is much heated controversy over whether homosexuality is a deliberately chosen perversion, an atypical orientation that happens to some people, or something between. Much misinformation abounds, but I understand that research is learning some facts, too.

I would like to learn what is fact, and what is not, but I hesitate to expose myself to the hateful climate of current public opinion toward anyone interested in this subject. Therefore I appreciate the work of the members of the Gay Awareness Committee. They are willing to face this wrath to make information available to people like me. And I appreciate ASWSU's funding of a phone for them so that we can reach this information anonymously.

Feeling this way, why write this letter? Because the negative reaction to the funding was so strong that I feel support to the action also needs to be stated now.

The representatives who voted for funding put what they felt

was in the best interests of their constituents ahead of loudly stated opinion. This is the essence of representative democracy, but it is often a lonely and thankless position to take. I want to thank them publicly for carrying out their responsibility toward me, even though I had not previously voiced my position to them.

I especially thank Vann Snyder for casting the tie-breaking vote in the direction he did.

If others feel as I do that these representatives and Vann made the right choice, let's generate a petition of support for them. While such a petition will have no official status, it will counter-balance the hostility shown toward them in the proposed recall petition.

The statement: "I support your vote for Gay Awareness funding", and your signature is all that is needed. Completed statements may be sent to me. I will forward them in a group to Vann, the representatives involved, and the ASWSU Assembly.

—margaret coahran

## Few know fully of expansion

It appears that the average student is uninformed with regard to the stadium expansion. Few people realize that the program could inflict some very adverse consequences. It has been hastily planned with little input, to the extent that it lacks much foresight.

A case in point is the parking. The 6,000 seats which are intended will not go to students. The athletic department anticipates selling them to communities in outlying areas.

If they are successful, this means that several times a year WSU's campus will be choked with 2,000 more vehicles. It is interesting to speculate on where WSU intends on putting those cars, because the project in both the planning and funding stages has completely ignored this issue.

The project's endorsers can not pay for the added cost of a parking lot. Neither does the university have funds for such a consequence, not to mention the space.

The project's plans include ex-

cavating and lowering the present stadium floor, to account for the increased seating. That would necessitate that the track be relocated, as the stadium could no longer contain it.

The proposed sites are located basically west of the coliseum, in the vicinity of the golf course and North Fairway Student Housing. The consequences vary, depending on the site.

Proposed site 1 and 1A call for the destruction of a beautiful stand of Norway Maples, and two adjacent golf holes. This endangered field is one of the few such sites on campus.

Few joggers exist who don't appreciate its value. The golf holes provide WSU with one of the best teaching facilities of its type in the Northwest.

Site 2 would require removal of 250,000 square feet of orchard. The accompanying excavation would likely create stability problems. Yet it is not a favored site, owing to cost factors. It would not provide a dump site for excess dirt generated from the stadium excavation.

The third alternative site would disturb the southwestern golf course region, and necessitates substantial leveling. It utilizes the majority of a vacant lot, but is not favored. It can provide no dump site for the stadium's generated dirt and has limited accessibility.

Sites 4 and 4A would demolish North Fairway Student Housing, and 80 or 160 trees (depending on the site). North Fairway is a low-income university housing facility, which is presently housing 28 families.

If this site is chosen, by this spring these students and their families could be in a very unfortunate situation.

At the present time, sites 1 and 4 are in highest favor.

I am under the impression that a university should be run in the students' best interest, and through a majority of student input.

This does not appear to be the case regarding this issue. I question whether we are the real benefactors of this project.

—lucy murr

## Pursuit of profits fuels inventiveness

Damani Obafemi calls the search for profits "not a moral enterprise" and contends a university committed to the ideals of "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness" in "contradiction" if some of its investments are in a company doing business in South Africa. On this basis, he calls for divestiture by W.S.U. of these holdings. I feel his argument failed because of faulty premises.

The pursuit of profits rather than being immoral is actually the highest morality there is for it provides the driving force for human creativity in society. It has been American inventiveness, fueled by the pursuit of profits, which has enabled America to feed the world, provide unmatched foreign aid, even to her enemies at the close of WW II, and provide technological and engineering advances which have raised the living standard of the entire world.

This has come about as private business has sought better and cheaper ways to grow food, produce steel, develop better drugs to control disease, and hundreds of other products. This country, whose ideals you admire, was built by men and women who believed in profits as their reward for the chances they took and the efforts they put forth.

Mr. Damani, I support the idea South Africans, indeed all peo-

ple, should be able to enjoy life and liberty without fear of retaliation. I support it because free people are more creative than people who are chained and when people are creative they not only profit themselves but the entire world.

Therefore I offer two suggestions that might enable you to reach your goal. The first is to work with the companies in South Africa and show them that it would be more profitable to them in the long run for blacks to enjoy the same rights and privileges as whites in the country. America alone has many illustrations for this point.

The second is for all blacks in South Africa to stop working. You ask us not to support IBM, let the South Africans not support IBM or any company in South Africa by not working for them, or consuming their products directly or indirectly, the same as you ask us.

This will surely have a greater impact. But if there is a general strike, people will starve, be tortured, and innocent people will die, you say. So it was in the American revolution that founded this country you admire. You must remember the men who founded this country pledged their lives, their fortunes, their sacred honor. Are South Africans willing to do the same to win their freedom?

—gary newly

## GAC has rights to ASWSU funding

Having attended school in Midtown Manhattan for one semester, and living in, of all places, the YMCA, I consider myself an expert on pushy, solicitous homosexuals.

I must admit their presence made me extremely reluctant to make any friends because in spite of what the gays say, I don't find them "just like you or me". On the other hand, I knew before I moved in there that YMCA's are notorious for this problem.

I eventually left New York, and one of the main reasons was because I was unable to meet any friends at the YMCA and I couldn't afford to live elsewhere.

In spite of this experience I haven't felt the need to declare war on "queers". They have just as much right to existence as I have.

I also feel that they have just as much right to ASWSU funding as any other committee. This right is not absolute. It is based on deservedness and need.

In light of this, a novel idea has just occurred to me. Why don't the two factions concerned with this issue enumerate for the rest of us, why or why not this committee deserves and needs funding. It's as simple as that.

It doesn't have anything to do with Nazis or white supremacy, or the Bible. If there is a committee and they need funds and can

prove it, they should get some money.

I personally don't agree with a lot of programs around here, but what the hell, a few hundred dollars here and there won't kill anyone.

The whole idea of ASWSU funding is to encourage thought and appropriate action. Gays seem to be fond of saying that the only reason straights are so opposed to them is because they're afraid they might be gay themselves.

A whole lot of people on this campus sure seem intent upon proving this myth.

—sean hoev

## Destroyed sign shows gall

It is a true shame that whenever someone from one group attempts to do something for the benefit of all, someone from another group has the gall, the selfishness, and the downright ignorance to destroy the message in order to obtain some minute amount of personal gratification.

This lack of foresight, which may deprive even this person's closest friends of the value of the message, is not a singular affliction. It is something that is, sadly, all too common in our dog-eat-dog society where anybody may try to claw their way to their own personal 'top' regardless of the torn feeling they

leave in their wake.

These are rather strong words when lamenting the loss of a simple two-by-three-foot sign, but I (WE) have strong feelings. I had erected the sign on Friday, December 1, for the purpose of advertising an annual fraternity pledge dance. The sign was in front of Holland Library for an incredible two days!

My quest is not to find the person responsible for this thoughtless act, but merely to find the sign, that it may be seen by all that this is something for the benefit of all; a good old-fashioned all campus concert and dance.

May we please have our sign back?

—mike thomas  
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