

Letters to the Editor

The James affair

Dear Sir:

I wish to write in support of Mr. Fob James, whose keen awareness has made me understand the homosexual issue as one involving mental illness, not mental retardation. And it is an understanding which we must all face before it is too late. We have lived in the dark ages of sexual liberation long enough. We must recognize the disease of homosexuality as it seeps into our hearts and minds, causing us to accept people whom we know to be mentally ill into our society. For his own part, the homosexual does not realize the harm his illness does, not only to society, by depriving the world of a useful citizen, but also to himself, by dooming himself to a world of eternal unhappiness, despair and cheap sex.

At this University, if you ask any student, he can probably tell you about three or four so-called "gays" he knows or has heard of the effects of this growing moral decay upon this school are thus both disastrous and obvious. Gay activism is illegal, and if it isn't, it should be. GSU meetings, according to some reliable sources of mine that spied on them once, always begin innocently enough, trading recipes, comparing haircuts and such, but soon degenerate into discussions of homosexual philosophy and then into orgies. These meetings stain the very essence of the word "fraternity."

There is also law involved here. Homosexuals, who by definition of course participate in and enjoy sodomy, cannot be above the law—but prosecution (some states have mandatory castration sentences, I'm told) is not adequate. By the way, sodomy is not a "victimless" crime, as some people claim. You and I, ladies and men, are the victims—suffering the horror of knowing that homosexuals are knowingly breaking the code of Virginia, and worse still, they are enjoying it.

Any normal, woman-loving male who has been accosted by gay people in a restroom knows the threat that they pose to him. Five former friends of mine and countless little boys have been turned into homosexuals by such encounters.

Cures are available to homosexuals, according to medical journals, through the use of electric shock, injections, threats, or mutilation, when used, of course, in a conscientiously applied program of mental hygiene and regular professional care. The progressive citizens of Virginia (whence came George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, who made sodomy illegal in this state) would enthusiastically support such a program,

designed to get homosexuals out of the restrooms and closets into a therapy center where they can be cured.

So there is hope, and thank goodness there are people with moral understanding like Mr. James, in the minority, willing to help these oppressive homosexuals and, at the same time, help the repressed masses.

Finally, I wish to support Mr. James' refusal to talk to homosexuals. I have personally talked to at least two homosexuals, and I can thus attest that they were useless, worthless, and only interested in my body. I believe I can speak with Mr. James when I say I would rather talk to a chicken with its head cut off than to a homosexual—at least the chicken would come closer to my intelligence.

John Klemm
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Irresponsibility

Dear Sir:

This Fob James controversy has me disgusted, absolutely disgusted. That college students would elect such a narrow-minded bigot in the first place is rather amazing, but the subject of another letter. The plain fact is that Fob James is insecure, immature, intolerant and incapable of justly representing the college student's interests. Fob wants his council seat back? Too late, fool, you have shown your true colors.

I was quite disappointed to hear that Mr. James disdained from meeting with one of his constituents. The Cavalier Daily pointed this fact out well in the recent editorial. I do not feel Student Council was outside their prerogative in censuring James; his insensitivity fully warranted such action.

Would Fob show similar intolerance of an avowed fellatrix or an avowed sado-masochism fanatic? Would he meet with a pot-smoker or a cocaine-snorter? Are beer-drinking Wahoons and Wahooettes all Fob represents? If that is so, he does not have any business trying to accurately represent my interests.

I guess it is true that all of us cannot be Renaissance men, but I would think that in two years of college, one would gain some measure of tolerance towards those with differing philosophies.

It looks like I am very wrong in making that statement if Fob James is an example of the typical University student. I pray to my white, middle-class, heterosexual, Christian god that Fob James is not the typical University student.

That Bob Elkins is gay is his own affair. Fob James had a responsibility to Elkins (and to all college students) that he failed miserably. That Fob James wants to make a joke of Student Council seems plain. Let's not let things

get out of hand. Abolish Student Council before more idiots like Fob James bring the dignified if aged beast to her knees.

Matt Clayton
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Worried women

Dear Sir:

In a time when women on Grounds are extremely worried about rape, it is distressing to find that so many male students treat the matter lightly. Twice in one evening we were both followed and ridiculed by fellow University students. One group referred to themselves as the Gilmer rapists, while the second followed us in their car to our dorm, then followed us on foot, harrasing us in the hall for ten minutes until a male friend happened on the scene and volunteered to walk us home. It is bad enough that we must worry about outsiders but it is particularly disheartening that we don't even receive the respect and support of our fellow students at the University.

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[This letter was signed by two other college students - Ed.]

Browne vs. University

Dear Sir:

This letter is in reply to the Oct. 25 review of the Jackson Browne concert. First of all, the assertion that the delayed opening of the doors was the fault of Jackson Browne was incorrect. Had Browne been informed in advance of P. K. German's decision to exclude Carter from Friday night's billing and his position on the matter had been made clear, the delay and consequent rush may have been avoided. In the past, a large crowd gathering before a concert was a testimony to the enthusiasm felt for a performer. What's different about Jackson Browne?

The review stated that Browne "is in a class of performers who think everything revolves around them." Ironically, the entire evening's program was planned around the fraternity activities. It is obvious that the fraternities were placed above all else when scheduling the concert; who thinks the world revolves around whom? This letter is not intended to insult our fraternities because I realize that they are an integral part of the University, yet perhaps the author should have thought a bit more carefully before making such a rash accusation about a fine artist.

Another objectionable element in the review is the excessive use of sarcasm as an attack on Jackson Browne's character. Only two comments alluded to his musical

ability; that both remain complimentary was perhaps only evidence that the review was written by a music critic.

The author's final attack, say the least, unjust. Taking line from one of Browne's the author arrived at a sum of Browne's true character. Amazing. Lyrics from "Pretender" were used to Browne as some kind of machine: "I'm caught between longing for love and a struggle legal tender...I'm going for the legal tender."

Does the fact that Jackson Browne threatened to walk out P. K. German didn't hold the original arrangement indicate lust for money? It more indicates a distaste for last-minute communications. I offer constructive criticism to The Cavalier Daily staff. A concert review should be as objective as possible free from sarcastic overtones concerned with music rather than rash character judgements.

Caroline
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Reserve seats

Dear Sir:

Regarding your editorial on the crowd before the Jackson Browne Concert at Union Hall, you neglected to mention a very feasible alternative to the present system.

Perhaps PK-German could consider having reserved seats rather than the current high general admission. This is currently done by many major universities. The seats could be priced according to proximity to the stage and view.

Numbering the seats and wouldn't be too difficult. Numbers written on sheets of paper would do the job for the seats on the floor, and the ushers would be given the responsibility for leading the audience to their seats.

This system would not eliminate the necessity of standing in line for two hours and get crushed in the process of trying to get a decent seat, but this system would also allow students control over how much they pay for where they sit. A seat on the rafters shouldn't cost as much as a seat on the front row.

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