

STUDENT COUNCIL  
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Dear Mr. Grattan:

The Gay Affairs Subcommittee of Minority Affairs of the Student Council has been established to investigate the problems of gay students at the University. The work of the committee and its report to Student Council will properly require your office's advice on certain legal matters.

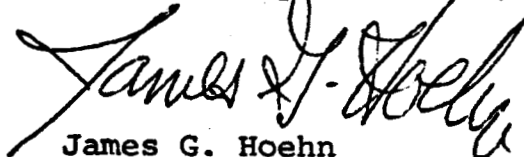
In particular, the subcommittee needs to know in what areas and under what circumstances students may be legally discriminated against on the basis of affectional or sexual preferences. The rights of students generally would naturally be difficult to delineate fully, but it would be useful to our work if your office would supply us with a written summary of areas in which gays enjoy fewer or restricted rights.

In particular:

- (1) Can gay students be denied equal provision of student services, and if so, under what circumstances?
- (2) Can gay students be discriminated against in student organizations, sports, or other University-related student activities, and if so, under what circumstances?
- (3) Can gay students be subjected to discrimination in employment, and if so, under what circumstances?
- (4) Can gay students be subjected to discrimination of any kind in academic programs, and if so, under what circumstances?
- (5) Are there any other areas not specifically mentioned where gay students have fewer rights than non-gays?

I hope that your office will find it convenient to reply in the near future, and will greatly appreciate it.

Respectfully submitted,



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