

'New Veins of Stupidity'

Barry Lawrence's column of April 12th on homosexuality was a veritable Comstock Lode of offensive, ignorant bigotry and shallow, outdated ideas. The student-funded University Journal struck deeply into rich new veins of 24-karat blithering stupidity by publishing it.

Mr. Lawrence, this really is not proof that homosexuals as a group are psychologically disturbed. Indeed, the savage doctors of the ultra-conservative AMA removed homosexuality from their ancient disorder lists years ago. Your suggestion that all homosexuals require counseling or therapy is simply small-minded, personal prejudice.

More dim-witted, inane, loutish pap is your sentence, "By *condoning* the behavior of gays, we are *exalting* a behavior that is clearly unnatural."

The words "condoning" and "exalting" are only three syllables long Mr. Lawrence. You can avoid relating words with differing meanings, such as these, by using one of the many dictionaries available on grounds.

Actually, much of your column would have been better published 11 days earlier—on April Fool's day. For instance you write, "I am sincerely sorry that a tiny fraction of the students at the University of Virginia, because they are homosexuals, may never experience one of life's profound mysteries, that of love between a man and a woman". Oh please Mr. Lawrence, please editorialize more about the profound mysteries of love! Climb down off your high-horse of heterosexuality. Pull down your vanity.

I won't call Mr. Lawrence a pin-

head or a vicious weasel—I'll leave that to the other 15,000 students on grounds. Mr. Lawrence calls on us to picture gay sex and (gasp) *think about it!* Get real! I could just as easily call on my readers to picture a University Journal staff writer engaged in a last-chance grope with whatever chordate he was able to lure within torpedoing distance, and cry, "Gross, gross". In short, personal aesthetics are not a valid reason for condescendingly condemning a group of people. I hope we won't be seeing this putrid brand of irresponsible blather published in the UJ in the future.

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