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temptation of homosexuality. Narrow-mindedness is intolerance to beliefs and opinions that may differ from your own.

*Kurt Heidmann  
Class of '93*

**Homosexuality draws mixed views**

I find it ironic that in the same issue that homosexual tolerance is encouraged, there would be a homophobic ad sponsored by several "Christian" organizations.

As a former president of one of the organizations, I was embarrassed by their attempts to interrupt Coming Out Week.

The timing of the ad showed disrespect towards gays, lesbians, bisexuals, their friends and families.

These organizations should show the same consideration they seek during Resurrection Week in the spring.

*Britt Sells  
Class of '93*

I feel ashamed that members of our fine University advocate such immoral and unnatural behavior as homosexuality.

To justify such a claim, one must look at the basic facts involved: The purpose of any sexually-based relationship is the creation of offspring.

That is nature, and indisputable from the lowest insect to the highest reasoning creature on earth — the human.

Therefore any type of sexually-based or romantic relationship that is not based purely on procreation is indisputably unnatural.

As for Jeff Anderson's comments on homophobia, society's disagreement with a non-heterosexual orientation is not because of fear or misunderstanding.

Such behavior is contradictory to the laws of nature, and therefore is generally viewed as immoral behavior. To many, it is

perverse and disgusting.

Coming Out Week is but another attempt by homosexuals to make their radical beliefs and behaviors acceptable to those who know otherwise.

It is another example of the decline of values and morality in America today. This immorality should not be forced upon the student body of Texas A&M University.

*Patrick Charles Albright  
Class of '99  
Accompanied by 6 signatures*

The articles and flyers advertising homosexuality and Coming Out Week are highly offensive.

The lack of open-mindedness to ways of "coming out" other than shoving ideologies down everyone else's throats is narrow-minded.

Lack of respect for others' views, beliefs and opinions, religiously based or not, is insensitive.

I represent a small minority of people who believe that we are all responsible for our own beliefs and actions, and should be open-mindedly tolerant toward others having their own different beliefs.

If individuals and groups want to observe Coming Out Week and the acceptance of homosexuality, go ahead, that shouldn't bother anybody.

However, don't try to force people of differing beliefs or opinions to observe it in a rash attempt to justify your own actions and beliefs.

If you're going say that it's OK to be a homosexual, don't criticize others as "narrow-minded" for voicing their belief that it's OK to not want to be a homosexual or to overcome the

This letter is in response to Jeff Anderson's column in the Oct. 10 Battalion.

I would like to recognize Anderson for being a man that is open and honest about his true self. That is definitely an honorable trait that many of us lack.

However, I would like to point out one problem in his article. Anderson made the statement that "... those who are gay can no more change their sexual orientation than they could change the color of their skin."

This is not true. Never has it been proven, medically or genetically, that one is born homosexual. This is a choice one makes at some stage in their lives.

I have seen too many lives changed and brought out of the homosexual lifestyle to believe otherwise. The statement he made is one that is heard but has no evidence to back it up.

If being gay is something you are born with and have no choice in the matter, then why are there clinics nationwide that help homosexuals change their sexual orientation?

How can people make the change from homosexual to heterosexual if this is something they are born with?

I am not in any way attacking Anderson as a person because that is not my intention. I accept him for who he is, but that does not mean I have to agree with his lifestyle.

However, there is a love that will make your life complete. Love, that if you possess it, other people's perceptions of you will not matter.

That love is found in our Savior, Jesus Christ; who loved you so much that he gave up his life so that you may live.

*Tony Lieber  
Class of '88*

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