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Gay Social Club prez refutes 'homo' letter

To the Cigar:

I have just picked up a copy of the Cigar and have just completed reading a Letter to the Editor entitled "Homosexuals blasted for 'special profession'." "In fact, I have just read it for the fifth time and it makes less sense each time that I read it.

I find that it is full of non sequiturs and meaningless sentences, as well as lacking any sense of continuity. Indeed I don't know whether to react to its stereotypic prejudices and outright bigotry or to attack the credibility and literacy (or lack thereof) of its author, or to just ignore it as a big farce or "High camp" just meant to amuse the campus community.

Assuming that this letter is not a farce, and considering that I don't wish to make a personal attack towards another person, I must, therefore, offer a rebuttal against its prejudices and bigotry.

The article does make one very good and valid point—"Homosexuals are clamoring for equal protection in our capitalistic society. These people do n't seem to have any quarrel with any other phase of our society." This point, however, is later contradicted—"Their goal is legal protection to pursue their special profession." This "special profession," although alluded to, is never defined.

In fact the paragraph is completed with "In India there are

two blocks of statues from a bygone age depicting orgies involving men, women, and animals," which clearly demonstrates heterosexual behaviour (bestiality notwithstanding) as opposed to homosexual behaviour.

Further along in the letter the author states that "Sexual activity between men and women is enjoyable, and necessary for the propagation of the species." While this is totally true, one must consider the fact there are too many people who are homeless and without proper diet already inhabiting the earth and that homosexuality may be one of nature's methods of birth control.

Furthermore, while sex between a man and a woman is pleasurable, sex between any people can be pleasurable, while sex, where there is love, is beautiful regardless of sexual affectations.

In closing the author states that "This Homo activity is an insult to our women (notice the chauvinistic use of the word "our") and we should keep in mind that the sexual and other nearby organ of both men and women are the tail-end of the human sewer line where all of the internal body filth has to be eliminated."

I believe that Sigmund Freud would agree that only one who is fixated in the anal stage of development would equate sexual activity with urination and

defecation.

Furthermore, while claiming that homosexuals' activities are in insult to women, the author indeed insults women in two ways. First, by not even considering that some women are homosexuals and secondly, by assuming that no women engage in fellatio and anal intercourse.

I believe the author sums up his state of mind (or lack thereof) when he closes with "People who slobber around these parts of the body (genitals) have an unhealthy state of mind."

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