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To The 5¢ Cigar,

I want to clarify the article on March 18 which reported on The Committee to Eliminate Heterosexism and Homophobia. In particular, the statement about non-discriminatory language was misconstrued and taken out of context. The Committee is not suggesting that the terms "mother" and "father" are inherently discriminatory nor that they should be abolished. The reporter was referring to one item (out of 12) from a draft of a paper which offers examples of what a non-homophobic/non-heterosexist campus would look like. It suggests that, in documents which refer generally to couples and families, language be used which is inclusive of different types of couples and families (including gay and lesbian ones).

While language is important, it is not the primary focus of The Committee which is working in various ways to help create a University community in which gays, lesbians and bisexuals (along with all members of the community) feel safe and respected, and receive fair and equal treatment. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings and share in these efforts.

Sincerely,



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