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To the Cigar:
As a parent and a human struggling to overcome the hangups and biases that were taught me as a child, I was moved by R. Creasy's Feb. 21 column titled, "Dear Parents: Your Child is Gay."

Writing such a statement and presenting it to a society that is still judgmental, harsh and cruel takes strength and courage.

Nice going, R. Creasy. If I received a letter like yours from one of my own kids, I hope I would not falter in continuing to offer my support, understanding and love. Statements like yours help me to keep that resolution strong.

Jack Thompson
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Senate funds approved for gay group, Gazette

by Dave Lavallee

In the last meeting before the spring break, the Student Senate approved funding for the Spanish Club, the Great Swamp Gazette and the Gay Student's Coalition Monday night.

The largest money matter dealt with the Gazette, which the Senate granted $3,581.36 for general improvements in its production shop.

The Senate allocated $83.90 to the Spanish Club. The money will be used in the presenting and promotion of two movies.

The Gay Student's Coalition was granted $95.70 for advertising and office supplies to promote "Blue Jeans Day" on April 14.

According to Carl Swanson, coalition president, "Blue Jeans Day" will be a day set aside for promotion of gay rights.

"If people are in support of gay rights then they should wear jeans on the 14th. This is being run on campuses all over the country," Swanson said.

The Senate tabled the vote on whether or not to purchase a new van for the Cigar.

Fran Pacheco, student body vice president and Kingston Student Services chairperson, withdrew her motion to vote on the purchase of a new van for Little Brother-Little Sister.

In the case of Little Brother-Little Sister, if the bill is passed, the organization must raise part of the funds and the Senate will match the money with a grant.

If the funds do not cover the entire cost, the Senate would take out a loan to pay the difference, Mike Souza, a member of the Tax Committee, said.