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4/4/78 **On blood and jeans**

To the Cigar:

This past Friday there was a blood bank held in the Memorial Union Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. I would like to know why this was not more publicized.

There was only one article in the Cigar concerning this blood bank, nothing else.

Who is, in charge of making this occasion known to the students of URI? Whoever they, he, she, or it is, they did one lousy job!

Over three fourths of the people I talked to on Friday didn't even know we were having one, let alone where and when.

Something as important and worthwhile as a blood bank should get a little more attention.

I can only hope the next one in April will be made better known to the students of URI.

I would also like to give my own two cents about the URI gays using blue jeans as their symbol.

Power to them! It is their right to choose any symbol they want. No laws were broken no rights infringed on in this choice. Blue jeans are a symbol of our generation, a generation which should finally let them out of the closet and accept them for what they are: HUMAN BEINGS!

I have never been gay and don't plan on ever being gay, but it burns me up when I hear and see terms like, "homos", or "queers", used.

Any person who uses these or any other derogatory remarks fits into his or her own category: "Redneck."

John Joseph Carlson

4/6/78 **Shirts and shoes, too**

To the Cigar:

Many things have gone on at this University that I have not agreed with, but staying consistent with student tradition I never got involved.

This time I feel my rights have been infringed upon and I have to speak my mind. Until now, I have just ignored the issue of gays, and gay rights.

I feel an organization has the right to exist as long as people within the organization want it to. When they force the public into changing their habits to show their opinion of the group, I feel it is time to act.

The right to a private opinion, and freedom of dress is almost universal and it certainly is in America.

If you haven't guessed, I'm

blasting "Blue jeans day" sponsored by the gays on campus. Its theme is, if you are Gay of if you support Gay rights, then you should wear blue jeans on April 14.

Well, I too am proposing a special day on April 14. I'll call it "blue jeans, shirt and shoes day." Its theme is, if you aren't Gay of if you don't support Gay rights, then you should wear blue jeans along with a shirt and a pair of shoes on April 14.

So Gays, have fun in your blue jeans, bare feet and bare chests. Think about it, it's just as fair as "blue jeans day" is to us. And straights, see you in blue jeans, shirt and shoes on April 14. LONG LIVE THE SILENT MAJORITY!

Gary W. Johnson

Please give to the Jimmy Fund

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BLUE JEANS DAY is coming on Friday  
April 14, 1978

...the spirit to beat all the rest...