

SPEAK OUT

The Meaning of Clause 28

For anyone who doesn't yet know, Clause 28 of the Local Government Bill forbids the "promotion" of homosexuality, or the findings of such, by local authorities or the teaching of homosexuality as a "pretended family relationship" in schools.

This amendment, tabled by Jill Knight and David Wilshire, two notorious Tory MP's represents the most incredible attack on lesbians and gay men since make homosexuality was "decriminalised" for consenting over-21's in 1967.

So, what does this mean? Despite Government assurances, this clause will inevitably bring about the closure of Lesbian and Gay Community Centres (in Liverpool, the Link Centre is under threat), the end of Lesbian and Gay helplines, no licensing for Lesbian and Gay pubs and clubs, no positive images in schools, no books by or about Lesbians and Gay men in public libraries, no plays about or by Lesbians or Gays in subsidised theatres. In effect, the only images of Lesbians and Gay men available will be the negative, stereotyped ones that the media so enjoys perpetrating and our movement has fought so hard to dispel.

As a gay man, I grew up with images of limp-wristed, lisping types as seen on TV — this is not what gay men are like!! In order to achieve a society where Lesbian and Gay men have the same rights as everybody else, that society must be educated about homosexuality.

As the anti-Gay backlash continues, due to the media (mis)representation of AIDS, and the rise of the "new moral right", the Tories have decided to gain more popularity out of hatred and misery. This legislation will increase the moral and physical attacks on Lesbians and Gay men and further isolate us from society.

Many student Lesbian and Gay groups are at risk from Clause 28, in just a few years such a society may not exist here at Liverpool University.

Our very lives are under threat. It is a myth that you can promote or sell homosexuality, you cannot be seduced into being Lesbian or Gay. It is a natural and normal way of life for over 10% of the population.

We must support human rights. This Bill is creeping closer to legislation, but we must continue the fight to defeat Clause 28. We can win!

Write to your M.P. Sign the petition. Join the demonstration in Manchester on February 20th. Support the campaign to "Stop Clause 28" here at Liverpool.

Lesbian and Gay rights are human rights.

Christopher Hodgson
Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Group.

Anyone wishing to support the fight against Clause 28 can attend a National Festival and Rally in Manchester this Saturday.

The March will start at Oxford Road at 1.00pm and the Rally will be at the Free Trade Hall at 3.00pm.

There will be an afternoon of speakers and entertainers including the Communards, Victoria Wood, Neil Kinnock MP, Billy Bragg and Ken Livingstone MP.

Festival tickets are £2.50 and coach tickets are available from Chris Hodgson in the S.U. Welfare Office.

Coaches leave Students' Union at 11am.

Any gripes or groans?
— Then Speakout!

Submit them to Gazette Office by
4th March for the next issue
Maximum 400 words please.



Riverhouse
unrest

Dear Editor,

I would like to complain about the disgraceful behaviour of Kevin Hamilton, Labour Club First Year Rep. Mr Hamilton, when resident at River House Hostel fought an election campaign to become 1st Year Rep. at the top of the list on his manifesto was the plight of students at River House Hostel. He asked for our support in order that he could help us with the power that 1st Year Rep status would give him.

We duly voted for him in large numbers, since winning his position as 1st Year Rep, he has secured his own release from River House Hostel, while we have been left to fester here. Not once has he spoken to us about our plight since leaving, nor is there any evidence of action by him on our behalf.

I would therefore like to call on Mr Hamilton to stand down as 1st Year Rep and resign the election without our support.

Yours Angrily
Peter J Edwards &
River House Residents.

Dear Editor,

I am a 21 old female student in Adelaide, Australia. I would like to travel to England in the near future, and am interested in corresponding with students from all disciplines.

I have recently completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Adelaide, and am currently studying for a Diploma of Education (Early Childhood).

My interests include travelling, Australian and international politics, corresponding with penfriends, playing net-

ball, volleyball and other sports, snowskating, and playing guitar.

If you are interested in corresponding with me, write to:

Helen Kibby
Box 1212,
Mount Gambier, S.A. 5290,
Australia.

Wot — No Valentines?

Dear Editor,

Who says the Department of Economics and Commerce Students are total b****ds?

The Vets Why?

On Friday the 12th there were a number of Vet Valentine's sent to members of the Department during an Economics Lecture.

However, more to the dismay, horror and shame of the students, the lecturer, acted rudely and brashly to the Vets, refusing to allow them to give their Valentine wishes to their "Victims".

Perhaps "Mad Mac" didn't realize the efforts of the Vets were all in a charitable cause, but his condescending, ignorant attitude was socially unacceptable in any circumstances.

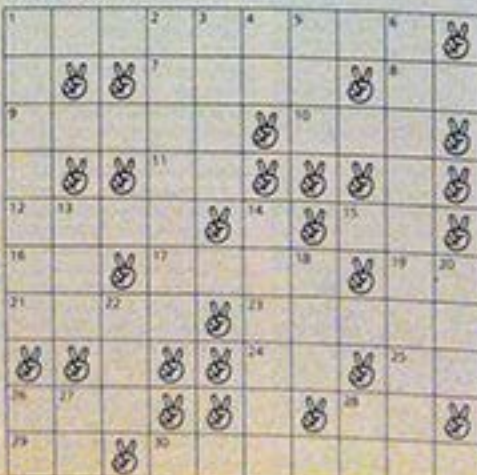
So I'd just like to conclude by apologising deeply to the Vet Faculty as a whole and the 1st Year Valentine Vets in particular and by totally condemning Dr MacIntyre's behaviour.

Yours,
A Business Student

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Part-time SAS love the weekend.
- Lady Madonna's wayward partner.
- 3.142858 (or words to that effect).
- Hangman's favourite tool.
- Handyman's hobby.
- Teddy Kennedy's a capital man.



Red Faced Jill

Dear Editor

I thought Comic Relief Day went with a bang. It was a refreshing change to see so many students get off their backsides and participate.

Our particular 'student' was noticeably missed, however, none other than Guild President herself Jill Harris. Surely as President she should set an example to those unsure of "student participation".

Evading the sponsored flame-throwing was a cowardly deed especially when an alternative to the shaving foam, which was tested on animals, of buckets of water was organised.

I find it appalling that someone who is supposed to represent students cannot even overcome her own apathy.

Yours
A Nose

I am for the right of Abortion but to attack an individual for their beliefs is uncalled for. So I find Laura Collins (Labour Club) views on abortion totalitarian. The Labour Party claims to be a broad church, able to listen to each others views, so her rejection of the right of conscientious objection is odd. Just because an individual objects to Abortion or other moral issues does not stop them being 'socialists' or anything else. Labour MPs voted for the Alton Bill and Tory MPs have voted against hanging. This proves that such issues should be left out of party politics even though they are political with a small p.

This view point and many others held by the Labour Club led to Mr Cahill joining the Alliance group.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID NOWELL
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CALLING ALL CONTRIBUTORS

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 25th FEBRUARY
12.30pm - 2pm Gazette Office
2nd Floor Students' Union

BE THERE!

- For them, Waterloo was the winner.
- Dodgers play in this U.S. city.
- Yuppies favourite two letter word.
- Only possible after you've sown it.
- Thanks.
- Bobs bad mannered 4 legged friend.
- Opening English batsman who went to South Africa.
- Harvey Proctor was one.
- 20 down, without first letter.
- Indiana found this.
- Sporty types love this.
- The 'poete', the 'fenetre', the 'maison' etc.
- Trendy commerce students.

DOWN

- See 1 across
- Angelic pibeian
- Skunks do this "in the middle of the road"
- Initially the author thought "the Moon's a Ballon"
- Also
- a Wright bunch of lies.
- Bread Roll; Northern equivalent.
- SJL's smiling guard.
- My Rice Krispies don't do this.
- Handsome boys from land of the Fjords.
- Squid's liquid defence.
- P.S. Chevy Chase was in the video.
- Egyptian God.
- Roland hated this.

by Stuart Bathan.