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Letters

What MU really needs is morality

To the Editor:

Two recent events on campus prompt me to reflect upon the folly and ignorance rampant at Marquette, and for the most part, at campuses nationwide. One involves ASMU (a big surprise). I am referring to the creation of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Affairs Committee. The other is a typical fringe group of liberal activists called AIDS Awareness. These two activities both serve liberally oriented students.

The members of AIDS Awareness claim their purpose to be the education of students about "AIDS prevention methods." They criticize the administration for not realizing that people are having sex.

So, instead of trying to educate us about the merits of abstinence, which happens to be the ONLY guarantee against infection, they seek to effectively condone the very behavior which infected our beloved Magic — promiscuous sexual behavior.

Of course, they say we should use condoms to avoid his fate. But condoms are not a reliable enough means of preventing the disease. And no matter how much you petition the public about using condoms, those at risk — homosexuals, drug users and promiscuous heterosexuals — are not exactly the responsible types who will heed your warning anyway, as evidenced by their irresponsible and immoral behavior in the first place.

Yes, it is naive to think people aren't having sex, but not any more so in regard to drugs. Common policy toward illegal drug use has encouraged us to "just say no." Why can't we "just say no" to sex? Is sex any harder to say no to than an addictive drug? Do we encourage drug use just because people are doing it?

One student informs us that "AIDS does not happen only to homosexuals and drug users." First of all, AIDS is not something that just happens; it is,

in fact, a direct consequence of our behavior in 94 percent of all cases.

And, according to the Centers for Disease Control, 59 percent of cases result from male homosexual relations (although I've heard that figure quoted as high as 70 percent), 22 percent from drug addicts sharing needles, 13 percent from heterosexuals engaging in sexual relations with homosexuals or drug users. The remaining 6 percent of cases are classified as "other."

The other 94 percent, could have avoided AIDS by refraining from engaging in immoral and unhealthy behavior. Perhaps AIDS Awareness should seek to educate us with these facts, rather than with their misdirected compassion for the degenerates who basically commit suicide through their behavior.

This brings me to my next point — why is a student government on a Catholic campus attempting to bring legitimacy to an abnormal sexual preference? How can the 24 senators who voted for this absurd amendment justify creating a committee for a group which willingly causes up to 70 percent of all AIDS cases? While minorities and women arguably have concerns which may need a committee to address, what special concerns do gays have that a student government is qualified to handle?

If gays are being verbally or physically harassed, this is a concern to be dealt with by Public Safety. Contrary to Christine Jaspers' belief, I hardly think ASMU is the appropriate assembly to protect homosexuals. If a heterosexual was being harassed, ASMU wouldn't create a special committee for them. A support group in Campus Ministry already exists for homosexuals.

The other goals of the committee should not be condoned on a Jesuit campus. For example, education for the

general campus, sensitivity workshops and knowledgeable speakers deliver the message that homosexuality is an accepted and normal condition that should be approved of, while the Catholic Church (and, I would venture to say, the vast majority on this campus) condemns acts of a homosexual nature.

I am certainly not advocating the silencing of homosexuals or their supporters. We should be free to say nearly anything. However, I hardly think the student government, as the alleged representation of the students and a body of this Catholic university, should be a sponsor of and an advocate for homosexuals.

The plague of AIDS stems from a disturbing lack of these qualities. Students would be better served by groups spreading this kind of message. And student government should stick to safety, programming and other issues which are of actual concern to the campus.

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But has Freeway approved plan?

To the Editor

In response to Joe Sippel's "Modest proposal" of making Michael McCarter (a.k.a. Freeway) the unofficial mascot of the Warriors and encouraging all to write the Athletic Board in favor of this "proposal," — did you ask Mr. McCarter if he is in favor of it?

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U.S. government. Whether right or wrong, we did seem to take a more active role in returning to power a monarchy in Kuwait after it had been ousted by a military dictatorship.

Finally, when thinking about refugee issues it is imperative to remember that the majority of people in our country are here because of ancestors who left their countries looking for a better life. Most of them were not political refugees, but rather "economic refugees" interested in improving their own living conditions. Granted, times have changed, and as I said earlier we cannot afford to allow an unlimited number of permanent refugees in our country. I believe we must keep this fact in mind.

My experiences in Texas and the current policy toward Haitians have also made me reconsider the words of a certain lady who stands in an East Coast harbor: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door." Perhaps the millions of dollars spent to restore her physical appearance should have been used to transport her to a museum where relics of the past are stored and remembered.

In my mind, as long as she continues to stand on Ellis Island and as long as U.S. refugee policies are such as they are, she should be called the Statue of Hypocrisy.

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Attack on AIDS letter 'ignorant'

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the libelous and intolerant attack upon my character and beliefs written by Kate Wilkinson, Kevin Gulp and Amy Ambrose. How dare you write such blatantly false statements about me! I never once called all AIDS patients degenerates. In a questionable editing job performed by the *Tribune*, the following information was not included in my letter.

I knew a hemophiliac who contracted AIDS through a blood transfusion and suffered a miserable death as a result. I will certainly characterize whomever transferred their infected blood a homosexual or drug-addicted degenerate and a murderer. Don't preach to me about ignorance for I have a knowledge of the effects of AIDS having observed them in a wonderful and innocent human being.

And the doctor who killed Kimberly Bergalis by inflicting her is a degenerate and a murderer. She, and people like her, are indeed victims of the decadent and the depraved. But the homosexuals and drug addicts who do essentially kill themselves and others through their own behavior deservedly receive none of my sympathy.

Further, I never said sexual relations between two people are unhealthy. Heterosexual sex is very healthy in a loving marital relationship. Homosexual sex, however, kills.

In the future, you had better be more careful to avoid libelously misstating another's statements and printing lies that serve your own ignorant ideas about AIDS. Ideas similar to yours are in part responsible for the deaths caused by your cherished homosexuals and drug addicts who infect the innocent babies you mentioned. I hope you can live with such a mark on your collective consciences.

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Clinton voters have damned the rest of us to misery

Congratulations everyone. We have now elected a tree-hugging, baby-killing, pot-smoking, flag-burning, queer-loving, draft-dodging, bull-spouting '60s radical socialist adulterer to the highest office in our nation. Doesn't it make you proud to be an American? We've just had an election which proves that the majority of voters are either totally stupid or entirely evil.

Either you condone drug use, homosexuality, AIDS-producing sex, adultery and murder and are therefore a bad person, or you didn't know that he supports abortion on demand and socialism, which means you are dumb. Have I offended anyone? Good — some of you really need to wake up. Since most of you who voted for him don't know what you're getting due to your political and economic ignorance, I shall outline your future. For the few remaining intelligent citizens out there, read it, and try not to weep.

Clinton says he wants to raise taxes on the "very wealthy." His plan, however, translates into crushing taxes on farmers, unincorporated small business people, and unavoidably, the poor consumer who will bear the brunt of new taxes on business in the form of higher prices. The lag between policy changes and market reaction will stall the inevitable economic decline.

But raising taxes, increasing regulation over business, and expanding government spending will cause interest rates to skyrocket with an eventual replay of the Carter years. The taxes he proposes will not cover the kind of spending he advocates in the first place; the result is an enlarged deficit. When the misery index of inflation and unemployment intensifies, I hope the jobs that are

lost are those of Clinton voters.

Clinton's economic stupidity is not surprising when one examines the credentials of his economic advisers, several of whom are socialists, including Derek Shearer and Robert Reich.

Some of you are pursuing higher education for, among other benefits, the higher paychecks it commands. My advice to you: Leave school and become a union factory worker. You can make some real money with the inflated wages protected by Clinton before he taxes everyone else out of work. Of course, he can always create some chicken industry jobs as he did in his great state of Arkansas. Who needs a college degree?

Speaking of Arkansas, did you know that it ranks 48th among states in percentage of people living in poverty and in disposable personal income, 47th in per capita income and education spending, 50th in workplace safety, per capita justice system spending and teacher pay? Did you know that the welfare caseload under Clinton rose 27 percent? One of every five people in the president-elect's state live in poverty.

You have voted for a national health care system which will force you to wait months for the heart surgery you need today. But at least every bum on the street will be able to get a band-aid. You have, in essence, voted for a murderer who will prevent innocent people from getting the life-saving surgery they need, while self-centered women can get abortions any day. One will be better off contracting AIDS than developing cancer, because those afflicted with the politically correct disease will be getting all of the funding. How sad that the lives of degenerate drug addicts and queers are valued more than the innocent victims of more prevalent ailments.

Clinton obviously does not value life, including the lives of the thou-

sands of foreigners who come to the United States for the surgery they cannot receive under their own nations' socialized medical systems.

He used to value life until 1986, when he surrendered to the abortion rights feminist fanatics whose votes he would later need. Now, he sup-

ports the Freedom of Choice Act, which will allow women to mutilate and dismember their helpless children through their ninth month of pregnancy. Anyone who could consciously vote for such a murderer is obviously immoral.

You have voted for a man who will judge people on the basis of their color through quotas. I wonder if white men will receive undeserved and unearned preferences over blacks and women as they become increasingly disadvantaged.

Many of you voted for Clinton because he supports change. This was mere rhetoric on his part, since he doesn't support any popular reforms like the balanced budget amendment, term limits, school choice or litigation reform. Of course, he does support school reform in the form of condom distribution and demonstrations for 6-year-olds in our schools.

I have been told: What can one man do in four years? Well... one man and one Congress of the same liberal, tax-and-spend philosophy can do a lot. I have been told that I will survive the next four years. My father survived the Great Depression, but all those people who committed suicide and the one in four who became unemployed didn't fare as well.

See all the wonderful things toward which we may look forward? ("Don't stop thinking about tomorrow...") But then, you did vote for him. You deserve it. But no thanks for damning the rest of us to this misery.

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