

Gays not diseased

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Beware of the Heterosexual Society

At a meeting of the newly-formed Heterosexual Society, club president and founder DeAnne Backes leveled some pretty questionable opinions about homosexuality.

She claimed, among other things, that heterosexuality is the only biologically correct lifestyle. To explain her view she continued, "homosexuality is a disease. Gay people are wrong."

Although Backes said the group is being formed to promote the heterosexual lifestyle, it is becoming clear that perhaps the true goal of the group is to react to the ideas that the Lesbian/Gay and Bisexual Alliance has been putting forth, rather than setting their own agenda.

While it is true that heterosexual intercourse is the only biological way to procreate, this is not to say that heterosexuality is the only correct lifestyle. There are plenty of heterosexual sexual activities that do not lead to procreation — kissing for instance. However, to claim that kissing is not "biologically correct" is asinine.

Further, merely because homosexual intercourse cannot lead to procreation does not invalidate the pleasure the participants obtain from it.

That Backes and others hate the homosexual lifestyle is not in question.

People have a right to live the way they want. However, in the cause of fighting disinformation, they are spreading disinformation of their own. This is cause for alarm.

By spreading and propagating disinformation about homosexuality, the group is persuading others to become close-minded also. The Constitution gives people the right to believe what they want — even to recruit others.

However, before listening to the Heterosexual Society, one should take care to learn the facts for themselves. Homosexuality is not a disease, nor is it the only "biologically correct" lifestyle, and there is more than a little debate as to whether homosexuality is a learned behavior or not.

We live in a free society and with that comes large amounts of freedom — the freedom to be homosexual, as well as the freedom to hate homosexuality — but with these freedoms comes the responsibility to act according to the best information available.

The best information is that homosexuality is not a disease. Homosexuals are people who, for one reason or another, have an alternative lifestyle. This is not reason to hate them, nor is it reason to discriminate against them.

Homosexuals, and all minorities, should be respected for who they are.