

# GLSO asks apology from senators, but gets none

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Demanding a public apology from senators Bob Georgiou, OCC, and Jeff Deitering, UDA, at Wednesday night's Government of the Student Body meeting, members of the Gay/Lesbian Student Outreach voiced their outrage at comments made during debate at last week's senate meeting.

The request for the apology stemmed from comments Georgiou made concerning whether the Iowa State mascot, Cy, should continue to be funded. He stated that issues like these show that GSB is becoming a non-representational body and that "if Cy were a homosexual he would be funded. But Cy represents the normal student, or he represents every student. Whatever."

This statement stirred controversy within the GLSO which prompted them to come to the GSB meeting and make their anger public. Heather Thompson,

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GLSO president, voiced her dismay during time set aside for student comments. She directed her comments to senators Georgiou and Deitering.

"Boys, I'd like to thank you for your contribution to this alternative newspaper (*Campus Review*)," Thompson said. "Today I have felt overwhelming support for GLSO stemming directly from this alternative newspaper. Your efforts have done more for us in three days than we could accomplish in one school year. And you've done something else. In identifying yourselves with this alternative newspaper you have managed to make the truth about yourselves be known and your positions very clear."

"I don't mind letting people know I'm gay. I'm glad to be gay. I would mind if people thought I had made an ass of myself in print. So you'll be hearing from us at GLSO. Remember, we are everywhere."

Thompson said that in refer-

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ence to the comment Georgiou had made in a previous *Daily* article where he speculated as to why GLSO was funded. She said GLSO provides a valuable and much-needed service to students of ISU and that not all students affiliated with the group are homosexuals.

Thompson also explained her reaction to Georgiou's comment about Cy being funded if he were a homosexual.

She said, "I am appalled that a representative of mine and all of these people here, as we are all off-campus students, would make such an asinine and discriminatory statement. Governments, and student governments included, are not about representing the average person, but all people. This means insuring the majority does not overrun, violate, attack or discriminate against minorities."

At this point, Thompson requested a public apology from senators Georgiou and Deitering "for their blatantly bigoted remarks."

Georgiou said, "I will stand on

the fact that the comment was made in debate and the topic upset me and that the comment was taken out of context. You are not going to get one (an apology) from me tonight."

Thompson replied that she was present when the comment was first made and that it had not been taken out of context.

Deitering responded by saying, "There will be no apology from me here."

The senate also passed the 1988-89 regular allocation bill that formally allocates money to student groups.

The Student Employee Association and the *ISU Daily*, which were both sent back to the finance committee to have their allocations reconsidered, were passed with an increase of allocation to SEA of \$820 and no change in the *Daily's* allocation, which will remain at \$70,000.

The SEA was originally brought to the senate for a zero allocation and the *Daily* had requested an increase of \$10,000.

Sen. Amy Underberg, RCA, said that after the finance committee considered the *Daily's* overall operating budget they did

not think it was fair to take an across-the-board cut of 1.5 percent from all the other groups' money.

"I don't think the *Daily* is all that much more important, and if we take money out of fall specials we won't leave the new senate any money." Underberg said. "We just took \$800 out of there as it is."

The senate also passed a resolution unanimously to ask the sports council to look at the ISU Furharvesters Club, ISU Forensics, and the Cyclone Amateur Radio Club and to have them considered as sports clubs for next year.

A resolution to remind the ISU Achievement Foundation to divest from South Africa was also passed unanimously. It stated that since the University had divested in 1985, as the students requested, and that until the AF does divest, all ISU alumni and corporate sponsors should stop all "monetary donations and payments-in-kind to the Achievement Foundation."

John Naughton, OCC, said, "I think the ground has been laid by the students when they said they wanted the University to divest. The Achievement Foundation is trying to go around that voice. It will have to divest by July 1, anyway, but this act is a reminder to the foundation."

Naughton said that the Achievement Foundation would not lose any money by divesting because once it had extracted the money it could reinvest it elsewhere.