

The Collegian Forum

Student Says Anita Tells 'Fairy Tales'

I was surprised and amused to see my name denounced in the Collegian Forum by none other than Anita Bryant. Anita's letter is full of statements with which I beg to differ. Starting from the beginning, I cannot see how Anita can deny that her crusade has become national in scope. While the Miami issue was local, it was given nationwide coverage; everywhere in this country Anita Bryant is associated with anti-homosexual slander. Perhaps she didn't intend to start such a campaign rolling, but she has, and she may as well admit it.

Secondly, Anita cleverly gets in a plug for her new book—free advertising? Thirdly, I do not consider UR to be a Christian college, but rather to be nominally affiliated with the Baptist church. I came

here to get a good liberal arts education. I was enticed by the campus, the facilities, and the curriculum, not by the University's Christianity. Perhaps Anita would like us to kick out all Jews, Moslems and other non-Christians. That would make the University

more pure. Since I'm graduating very soon, it is too late for me to consider a more "liberal, humanistic" college. But if it were possible, maybe an Ivy League school would be better. Funny thing about that—I thought UR

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was trying to raise itself to the outstanding status of Yale or Harvard. I guess liberalism, humanism and Christianity are not compatible in Miss Bryant's mind.

I have never had a professor teach me that homosexuality is a sin. I have also never had a teacher tell the class that he or she committed adultery, slept with a water buffalo, or was a homosexual. Teachers are professionals; their personal lives are separate from their careers, and the overwhelming majority keep it that way.

I have trouble understanding how Anita can justify her statement that adultery and fornication encompass the homosexual lifestyle. I generally consider these two acts to be acts performed by man and woman. Sex outside of marriage cannot be applicable to homosexuals, since they cannot be legally married; the same principle applies to pre-marital fornication. These acts should be classified as heterosexual sins, if you consider them sins at all. In fact, an etymological dictionary specifically defines these acts as acts between a man and a woman.

Miss Bryant implies that I was not familiar with the Dade County ordinance. On the contrary, I was very familiar with it. Anita seems to be reading a bit too much between the lines. According to her, if one went up to the personnel director of a school and said, "I am a homosexual. I plan to tell all my students, and change them into gays," the personnel director would be forced to hire the applicant! This ordinance was just protecting homosexuals from discrimination; it did not take away anyone's freedom of religion. However, Anita is abusing religion to take away freedom of lifestyle. She said in a later interview that America's youth began going down the tubes when the Darwinian theory of evolution began to be taught in the schools. This only furthers my belief that Anita is employing the politics of ignorance. Her grammatically incorrect and poorly worded letter affirms this belief.

In conclusion, I have talked to many, many people about my previous letter. ALL of them agreed with me, even the most religious Baptists I know. Anita Bryant is so far to the right that she has fallen off the deep end. I wish she'd stop telling "fairy" tales and return to the real world.

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