

# Pretty Boy Slim

Homophobia is a form of prejudice. Among the Bronco family the Lesbian Gay Bi-sexual Transsexual (LGBT) community has a presence too strong to ignore. For those who fear what they do not understand, consider that each human has a different cause, belief, and ideology. Let us not be so judgemental.

*Interview by Alisha Murphy \*includes commentary from an anonymous bisexual female.*

**Q: What is a stud/femme?**

**Slim:** a stud is someone who dresses more masculine. A femme would be a girl who...actually... she could be girly or she could just be a girl who wears t-shirts and tennis shoes. Those would be qualified as a 'stem', border line a stud and a femme.

**Q: Why do you choose to dress as stud?**

**A: Slim :** Personally, I mean I like the swag better. I mean of course I want to attract girls so, I believe its only right to dress more masculine. I don't have the girliest body so, I like my male swag.

**Q: Since you have been a student at FSU, would you say that your appearance and or sexual orientation is a factor here at school?**

**A: Slim:** I mean it comes into play at times when I have a presentation in class. They would prefer that I dress like a female but I'm not gonna change my style of dress just for a presentation in class. Then they say, "Well if you were on a job, how would you dress?" I'd dress the same way because personally that's just who I am. I can still be clean in the attire that I wear. And then you get the accidental "Sir" and it doesn't bother me but when you notice a professor is doing it on purpose or because you didn't dress up for their presentation, you know that gets in the way of a lot of stuff.

**Slim:** I feel like it is a problem too because you have LGBT people who want to pledge

or do other things and it's like you can pledge, but you have to keep your sexuality secret. When I was a freshmen, I had a close friend who chose to hide her sexuality until her process of pledging was over. At the same time it wasn't fair because what do you do once you cross, just figure "Oops, it just so happened that after I crossed I was gay"

**Q: Do you ever or have you ever purposely hide your sexuality?**

**A: Slim:** I don't think so. Except when I was younger. I've gotten past the stepping stone of getting the fact to my family so. Other people around campus really don't matter, I don't have to see you for the rest of my life so it really doesn't matter. I would be hiding myself if I did that.

**A: Anonymous:** I did when I first began here but, only because I wanted people to know me before they labeled me. Even now if asked I would tell but I don't volunteer the information like, "Hi, I'm bisexual"

**A: Slim:** The males are the first to be negative soon as they hear a girl is lesbian, its like "Oh you're a dyke", especially once they hear no from a chick they wanted to talk to too.

**Q: What do you say to people who are homophobic or are afraid to befriend anyone from the LGBT community?**

**A: Slim:** Every gay girl that you see hanging together, aren't together. People assume before they act, and think that it's fact. I won't approach unless I know she's a female lesbian, no one I know rejects. Every gay person [male or female] does not want

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