

## Pulitzer

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I hope so. My friend thought some of the children there were too young and might be traumatized for life from those images, but I'm not so sure. Our children need to learn the real history of our world. We all need to open our eyes and see this world as it really is: the devastation, horror and pain that human beings inflict on one another every day, and this exhibit facilitates that awareness.

The exhibit should be

more publicized than it has been in our local media. You all need to see this; you will not leave unchanged.

For more information regarding the NC State exhibit, visit their website at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/pulitzer/home.html> or 919-515-3364.

The exhibit is located in the D. H. Hill Library on the NC State campus and runs from September 19 through December 14, 2003

## Letters to the Editor

The following letters are in response to letters that appeared in last week's issue.

Dear Editor:

I am disgusted with our campus. I am a gay student, and frankly, I wish I had chosen a school with students who are open-minded (not just ones that claim they are); if it were not for the academics I would have already left. For those of you who do not see the lack of justice done to the situation, I want to point out that you do not know what it is like to be a gay student at a predominantly conservative school. For all of the events on October 6 against TKE: silly string, jello-filled balloons, thrown cigarette butts and the general profanity that greeted them, only a small glass of water that hit no one gets the charge of harassment. Do I smell discrimination? You bet.

I do not doubt that Gina's actions could have

been better performed, but the fact that this case is under such close speculation proves to me that there is plain bigotry snooping around our campus. If other people were publically reprimanded for their acts of disorderly conduct, this would not be a case of discrimination. But it is. Would you be so quick to reprimand a straight student who did something negative to a gay student? Both Spectrum and the Honor Council have dealt with these issues all semester, but I do not see the same outrage showing up in *The Herald*. You don't have to believe this, but here is a fine example.

I am the girlfriend of the water thrower, and we were both treated horribly at last year's formal. Did we receive any apology from the dates girls brought with them who mocked, shoved, and deliberately tried to humiliate us? No, nor from the girls who called us dykes and gave cruel looks. Why was no one angry

about a minority (no a numerical minority, an actual minority) getting harassed then? Where was that outrage? Who spoke for us? No one. I personally do not want a hollow apology, but I do want to point out that was an act of discrimination; that was a hate crime. Tossing water without malicious intent, and calling discrimination over an assumption of sexually oriented motivation, that's discrimination.

Throwing the water, that was merely an act of misbehavior. If TKE wants an apology, I suggest the campus ask anyone who had an act against them on any grounds to apologize as well; of course, that apology would probably be as hollow as the one we never got.

-Christina F. Jones  
Class of 2004

Dear Editor:

It seems to me that many writers are defending the water-thrower. I read her

explanation of why she threw the water on the frat guys and I have even less sympathy for her. She needs to realize, as well as her defenders, that you do not throw water on people. Many students are outraged by the water-thrower's sexuality being mentioned, but why not also be outraged by her actions? If she (or anyone else) did not like the guys singing, she should have called campus police.

Now, imagine if the group of frat boys were black and the water-thrower was a white girl. Someone would have pointed out the racial difference. Now imagine if the group were homosexual girls standing outside singing and this incident occurred with a heterosexual water-thrower. There is no right or wrong in pointing out the difference because race or sexuality may be a motivating factor. There really is no way of knowing until the facts come out - it is just an ini-

tial reaction to the situation. I also think it is interesting that the water-thrower states that she has experienced discrimination but then lists some of her own biased feelings against frat boys. Now how would she have felt if the "bothered in brewer" writer gave a list of negative statistics about homosexuals to justify her pointing out the water-thrower's sexuality?

-Ry-Yon Green  
Class of 2003

**The Herald welcomes letters to the editor. All letters must be signed but may be published anonymously. The Herald reserves the right to edit letters for length and/or offensive content.**

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