



## LETTERS

### No show

The University's Survival Center arranged for Bruce McCain, a lawyer for the Oregon Citizens Alliance, to debate David Allen, chairman of the Advocacy Committee of the Gay and Lesbian Lawyers Association. I looked forward to hearing what the speakers would have to say in a debate entitled, "Homosexuality: Perverse Act or Acceptable Lifestyle?"

My interest went beyond wondering how McCain planned to bring a group of University students around to

his point of view. Because I am a gay student concerned about how the OCA-sponsored ballot initiative aimed at citizens like myself may affect my access to higher education at a state institution, I had some questions for McCain. I intended to listen attentively to the debate, remaining silent until questions were invited by speakers.

Allen came down from Portland to present his case, and McCain didn't show. As a representative of a group claiming the homosexual community is unwilling to offer its "perversion" up to public examination, McCain's rude snub

makes it a hollow charge.

Allen said he wasn't entirely surprised he had been stood up. He told the audience that even Scott Lively, communications director for the OCA, had failed to appear and face him at a similar public forum.

I view McCain's failure to keep a public speaking engagement as another example of the lack of professionalism and integrity of the OCA leadership. Perhaps even they know their deceitful rhetoric is neither rational nor moral.

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