

**LETTERS**

**Two moms OK**

Have you ever seen your life reflected by an external source? And that reflection seems to be twisting your life into an unfortunate mistake? A reflection that is so skewed in relation to the reality that you yourself have known?

I was raised in a loving household that had its ups and downs. I had a normal, happy childhood and was taught values that include acceptance as well as equality among all people. I even have two moms — two people who love me, nurture me and give me an unconditional foundation.

Maybe we weren't legally recognized as a family, but it felt like a family, acted like a family, loved like a family — the only conclusion I could logically come to was it was a family. So you see, being raised by a lesbian couple isn't all that different than your average nuclear — or not-so-nuclear — family (Dan Quayle would be so disillusioned).

You knew the OCA fit into this somehow, huh? Well, they have twisted my reality into a perversion. We must stop and question the reality of a group who is most definitely imposing its perceptions to fit its own agenda. This group is not saving the children — this group is hateful and is trying to slowly destroy our children.

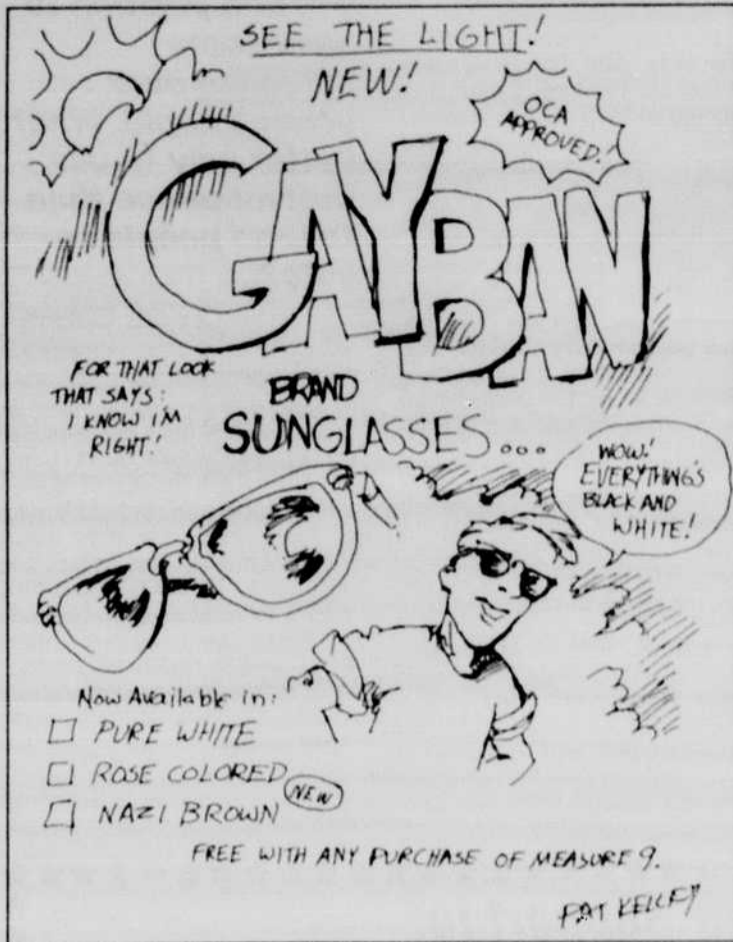
I'm leaving you with this. No on 9. It's not just about homosexuality. It involves lives beyond your life and mine.

Brook Steinbrecher-Maring  
Student

**To vote ...**

I recently had the unnerving experience of trying to register people to vote at the Saturday Market.

As I walked around asking people if they had yet registered, I was met with statements like, "I hate Bush, and hope that he burns in hell, but



"I'm not interested in that stuff," "I don't want to choose between two evils," "I'm too lazy," or simply, "not interested." I think these statements represent the views of a great many people between the ages of 18 and 25 and I find it frightening.

Whether we like it or not, our generation will soon be responsible for the workings of this nation and the world. The statements I heard at the Saturday Market and our unwillingness to vote reflect our generation's overwhelming apathy.

To those who claim to want change, yet refuse to vote, I say talk is cheap. Voting should be the first step toward making a change in the system. It should come before verbal or physical protest. To those who say they

do not want to choose between two evils, remember that there are important local issues that only require a yes or no answer.

Finally those people who are just "not interested" or "too lazy" to vote need not do so if they like the restrictive, controlling direction our government is headed.

Danny Richheimer  
English

**... Or not to vote**

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John Zerzan  
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