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Seminars discuss science and sexuality

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How are we to understand such diversity in sexual orientation? Is it derived from variations in our genes or our physiology, from the intricacies of our personal history or from some confluence of these?

These are questions that appeared in an article, published in the May 1994 issue of *Scientific America*, addressing biological differences between gay and straight men. The article was written by Simon LeVay and Dean Hamer.

LeVay, co-founder of the Institute of Gay and Lesbian Education in West Hollywood, Calif. and a former professor of Neurobiology at Harvard Medical School, gave two seminars at the University Tuesday.

In his first speech, "The Biology of Sexual Orientation," LeVay discussed his 1991 research on the brains of homosexual men and how they are different from those of heterosexual men. The presentation was sponsored by the biology department.

LeVay and Hamer's article continues: "Probably no one factor alone can elucidate so complex and variable a trait as sexual orientation. But recent laboratory studies,

including our own, indicate that genes and brain development play a significant role."

LeVay's research shows that a cell group, associated with sexual behavior, in a region of the brain, is different in straight and gay men. "On the basis of my experiments, I don't know if the brain structure is a cause or effect of homosexuality or a correlation with no significance," LeVay said.

LeVay also discussed the genetics of homosexuality.

"Homosexuality, like heterosexuality runs in families and that's been known for some time," he said.

According to LeVay, research shows that if you are a male with a gay brother, there is about a 25 percent chance that you are gay and if you are a female with a lesbian sister, there is about a 15 percent chance that you are a lesbian.

In his second seminar, "Queer Science: The Use and Abuse of Research Into Homosexuality," LeVay talked about the social

implications of research in this area.

This speech was sponsored by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance, and co sponsors.

LeVay said he thinks such research and findings can be helpful and dangerous to the gay, lesbian and bisexual community.

"I don't think one can build a gay agenda on the premises that homosexuality is innate. But it can be helpful in changing peoples attitudes, particularly people whose beliefs are based on the traditional Christian view of homosexuality," LeVay said.

"I think homosexuals should be accepted and welcomed in society regardless of whether it is something we're born with or choose to be," he said.

On the negative side, such research could "take us back to a stage where homosexuality is something wrong medically," LeVay said.

Findings in this area also have legal implications. They influence the decision of whether or not homosexuals are a suspect class, a group of people with a history of persecution, like many ethnic identities.

"This question has come up before the courts and at this point the consensus is gay and lesbians are not a suspect class," LeVay said.

Campus groups organize anti-Measure 15 campaign

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The University's College Democrats and College Republicans will join forces and give away long-distance phone calls today in an effort to defeat Ballot Measure 15.

In hopes that students will call their parents in Oregon and urge them to vote against the "kids first" ballot initiative, the two student groups will provide cellular phones and one minute free long distance in front of the EMU Fishbowl from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"This is to educate students on the ballot measure and for students to educate their parents," explained ASUO Vice President Mark Rhinard, who helped organize the event.

"We're not going to force them to say 'no on 15,' but, as University students, they're going to feel the effects of 15. We'd like to

hope that they tell their parents to vote against it," he said.

The College Democrats and College Republicans said that their opposition to Measure 15 goes beyond party affiliation.

Mark Numainville, membership officer for the College Republicans, said, "It takes money from crime prevention. You could look at it from a Democratic viewpoint, it takes money away from social programs. And, as University students, we can hardly support it because it raises our tuition."

"Before we're Republicans or Democrats," Richard Bernstein, the College Democrat's chairman, said, "we're students."

Ballot Measure 15, called "kids first" by its proponents, would mandate that the state fund Oregon's "K-14" schools at their current level as adjusted for inflation and enrollment.

The measure would effective-

ly insulate schools from the effects of the 1990 Ballot Measure 5, which set caps on local property taxes, thus limiting a major source of income for school districts.

Both the Oregon and Eugene education associations, which are teachers' unions, support the measure.

"We're dangerously close to not being able to educate Oregon's youth," said EEA President Hahn Neimand, a third-grade teacher.

"Year before last, we marched up to Salem and lobbied hard for money for education. But the legislature didn't seem to listen to us. Now it's somebody else's turn to lobby the legislature, and say that their programs need to be funded," Neimand said.

The Committee for Effective Government, the major no-on-15 organization, is housed in the

offices of the Oregon Public Employees Union, which does not include teachers.

University President Dave Frohnmyer has spoken out in radio ads, speeches, debates and presentations to newspaper editorial boards.

"This is a four-alarm fire. This is very serious," Frohnmyer said. "I think [Measure 15] is a disaster for all the rest of the areas of the state. I felt a moral obligation to speak out against it."

Hahn argued that budget cuts in higher education and prisons will not necessarily result from the measure, as Rhinard and Frohnmyer claim.

"We don't know what the legislature will do," she said.

"There's not much left to take it out of, because corrections and higher education is such a large part of the state budget," Frohnmyer said.

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