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Snowball

Fight turns Aggressive
MOSCOW, Idaho (CPS) - Two University of Idaho students were arrested after a five-hour free-for-all degenerated into "the worst snowball fight in several years," police said.

Police officers were called in to break up the melee, which included attacks on two school officials - James Bauer, director of housing, and Bruce Pitman, dean of Student Advisory Services - who were bombarded with snowballs and thrown to the ground when they tried to intervene.

"After the fight, we found snowballs with batteries and rocks inside of them, and there was a lot of serious aggression," Moscow Police Chief Dave Cameron said.

The school newspaper, *The Argonaut*, reported that the snow began flying about 9 p.m. January 22 on Greek Row, when a few fraternities apparently began pelting other houses with snowballs and rallying more people to join. Within an hour, scores of people were involved.

Then the mob made its way to the university dormitories and confronted resident hall advisers and the two school officials, police said.

"There were a few moments early on when the attitudes of the participants were very mean-spirited," Cameron said.

Two students - Bradley Selvig, 20, and George Yarbrough, 26 - were arrested and charged with unlawful assembly to disturb the peace.

University

Rejects Condom Machines
MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (CPS) - Middle Tennessee State University administrators have rejected a student government resolution to install condom machines in every campus residence hall.

Dr. Robert C. LaLance, vice president for Student Affairs, decided to nix the resolution approved by the Student Government Association in October 1991.

"This has nothing to do with being prudish or backward," LaLance told the student newspaper, *Sidelines*.

"It was not a disagreement in subject, but in method to serve the students on health-related issues with health services," he said. "There is an appropriate place providing for this need."

The resolution stated that condom machines would provide protection from unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

"We're going to try to put it through again," said Toby Gilley, speaker of the SGA Senate. "With AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, I don't see how any measure could be enough."

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Davidson, and that when he was at Davidson he received no support from the general population. He said that when he spent time down on Patterson Court he felt very uncomfortable, and that he always heard passing critical remarks, although not directed at him, that ridiculed gays and lesbians.

He did say, however, that he never was the victim of any violence or harassment during his stay at Davidson, and that if he had the choice to make all over again, he would have enrolled in Davidson again.

Willard then listed FLAG's accomplishments since its formation for the audience. Besides the Forum itself, FLAG has displayed many AIDS prevention posters in bathrooms all over campus, it has the library subscribing to *The Advocate*, a gay and lesbian magazine, it sponsored the movie *Long Time Companion* during Solidarity Week, and it will send members to a state-wide FLAG meeting in April. Along with promoting tolerance, Willard said that FLAG will push for policy changes regarding college material on discrimination of certain groups.

Professor Scott Denham offered his experience with college policy by saying that when he went through his application process, his acceptance and his orientation, the question of homosexuality was "conspicuously absent" from everything.

Hasty added that FLAG is a very positive necessity for the college because he believes the administration will eventually acknowledge the gay community. He also said that the group is important because support is needed for young isolated gays and lesbians, citing that four out of seven suicides by young adults are related to homosexuality.

Thompson closed his statements with the insistence that students and people obliterate the three major myths that encompass homosexuality. The myths are, he said, that gays are out to make everyone gay, that gays are out to hit on everyone, and that gays can't be teachers because of the vulnerability of children to their influence.

Foxx closed the forum by asking students, in light of this issue and other issues of intolerance raised in the past few weeks, to focus on improvement in their own individual actions and attitudes.

Colleges Celebrate Black History

(CPS) - Universities throughout the United States celebrated Black History Month by sponsoring speakers, plays, poetry readings, dances and concerts to recognize the achievements and contributions of black Americans.

"We need African-American History Month because African-Americans have been omitted from the written record," said Melvin Wade, director of the Afro-American Cultural Center at Yale University.

Activities at Yale included presentations of speech, dance, drama and film. Ivan Van Sertima, associate professor of African studies at Rutgers University, lectured on "Reinterpreting the Legacy of Columbus: Africans in Pre-Columbian America."

"Black History Month is a time which gives all Americans an op-

portunity to gain better understanding of the past heritage and culture of black people," Harriet Taylor, an adviser at Butler County Community College in Kansas, said in a letter to the editor of *The Lantern*.

The celebration, which began in 1926, "is aimed at furthering racial understanding, awareness and appreciation, which hopefully will bring about harmony for all," Taylor concluded.

Events included visits by jazz greats Branford Marsalis at the University of Connecticut and Roscoe Mitchell at the University of Chicago, and rap singer Ice Cube at the University of New Mexico, where educator Marva Collins also spoke.

Duquesne University in Pittsburgh sponsored an evening of celebration that included poetry by

Langston Hughes and Afro-Caribbean dances.

Harvard educator Alvin Pous-saint, author psychiatrist and social critic, was invited to speak at the University of Connecticut on "The Black Family."

Meanwhile, students at Miami University of Ohio launched a campaign to publicize the story of Bessie Coleman, the first black to become a licensed pilot in the U.S. They are trying to get a postage stamp issued in her honor.

Coleman, who earned her flying license in 1921, was the 12th of 13 children. She attended flight training in France and returned to the United States to open a flying school to teach other blacks to fly. A mechanical failure on her plane caused her death during a test flight in 1926. She was 33.

Proposed Sexual Orientation Clause Causes Stir

By Angie Craig
The Daily Helmsman

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (CPS) - For the second time in four months, the Memphis State University student senate defeated a resolution that called for the inclusion of the words "sexual orientation" in a university non-discrimination statement.

The resolution was defeated by one vote in November and by a 16-10 margin earlier this month. The senate, which has no actual institutional power to make policy changes, helped bring attention to the issue, said Kevin Lee, treasurer of the Gay and Lesbian Awareness organization.

GALA, a group of about sixty students, called for the change in university policy in November. Since then, the issue has ignited campus and community debate over homosexuality and discrimination.

Proponents of the resolution argue that the words "sexual orien-

tion" include heterosexual, homosexual and bisexual relationships.

Opponents contend, however, that neither the state of Tennessee nor Memphis State, sitting in the heart of the Bible Belt, is ready to grant homosexuals a discrimination clause of any kind. Furthermore, they argue that the legality of homosexuality and the broad definition of sexual orientation would prevent such a policy addition. A person could currently serve up to 11 months and 29 days in jail for committing a homosexual act in Tennessee.

"When you talk sexual orientation, what are you talking about? Pedophilia? Necrophilia? Bestiality? You're also including a lot of other sexual preferences with such broad and inclusive terms," said Mitchell Wrenn, a senator from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Michael LaBonte, president of GALA and author of the resolu-

tion, said the group is awaiting reaction from the university administration.

"What is being proposed here is simply protection for students and faculty against potential discrimination," LaBonte said. "This does not endorse a lifestyle; it is about protecting people's rights and dignity."

Dr. Lane Rawlins, president of Memphis State, said the administration is researching the proposal and has not taken a stand on the resolution.

Meanwhile, as the two sides debate whether the resolution is dead at MSU, the campus community is taking sides in a battle not likely to be resolved soon.

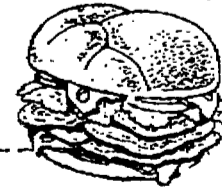
In a Helmsman poll taken this month, MSU said they favored prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation by a 65-27 percent margin.

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