

and love of Old Nassau. As a senior at prep school I was sponsored for admission by a distinguished member of the University Board of Trustees; two relatives of mine are alumni from before 1950, and one more recently. The foregoing has been written in the hope that alumni activities in the future will be more responsive to their entire constituency. And, with that thought in mind, I would like to see this communication given something like the same publicity and circulation which you have planned to give other anonymous communications from the class. This can serve as a litmus test of this questionnaire's bona fides.

Because of space limitations, my additional comments to the 1938 anonymous questionnaire are recorded below.

As a homosexual member of the class of 1938, who, perforce, had to remain in the closet throughout his university years, I look back with mixed feelings at my time at Princeton. Throughout my four undergraduate years I imagined I was the only gay person in the class. Not until after graduation did I meet a few other gay alumni from the classes of 1936 through 1940. Gradually, over subsequent years, I became increasingly aware of how many homosexual students there had been at Princeton during my time there. Eventually I came to appreciate the significance of what is now a generally-accepted statistic -- first put forward by Kinsey -- namely, that at least 60 of the approximately 630 members of our freshman class had to have been gay in their sexual orientation. In our days as students, there was no opportunity for any gay student to have the kind of social relations presently afforded by the openly-homosexual groups currently recognized on our campus and those of other universities. In truth, I feared that, if my sexual orientation were ever discovered, I would be expelled from the university. To this day I boil within whenever I read the not-infrequent hostile statements regarding gay students which emanate from the Concerned Alumni of Princeton, who would have us believe that there were no homosexual students at Princeton until the university recognized the first gay student group in the 'seventies. Those who direct the C.A.P. do not appreciate that there have always been gay students at Princeton. They may be surprised to hear that there are gay alumni who support many of the C.A.P.'s positions regarding university policy, except for its views on homosexuality, and that some of them might support the C.A.P. were it to end its rampant bigotry and come to terms with the twentieth century in its attitude toward human sexuality.

Though life for young gay undergraduates has changed markedly for the better, the same cannot be said for those who attend alumni activities. Today society at large has begun to recognize that not every adult is married or is planning to get married and have children. Yet Princeton alumni social affairs continue to mirror the majoritarian ethos, and leave no place for those who do not conform to the prevailing ethic. With the passing of years, I have come to appreciate that this majoritarian insensitivity is not limited to attitudes regarding sexual orientation. It is evident in the lack of consideration for non-drinkers at so many social gatherings -- not always alumni ones either -- where the price of the meal is set to include the cost of the drinks, which the non-drinkers do not want, but are forced to subsidize. This all boils down to the fact that alumni events -- as distinct from most official university functions -- seemingly are programmed without the least regard for the feelings of different minorities within the class. Thus, if there be anything which I would hope for the next generation of alumni, it would be to have those responsible for class events begin to emulate the University itself, which, in more recent years, has slowly come to recognize that, to be true to its professed ideals, it must be open to more than the majority of white heterosexuals.

In passing, I should note that I yield to no one in my loyalty to