

have little to do with the inherent characteristics of an individual, and more to do with the inherent dignity of each human being. Surely our society should grant homosexuals that.

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Ode to education

I write in praise of the Department of English and the faculty for their high standards of debate and discussion in the current controversy. As an outsider, removed from the calm of faculty deliberations, I offer a few modest proposals. The Department of English is correct in not wanting to teach writing to the entire University. Writing is a communication skill, and a real top-10 Department of English isn't interested in communication. I suggest that the writing courses should be taken over by the College of Communication, their natural home, or

failing that, by the foreign language departments, who have ample experience in teaching writing. This would be especially fitting, as writing is a foreign language to most high school seniors.

I also suggest that we raze Parlin Hall and build in its place a tower of ivory for a Department of English Literature, that will not have to be bothered with such mundane things as writing. I thank the powers of the department for their concern about the well-being of their lecturers and the student body, and the total lack of departmental politics in this matter. And I praise the UT administration for once again not letting education get in the way of the drive for national ranking. And last, may I propose a tomb on the South Mall to the unknown course, conceived with much hope, of such promise, shot down in youth by an unknown assassin.

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