Anita Bryant Blasts UR Student

I read with great interest your editorial “To Anita Bryant: Moderation, Please” (Oct. 6). I agree with everything you said up to the last four paragraphs where you claim that I regard my victory in Miami as “a mandate to crusade across the country against homosexuality” — have you ever HEARD me say that? I never have been and I have no plans of being involved in taking a “crusade” or “witch hunt” across the United States to force homosexuals out of their bedrooms. Although I consider the act of homosexuality a sin, I couldn’t care less what they do in private. I think that my new book The Anita Bryant Story will be of interest to many of my critics since it explains my love for the homosexual, not my hate; that I love the sinner but hate the sin.

I also noticed in The Collegian Forum section that “it appalls and disgusts” Francis Kinsey, RC, Class of 1978, “to learn that the campus of the University of Richmond will soon be disgraced by the appearance of Anita Bryant.” It is my understanding that the University of Richmond is a Christian college, teaching that homosexuality is a sin — if he doesn’t believe that, possibly a more “liberal, humanistic” college should be considered for him. I would also consider adultery a sin and fornication a sin, both of which encompass the homosexual lifestyle. I would also be against a heterosexual who would stand in front of a classroom and proclaim his sexual preference as being one who commits adultery or has sex with an animal. Through it all, I as a Christian, am able to say that I love the homosexual as I love all sinners and it is only through the grace and strength that I derive from and through Jesus Christ that I am able to say that! Can my severe critics say that they love me? Incidentally, since Francis is so expert in his criticism of me, I must assume, especially his being a college student, that he must be familiar with exactly what the Dade County ordinance was. If not, I suggest that, before he criticize anyone, he become familiar with the issue. For example, does he know that the Dade County ordinance made it mandatory that a known practicing homosexual, that is, a homosexual that would stand in front of the children in the classroom and say that he was a homosexual and offer it as an acceptable alternative to heterosexuality, be hired by a private or religious school? This was the primary reason I got into the Dade County issue — because the Dade County ordinance was a bigoted, anti-religious ordinance that took away our freedom of religion in Dade County!

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