Miss Bryant is Called ‘Offensive’ by Reader

It appalls and disgusts me to learn that the campus of the University of Richmond will soon be disgraced by the appearance of Anita Bryant. This woman has led a persecution campaign in Florida aimed at homosexuals, and seems determined not to let them live a life free from discrimination in jobs and housing.

To a nation that has made great strides to legally end discrimination against minorities, the success of Anita Bryant’s campaign is a step backward.

This issue involves more than just sexual preferences.

I am not gay, but Anita Bryant offends me, just as Lester Maddox or George Wallace offend me.

Anita Bryant is perhaps more offensive than others, because she uses religion and the Bible as the justification for her discrimination. Using her religion in such a manner has offended others, including Ruth Carter Stapleton, the sister of President Carter. I think it is a “sin” worse than any committed behind closed bedroom doors.

Go back to Florida, Anita—Virginia doesn’t need you. If we’re lucky, you’ll slip on an orange peel as you enter the Robins Center.

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