

June 11, 1971

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The Honorable Ronald A. Webster
District Attorney General
State of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

Dear Ron:

Although I have not seen the petition to which you referred in your good letter of June 7, you may be sure that I am terribly sorry that your name was forged to any such document.

I am asking A. T. Whitehead, who is in charge of safety and security on the Knoxville campus, to look into the situation you described and to ascertain, if possible, the person or persons who circulated the petition. He will contact you after he has completed his investigation.

In order that Charlie Weaver and Howard Aldmon may be aware of the situation, I am taking the liberty of sending copies of your letter to them.

Incidentally, I am enclosing a statement which Charlie Weaver issued concerning the Gay Liberation Front-- just in case you missed it in the newspapers.

All of us at U.T. certainly appreciate the wonderful cooperation you continually give us, and we certainly regret any embarrassment you may have experienced in regard to your name being used erroneously.

Sincerely yours,

Edward J. Boling
President

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cc: Dr. Howard Aldmon
Dr. Charles Weaver
Mr. A. T. Whitehead

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The Honorable Edward J. Boling
President
The University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Re: False Representations of Organization known
as The Gay Liberation Front

Dear Dr. Boling:

It has come to my attention that an organization called "The Gay Liberation Front" has presented to the University of Tennessee a petition signed by numerous citizens requesting that said organization be recognized by the University of Tennessee as an official campus organization. I have also learned that my name has been forged to said petition and I understand that said organization is representing that they have my personal support regarding their petition for support of The Gay Liberation Front.

I am vigorously opposed to any homosexual organization and I certainly did not affix my signature to any petition which The Gay Liberation Front may have presented to the officials of the University of Tennessee. I am writing you this letter so that my position in this matter will be clear and positive. I would appreciate it if you would attempt to ascertain who circulated this petition so that this matter may be investigated further in an attempt to learn who forged my name to this petition.

Thanking you and with kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

RONALD A. WEBSTER
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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*Secret
Have Mr. White
look into this
and protect
Ron*

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Knoxville, Tennessee

June 7, 1951

Robert A. Henson
District Attorney General

The Honorable Edward G. Boling
President
The University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Re: Various Representations of Organizations of Organized Groups
as the Gay Liberation Front

Dear Mr. Boling: It has come to my attention that an organization called "The Gay Liberation Front" has presented to the University of Tennessee a petition signed by numerous citizens requesting that said organization be recognized by the University of Tennessee as an official campus organization. I have also learned that various has been formed to aid petition and I understand that said organization is requesting that they have my personal support regarding their petition for support of the Gay Liberation Front.

I am vigorously opposed to any homosexual organization and I certainly do not believe my signature to any petition which the Gay Liberation Front may have presented to the officials of the University of Tennessee. I am writing you this letter to that my position in this matter will be clear and certain. I would appreciate it if you would bring to my attention any individual who is connected with this matter in an attempt to learn who signed my name to this petition.

Thanking you and with kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

ROBERT A. HENSON
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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