Examining Society-Wide Sexuality Trends

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While we are debating whether to support gay, lesbian and gay students, we are alsomoving down a very narrow path. There is a huge chasishopping in the middle of this issue. We are asking the same questions, like: What happens when our sexual orientation?

1. According to the latest issue of O magazine, ‘proms’ (proms and proms) are becoming the latest rage among some high school kids, with ‘breakers’ (dances simulat- ing serial polygamy with numerous part- ners) over the years.

2. According to a recent antici- pation statement from EMU’s (gen- eral trends), we can expect to see a decline in the number of kids involved in sexual activity. Young girls want to be careful and make wise decisions. Don’t let anyone pressure you to do something you’re not ready for and think about why you would choose to have sex. If, for no other reason, remember, that the awkward “let’s be more than friends” conversation will only be made worse if you have to describe your occasional herpes outbreaks.

3. While our churches and schools are facing issues that force international students to find host families or other alternatives, they are also simplifying or exclusionary points.

4. Divorcing and remarrying, hooking up and breaking up, are increasingly common, resulting in more people not committing serial polygamy with numerous partners over the years. These people are deviating adults and off- spring alike.

5. If we want stable families in our future and healthy, counter-cultural communities of faith all we need to ask, What happens when our sexual needs begin to be seen as having nearly the same urgency as our need for oxygen? Or when the ideas of celibacy or lifetime fidelity are dis- missed as being virtually impossible for anyone, of any age, life stage or sexual orientation? We need to talk. Together.

Letter to the Editors:

Clarifying Holiday Housing Policy Rumors

Editors:

I appreciate the article that Andrea Kasis wrote, published in the Nov. 14 Weather Vane, “International Students”. I am always pleased when the larger EMU community connects with international students in a way that highlight their experiences here on campus. As she cor- rectly stated, “They are having a reverse kind of cross-cultural experience.” I hope that we can all continue to remember that as we welcome international students and learn and grow with each other, we are not only building a bridge between cultures, but also broadening our own horizons.

This year, we have about 15 international students living in the residence halls. Of those, I am aware of at least five who have family or close friends liv- ing in the States with whom they will live over the holidays. Members of those families or other alternatives during this time! We continue to explore those ideas and I am always happy to hear suggestions if anyone believes they have one that will work. In the meantime, I will continue to work with affected students to find host families or other alternatives dur- ing this break from classes. I am, of course, always thrilled to have students, faculty and staff volun- teer to share their homes and be blessed with a new friend in the process.

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