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RE ORGIASTIC PROCEEDINGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

A mixed blessing is this freedom that we hold so dear at Bennington. On the one hand, it encourages and facilitates our 'free expression' and 'creative self-fulfillment', but on the other, it occasionally puts us in the position of being identified with a particular exercise of that freedom which we neither want nor claim.

Our freedom permits so much liberty of action to all of us that many activities of some could be held reprehensible or offensive by others. By engaging in these activities in such a way as to draw the attention of the entire community and visitors to the community, the participants thereby implicate all the members of the organization to which they belong.

On behalf of the members of this community who wish to be disassociated with such proceedings, I plead that all such future gatherings be held in private.

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