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**Gay life investigated by BU psychologists**

(Continued from page 1) well-adjusted as a homosexual would be discouraged from pursing his inclinations and repress them. Thus, he felt, could lead to just as many psychological difficulties.

Need for mixer

Salomon questioned the assumption that a person would be happier as a heterosexual, per se. If, in fact, this were not true, then banning the mixer would might prevent some students, from forming a sexual identity which he felt was essential to them. The mixer, he said, "would help people find out whether they would be happier as a homosexual or heterosexual."

In his discussions with psychologists at BU, Salomon heard arguments both for and against the mixer. Some of those asserted that no one would go to such a mixer unless he had already made a commitment to that way of life, while others argued that if the mixer were to take place he would be truly unhappy.

Salomon summarized the decision as a choice between probabilities, further asserting that his research had lead him to believe that was no simple answer at this point. Salomon said that the study had made him aware of a complexity which he had not seen in the issue before, and clearly stated that there could be no "pat" answers when so many of the "experts" disagreed.

The Committee was formed to look into the issues along the lines of Dean Nyhart's objections, in the hopes that he might be convinced to reverse his decision.

"Why not?"

Gay mixers have already been held at Harvard and Boston University, with the BU mixer having the university administration's approval. Salomon characterized the BU administration's attitude as "Why not?"

The homosexual mixer issue surfaced late spring when the Student Senate refused to hold an open mixer in the Student Center. When the request was turned down by the Dean's office, several students appealed to the undergraduate government, but the group delegates were reluctant to vote on the issue two weeks ago, deciding instead to refer it to a committee for study.

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