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Correcting Upham

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In the Opinions section of the latest Campus, David Upham mentioned what he feels is “a major question within psychology: whether homosexual orientation constitutes a mental disorder.”

It should be pointed out, however, that in 1972 the idea that homosexuality is a mental disorder was explicitly repudiated by the Board of Trustees of the American Psychiatric Association and its general membership, as well as by the American Psychological Association. Consequently, in 1973 the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from its official list of psychiatric disorders.