To the Editor:

For anyone in the Tufts community who is not aware, yesterday, April 16, was declared jeans day by the TLGC. The idea, as I understand it to have been, was that anyone supportive of homosexual freedom should wear jeans in order to publicly state their opinion as such. I do not support homosexuality and I am not homophobic. In fact, I see the word as devoid of any value as it was probably derived by some homosexual group attempting to console themselves by replacing the aversion they felt from outside with fear. I find the idea of homosexuality repulsive, I see it as something morally wrong, and although I could never accept it, I accept that everyone is entitled to their own opinions or preferences.

I have no problem with the existence of a gay and lesbian society at Tufts, but I do have a problem with its proclamation of April 16th being "jeans day." Although those in favor might appeal to freedom of speech as giving them the right to have such a day, the idea infringes on the rights of the Tufts community as a whole. I wear jeans because they're comfortable. So where is my right to freedom of speech when, in doing something I do almost every day, people tell me I'm making a statement that is contrary to all of my beliefs, my morals and my religion?

Why did you, the members of the Tufts Gay and Lesbian Society, not use the ever popular arm band or something of that sort so that those who wish to speak, and those who don't can make a conscious decision either way? How would you respond were I to declare next Thursday, April 23rd

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April 23rd "Homosexual Aversion Day" here at Tufts? Everyone on the Tufts campus who is repulsed by the idea of homosexuality could wear shoes in an effort to state their opinion as such. If you truly believe in something, there are better ways of making your point. I wore jeans yesterday and I'll wear shoes next Thursday... Because I want to.

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