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Log Cabin Republicans in St. Louis seek investigation of drag show

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ST. LOUIS - A gay political organization is asking for an investigation of a drag show at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The president of the Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis, Charles Stadtlander, said he attended the Oct. 14 drag show.

He raised concerns that the show mocked heterosexual audience members, that performers wore revealing outfits, used inappropriate language and simulated sex acts.

He said university officials should not have allowed the event and raised concerns that tax dollars were involved.

University spokesman Bob Samples said Stadtlander's complaint was the only one received about the event.

Taxpayer money was not used to fund the event and proper procedures were followed, he said. Samples said the matter was a First Amendment issue. He said campuses have hundreds of events annually, and not everyone finds them to be appropriate.

The second annual show was sponsored by several groups, including PRIZM, an organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students.