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Log Cabin GOP blasts UMSL “drag queen” show

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Charles Stadlander, president of the Log Cabin Republicans of Greater St. Louis, says that his group has complained to the University of Missouri Board of Curators about “the recent gay and lesbian pornographic performance” staged by a student group at the university’s St. Louis campus.

The event was held on Oct. 14 by PRIZM, a social organization for gay and lesbian students. It included performances by drag queens, Stadlander said.

The Log Cabin Republicans also is a gay group, as is Stadlander. But he said he was appalled that the university would allow “any type of sexual performance, heterosexual or homosexual, while in the presence of minor children as well as University faculty, staff, police.”

Stadlander, who was present at the show, called some of the event’s activities “pornographic,” with some of the featured performers usually sexually explicit terms.

He said he has filed a formal grievance with UMSL officials, and is going public because his complaints were ignored. He said the event was “a blatant misuse of Missouri taxpayer dollars (that) violates every idea of decency and tolerance. Additionally, for the University of Missouri-St. Louis to underwrite the cost of the location, utilities, staff, and insurance liability for such an event is deplorable, especially in the wake of skyrocketing tuition and fees for students...”

Stadlander said he’s spoken to legislators and at least one curator.

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