

## Violence must stop

There is a disturbing phenomenon that seems to be growing on many Nova Scotian campuses these days. In fact, it has become such a problem that campus police chiefs from all over the province will meet sometime next month to discuss what can be done to solve it. The problem I refer to is campus violence.

The reports of violence seem to be growing in number. A girl was roughed up at St. Mary's. A foreign student was beat up by three drunk goons because he looked like a "Paki". The most recent incident was the Dalhousie engineers' traditional 'spontaneous' raid on King's College. (See story page 7.)

I don't know what to think about Dalhousie Engineers. I know that they are not the only ones who commit mayhem on this campus, they just seem to specialize in it.

Please don't mistake me. I don't think all Dalhousie engineers are violence orientated. I've had a lot of engineer friends who have been well spoken, involved individuals that have expressed their disgust to me at some of the actions of their more crude comrades.

There is no way that what happened at King's can or should be passed off as 'tradition'. The violence that surrounds this 'tradition' has grown every year. I am also tired of the excuse that it was not the engineering society that took part but was a 'spontaneous' happening. The blame cannot be shifted. If someone writes an opinion piece in this paper and it offends someone, who is it that gets the flack? The writer? No, the editor. When a group of engineers carries on as this group did, then the engineering society must be willing to accept the blame and not pull this "Who, me?" act anymore.

There are a group of people among the engineers who seem determined to promote the image of the engineer as the macho kings of Dal. These people seem determined to teach new engineers that they should fight at a moment's notice, drink more beer than everyone else, be the first ones to throw up on someone at a party and generally disregard the feelings and rights of others because "You are a Dalhousie engineer and to hell with the rest of the world."

I'm afraid that I agree with the C.P. at King's who said that most of the engineers were just like lost kids looking for someone to take them home.

If I were one of the new Dal engineers I would worry about getting rid of these "good time" morons who give all engineers a bad name. If I was on Students Council, I would take away society rights for the engineers until they can prove they have their hormones under control. If not, this group of 'traditionalists' could really hurt someone next time. They've already been sued once for hurting someone. Showing them that their childish behaviour will not be tolerated is the only way to stop them.

Just as bad on the other side was the King's C.P. who hit the engineer with a flashlight. Campus Police are supposed to stop violence, not start it. A flashlight is a dangerous weapon and can cause a lot of damage, even if it is only a 'glancing blow'. I hope the Chief of the King's C.P.'s will take this individual aside and tell him to clean up his act.

One final note. The **Gazette** would like to apologize to Brian Williams of Howe Hall for calling him Brian Wilson in the story on the party at Crystal Crescent Beach in last week's issue.

Tom Regan

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## Letters

### Iran

#### To the Editor:

An insulting cartoon of Ayatollah Khomeini was printed in the **Gazette** of September 13, 1979, which shows a lack of understanding of Iranian revolution.

If you had been among the people of Iran who for years suffered under the economical and political tyranny of the Shah, your judgment would have been different.

The success of the Iranian revolution, which was the result of the continuous struggling of the oppressed people of Iran, damaged the interest of the Imperialist powers. Since the revolution, the news agencies associated with these powers have been continuously attacking and attempting to discredit this revolution and its leader Khomeini.

It is very disappointing and saddening that such a cartoon, which is a great insult to all of the people of Iran, would be published in a student newspaper.

Iranian Moslem Students