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DCF un-defiled

To the editor:

Having observed the controversy generated by DCF's "Unlocking the Truth Lecture Series", we thought it appropriate to provide a synopsis of the week's events. This will enable your readers to put these events in their proper perspective and judge what our intended motives were.

The much-vilified chapter on homosexuality in *Eros Defiled* is but one of eight chapters in the book. This book was but one of twenty on the book table, the book table being a secondary part of the week's activities. The actual focus of the week was the twelve

lectures delivered by John Bowen, on such subjects as "Science and Faith", "Does God Exist?" and "The Gospel according to Calvin and Hobbes" (a look at society's beliefs through contemporary culture). None of the lectures were even remotely sexual in content, let alone homophobic. The lectures were well-attended and response was positive. Also, on January 19 a free barbecue was held for students in the Tupper Building, which made it possible for students to eat and continue their studies without having to venture into the storm that evening.

It is unfortunate that Ms. Beck's article ("Unlocking the Truth: a word of a lie", *the Gazette*, January 28, 1993), produced a distorted caricature of the week. Despite having provided the *Gazette* with a press release and a contact number, no attempt was made to contact DCF for comment. Also, Ms. Beck was not present for any of the

forementioned events. We would, however, like to thank "Dykes at Large", for having spoken to representatives of the group, before composing their letter, which appeared in the same issue.

We hope we have been able to "Unlock the Truth" concerning this "news" article. If questions persist, concerning DCF, the Lecture Series, or *Eros Defiled* (which by the way, does not advocate shock treatment or torture for homosexuals. Copies are available for examination), please feel free to contact us through the Chaplain's Office. Peace, love and eternal grooviness.

Frank Vandenburg Coordinator, Unlocking The Truth Lecture Series

Eric Sullivan Publicity and Communications Coordinator, Unlocking the Truth Lecture Series

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towards the government buildings. They were met by police with sticks. A confrontation ensued, and one professor was jailed.

When the students returned to the university, the Governor invited three representatives of the Student Committee into his office for negotiations. No compromise was reached. When the students left the building, they were arrested without a warrant.

Students called several organizations and newspapers, searching for help. Some newspapers published the story, and students in Mexico City and other universities protested in solidarity with the students of Sonora.

The Governor called three more representatives, and said his government would release their friends if students left the administration building. The students vacated the building that night. Several hours later, the three liberated students and the professor appeared. "They were very happy, but you could see that they had been beaten in jail," says Malony. On May 13, she and other stu-

dents, accompanied by thousands of local people, marched to the city limits of Hermosillo. About 60 continued on towards Mexico City, 2400 km. away. They held a banner reading, *En Defensa de la Educacion Publica y Gratuita y de la Autonomia Universitaria* (In Defense of Free Public Education and University Autonomy).

Accompanied by one carload of supplies, Malony and other students walked about 20 km. each day. They met people in many towns and settlements who fed them, painted murals and supported them, and joined the march.

On August 13, they arrived at the *Zocalo* in downtown Mexico City. They marched to the residence of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, and requested an interview. After about 20 days, during which time they camped in the *Zocalo*, 5 students were granted an interview with the Regent of Mexico City and the Governor of Sonora. Together they drew up a document stating that students have a right to be involved in decisions that affect them, such as tuition increases. After the government of-

ficials signed the document, the students were driven home.

Back in Sonora, the *rector* and the *Junta* refused to accept the document because, they said, they did not sign it. They claimed that they were not represented in government negotiations. "But this was a lie," says Malony, "the *rector* and the *Junta* agreed with the government because the government brought them to power."

The Governor maintains that each student can choose whether or not to pay tuition. "But the university says you must pay, or your certification won't be valid," says Malony. "Some people have paid out of fear. Many still haven't paid. A year later we are back where we started."

"What happened at our university was an experiment," says Malony. "Business and political leaders want to charge tuition in many Mexican universities so that they can gain control." She and others are trying to form a national committee, and organize a student strike to oppose them. It's important for students to support each other, and oppose NAFTA, she says.

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roles. Surely this massive expulsion, condemned under the Geneva Convention and by the United Nations Resolution 799, despite Mr Block's wishes, is not the action of a "democratic" state.

Mr Block's claim that Israel is a democracy is, in itself, laughable, especially when he claims that Israel is

so morally superior that it "does not utilize the death penalty". In December 1992 alone, 23 Palestinians were killed in occupied Palestine, eight of these were under sixteen years old. No death penalty! Under Israeli rule, every Palestinian faces the death penalty.

Jacqueline O'Rourke

First Baptist Church Halifax

1300 Oxford Street 422-5203
(across from Shirreff Hall)

February 21 ; 10:30 am Transfiguration
Sermon: "Listen to Him" - Rev. John E. Boyd
Music: Tallis, Brahms

February 28; 10:30 a.m. Lent 1
Sermon: *Temptations as Teachings*
- Rev. Adele Crowell
Music: Tye, Byrd

STUDENT LUNCHEONS SUNDAYS AT NOON

Ministers: Rev. Joh E. Boyd, Rev. Adele Crowell
Director of Music: David MacDonald



Student Union Elections

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

ELECTION DATES
March 15-18, 1993

Nominations are now open for the following positions:

President/Executive	Dentistry Rep.
Vice President (one term)	Medicine Rep.
Board of Governors (2)	Nursing Rep.
Science Reps. (3)	Occupational Therapy Rep.
Arts Reps. (2)	Physiotherapy Rep.
Management Studies rep.	Pharmacy Rep.
Engineerig Rep.	Law Rep.
Sahper Rep.	International Students' Rep.
Part-time Students' Rep.	Women's Rep.
Mature Stduents' Rep.	Men's Rep.
Graduate Studies Reps. (2)	

SENATE POSITIONS

Science Rep.	Medicine Rep.
Arts Rep.	Law Rep.
Management Studies Rep.	Health Professions Rep.
Dentistry Rep.	Graduate Studies Rep.

Nominations open: **Wed., Feb. 10, 9:30 am**
Nominations close: **Mon., March 1, 4:00 pm**

Nomination forms are available from Room 222 of the Student Union Building starting Wednesday, February 10. For further information, please contact Wade Deisman, Chief Returning Officer at 494-6576, or in Room 222, S.U.B.

IMPORTANT JOB NOTICE

Dalhousie
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The DSU is looking for a hard working, self-motivated student who considers her/him self in touch with the programming needs of students.

The person selected will be responsible for two areas of work:
I. Developing & implementing the 1993 Orientation week events.

II. Work as an assistant in the concert promotions area of the Campus Activities' office.

For more information contact:
Scott MacIntyre 494-3774 or Dennis MacNeil 494-1276
Deadline March 12, 1993