

Choice group lobbies candidates

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The Canadian Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL) has been sending postcards to the campaign headquarters of the three major federal parties across the country to inform the candidates of the opinion of the majority of Canadians on abortion rights.

By sending this information to

the candidates, CARAL hopes to bring public attention to the issue of abortion rights in the current election.

"The politicians need to know where the people stand on this issue," said Kit Holmwood, a spokesperson for CARAL. "Although 72% of Canadians believe abortion is between the woman and her doctor, they haven't voiced this opinion The information the politi-

cians do receive is from anti-abortionists."

CARAL, which has been active in Halifax for the past year, is lobbying for the repealment of section 251, an outdated abortion law.

"We would like to see the present system of therapeutic abortion committees replaced by abortion clinics, where women can find counselling as well as freedom of choice," Holmwood said.

Another goal of the League is to see the inception of programmes to educate and counsel students on the subjects of sex and abortion.

In Halifax, the response of the parties has been varied. The New Democrats have responded enthusiastically, putting the postcards up on the walls of their campaign headquarters. The Liberals and Tories, who support the existing law have shown little response, focusing instead on other issues.



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