

Thanks for your feedback



Maybe you've seen and scoffed at the posters which appear around the campus every week or so, advertising meetings for Gays and Lesbians at Dalhousie. Occasionally, someone will whip out their pen in a fit of moral outrage and deface a poster. Last week, the moral majority went a step further.

Posters that went up in the morning were gone by the afternoon, replaced by a new photocopied version embellished with death threats.

This is disturbing because it is not simply a random and spontaneous act of hatred. Someone who would go to the trouble of taking down a poster and trotting off to a photocopier to reproduce hatred is demonstrating a deep

commitment to violence and discrimination. And since groupthink is such a powerful stimulus for stupidity, the offender was probably not acting alone.

You sit beside me in class. You stand in line next to me in the cafeteria. We play on the same sports team. In fact you could have been my roommate in residence — you get the idea.

You use violence as a means to keep us invisible. This supplement affirms our right to be visible. Your hatred is meant to keep us afraid. Sorry. All we feel is anger and disgust at your cowardice.

So thanks for the feedback. We really appreciate the occasional display of homophobia to remind us of the importance of meeting as a support group. While you're scribbling on posters, slashing tires and roaming around Citadel Hill with baseball bats, we'll be meeting to watch movies and eat popcorn. Doesn't that just piss you off?

Erin Goodman

Letters

Chaplains complain

Dear Editor:

We are writing in reference to the Christian Awareness week — held during the week of January 30th - February 2nd, on the King's and Dalhousie campuses.

Some students have approached us with their concerns as to how this Awareness Week was presented on campus. We too share some of those concerns.

We want to inform the university community that we were in no way

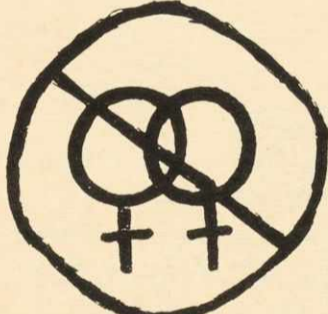
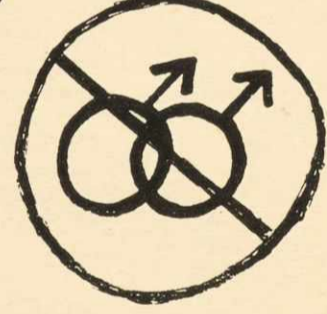
involved in this project and that we disassociate ourselves from this event.

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I'LL BE
GLAD
WHEN

THE GAYS AND LESBIANS AT DALHOUSIE
ARE ALL DEAD!
NEXT MEETING:
THURSDAY, FEB. 9/89
ROOM 314 - SUB
AT 6:30 PM
MOVIE TO BE
SHOWN:
"KILL THEM ALL"

**"COME ON OUT!"
"AND KILL A FAG!"**

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tions to be replaced by income tax credits. The recommendations are a reponse to statistics indicating that the fault rate on student loans has risen dramatically over the past several years.

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Calderhead. Shirley Marryett, Interim Coordinator of Halifax Metro Welfare Rights Association says the ruling is the "best thing that's ever happened" for poor people as long as no one has the idea that "they can go out and steal and get away with it."

A fine option program may

have to be implemented by the Government of Nova Scotia. Such a program would give people alternative ways of serving their sentences, such as performing community work. Fine option programs already exist in six other provinces including New Brunswick.

Marryett is not surprised that the Nova Scotian government is only now looking at a similar type of community work substitute that would help low-income people. "They're slow in that, they're slow in everything. This is the greatest have-not province, except maybe for Newfoundland," says Marryett.

John Embree of the Attorney General's Office would not comment on the outcome of the case, but did say that "consideration will be given to a fine option program."

Forty per cent of all people in Nova Scotia prisons are there

because they are in default. Calderhead says that they are being confined illegally.

Embree disagrees. While he admitted that no decision had been made by the Attorney General's Office concerning the people presently confined, he did say that the "incarceration is valid" for those who were imprisoned before the judgement was handed down.

The ruling has set a precedent in Nova Scotia, and although it is not binding in other provinces it will have persuasive influence should a similar case occur, says Calderhead.

He says that the decision also has "special significance for students because very often they are on a fixed income."

Calderhead says that it is important that there is "recognition from the courts that the poor shouldn't be treated more harshly simply because they are poor."