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anything but heterosexual, whether they feared peer pressure or the ratio was inaccurate. "I don't personally agree or condone this lifestyle, but I respect their opinions. Most people took those signs as a joke. At least it is now out in the open and not through a network. Their not hiding this particular lifestyle is rather risky. They may be opening themselves up for persecution."

Already some form of persecution has begun. The individual whose telephone number was listed on the flyer has received some negative feedback. "I received crude calls from male students, some were obscene and others hung up or demanded to know who was behind this. There was however some slight positive feedback," they said.

The person whose box number was listed reported no repercussions or feedback.

A computer box number under HUMANALITY was set up before the posters made their appearance. It was designed for students with computer boxes to be another medium of information.

"I had a somewhat fear of exposure," an organizer of the computer box stated, "I wouldn't deny it, but I wouldn't stand up and proclaim it either."

Some students noted that the tak-

ing down of the posters was a direct violation of rights and an infringement of free speech. One student went so far as to say, "It is tacky. Those who took them down should face Honor Court or Honor Court charges. They have a right like anyone else."

Two years ago members of the "Social Issues" class tried an experiment to measure the degree of campus homophobia. Their experiment was based on a "IF YOU ARE GAY, WEAR BLUE JEANS TODAY" campaign that was first introduced at the University of Illinois. Posters advertising this were ripped down or answered with responding posters. Though there was no noticeable change in the dress code, students in the religion class who monitored jean wearers on the test date noted that fewer men wore jeans than on a previous date.

Other colleges who tried this same experiment were not as fortunate. Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania had frat members who wore suits and burned a pair of jeans in protest. Rutgers University violence went a step further. Their form of protest included a hanging of a gay individual.

Is now the appropriate time to raise the consciousness of the St. Andrews campus? "No time is the appropriate time for radical social reform. People would rather have things stay the way they are," one member of the core group said.

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Within the next few years, the administration plans to reassess the situation involved with the fund to see what additional changes may be warranted at the time.

West had originally proposed for an activity fee based on a fixed amount of one percent of the total tuition, room, and board charge to each student. This proposal was not cited in the letter to the officers. The proposal would have allowed for the budget to increase proportionally if the school had to raise tuition in order to survive a changing economy in the neat future.







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