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To the Editor,

I am saddened by your editorial endorsement of "quiet complacency" by suggesting that the Gay community would have been better off respecting the individualist dictum of "You do your thing and I'll do mine." This attitude so easily becomes an excuse for any number of flights from looking at issues squarely and honestly. It is often those things which bother us the most when confronted that should be looked at the hardest and not avoided.

As a "straight," I do not interpret Wilde-Stein's strategy for raising the issue one that will also be the cause of a "we-them"

situation. Quite to the contrary, our heterosexual society is the source of this inhumanity. The Gays are merely pointing this prejudice out. I think this idea is further supported by the letters of protest your paper received last year from those people shaken in their complacency and asked to face what society, in ignorance, considers outside the "norm."

I hope the Wilde-Stein Club will go beyond this one day of issues raising. The Club should offer the straight community some kind of educational follow-up that could help us all better understand our own homophobias and misunderstandings.

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