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• *Christian truth*

To the Editor:

The article "Suppressing minorities with religion," which appeared in Friday's *Maine Campus*, is based on stereotypes and ignorance. It slanders two student groups, either directly or by implication, about which the author clearly knows little. The writer is probably not an especially evil person, but she has committed a serious error by bearing false witness against her neighbor.

Ms. Hillary Montgomery's article was about how Campus Crusade for Christ and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship suppress minorities. Now, I realize that it was likely not her fault the word "minorities" got into the headline, but it is there, in print, and so whoever put it there is an accomplice in Montgomery's misrepresentation.

I've been to nearly every Campus Crusade for Christ meeting in the last five semesters, and about half of the Inter-Varsity meetings, and never have I heard anybody suggest "stamping out" homosexuals or abortionists or anybody for that matter. This talk of Christians "stamping out" homosexuals is inflammatory, slanderous and unfounded.

Montgomery "has" to wonder if these groups stifle the creativity and "boundless strength" of women. Let her wonder! But if she wants to find out if they do, or if she wants to know what these groups are actually like, let her come to a meeting or two.

I'm not trying to get her (or any sympathizers) to become a Christian. I'm trying to defend the truth, and my friends in the bargain, against unjustified misrepresentation and character assassination. Ms. Montgomery's accusations against Crusade and Inter-Varsity are false. Women play important leadership roles in both groups, are encouraged to use and develop their strengths, and are affirmed in their values as people and as women. Actually, and this is sort of embarrassing for us guys, they are often more active than men.

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