



REAL COLLEGE CAMPUS HATE INCIDENTS From 2001 Train the Trainer Program

Two lesbian women lived together in a residence hall. There were signs put up in the bathroom that said, "Dykes not welcome here" and, "Death to Fags."

"A piece of artwork was vandalized with gender-related obscenities."

A floor in a residence hall has 6-8 openly gay students. On that same floor there are 4 men who are homophobic. There has been comments made to the gay students and signs posted that read, "Fags are not welcome."

Clubs & Organization are encouraged to hand flags or posters about their group – four times the rainbow flag has been taken.

"Racial Motivation?"

An Asian student was struck with snowballs by members of a fraternity from their balcony. The Asian student turned and saw them. They waved and said "sorry" but when the student turned away more were thrown – several striking the student. When confronted, the fraternity members denied any social motivation even though no other students were targeted on the sidewalk only the Asian student.

An African American student was walking home from class, during the day, and she was approached by three white males who yelled racial and sexual slurs at her. They proceeded to "rough her up" by shoving and pushing her. One male grabbed a nearby trash can and dumped the garbage out over her head. They then forced her into the can and rolled it down the street with her in it – yelling slurs at her the entire time. They left her on the ground.

Antigay slurs were written on the door of a gay student in a residence hall.

Banners displaying two different issues were stolen. The one banner was about a P.R.I.D.E. week celebration and the other was a Black History Month banner.

On the side of the house which a cultural organization used, someone spray painted "Wetbacks go home."

A gay male student reported several incidents at his off-campus apartment. 1. "Die faggot" was spray painted on his front door. 2. Verbal threats were made that he better watch out cause, "Faggots die."

Hate Crime/Act:

The SGA (mostly black) went out for dinner during their retreat and were turned away. The management of the restaurant in question told the students it was too late and the kitchen was closed.

As an under grad, I attended a women's college. Hate related incidents were commonplace. Among items defaced were organizational flyers with derogatory graffiti. It was also very popular to assume all the women were lesbians, influencing the number of incidents.

A hate message was left on the answering machine of the Black Students' Union and racist graffiti was left in the library. At the same time, anti-gay graffiti was left in a public area. The administration and the diversity round table spoke out strongly against the first, but largely ignored the latter.

As part of a TV production class project, two students produced a video about gays on campus which was essentially directed at one, prominently gay student. The video was derogatory, hate-filled, and disrespectful.

A faculty member had swastikas sprayed on the office door after mentoring two African American pre-med students for internships. To date, nothing has been done.

A residence life staff member's car had the word fag keyed into it.

During the annual luau, sponsored by the Hawaiian student organization, a skit was performed (to an audience of over 500 people) that portrayed gay men as sexually promiscuous and predatory.

A wrong number dialed, left message, "This is the U.S. Army, you are mexican and being deported."

The president of our GLBT organization had derogatory words on a piece of paper taped to his dorm room door.

Threats were made verbally and in writing (notes under the door and writing on the door) to two African American males in a residence hall.

Not exactly a hate crime, not even a hate incident in the classical sense – but in its effects on students, it was very much one: During a period of attacks on affirmative action in admissions (including paid ads in the campus newspapers by right-wing foundations, and incendiary visiting speakers), a member of the Board of Trustees said publicly that, "Many of those students really don't belong here – they're not quite up to U. of _____ standards." The impact was huge, devastating.

GLBT Positive Space

The Positive Space posters at our campus were copied, the writing changed to completely anti-gay rhetoric and signed the White Night of the University of Toronto. This was during the same period that the campaign was initially started on campus. Thus, people who had never read the original read the hate message and started assuming all positive space posters were messages of hate.

Recently there was a black, openly gay student who was attacked at night by two individuals identified as white football players. The individual that was attacked did want to press charges and approached the campus police department and they did investigate the incident. The victim's parents are influential alums and did not want the town police department involved, so the ACPD handled it. The only punishment received was that the individuals who attacked the victim were moved across campus from the victim.

A staff member went out to his car to find the word "FAG" had been scratched into the hood.

An African American male student was walking by a fraternity late at night, when he heard a group of men on the second floor laughing and talking. He then heard the words "Hey nigger, watchchu doin'," and a string of firecrackers were thrown out of the window to the sidewalk below.

A co-worker in our office suddenly left, abruptly resigned their position and claimed sexual harassment was the reason. This created a remarkable amount of turmoil for the accused and was potentially professionally damaging.

Women distributing materials and posting "Stop Rape" posters after participating in the Vagina Monologues in a housing unit. Many males protested and destroyed the above mentioned materials and verbally abused the women.

An international student was driven off campus in his own car, then shot several times and left to die on the side of the highway next to his car. Nothing was stolen from him.

A college student who was identified as lesbian by a small group of non-student males beat her up and took her bike and wallet in an alley downtown. She refused to press charges and told everyone she wanted to stay anonymous.

The campus radio station made flyers about women in bondage and posted them around the campus. The flyer had some hateful language on it about women.

A white fraternity took a picture in black face that was to be published in the campus newspaper to promote RUSH week. The picture passed through the Greek Life/OSA censors and did not become an issue until after its publication and was seen throughout the campus.

A black student was rooming with a white student. The black student returned to the room and saw her black cabbage patch doll hanging from the ceiling with a rope around its neck.

An openly gay faculty member in the Fine Arts department came to work one morning to find homophobic slurs written all over his office door.

Benjamin Smith came through our campus on his shooting spree through Illinois and Indiana. He randomly shot at an Asian-American student simply because he was Asian.

A student Affairs professional who is a gay male was running late to a meeting. He got to the room where he thought the meeting was located. When he got there the room was filled with other administrators and a vice president. The gay professional asked the V.P. where the meeting was, and he was told, "I believe your meeting is in the men's bathroom."

"No Crime but Definitely Hate"

During GLBT Pride week, students chalked pride messages on sidewalks. During the night they were covered with anti-gay writings such as, "Deer season = Queer season," "Die fags," and, "AIDS is poetic justice for Gays." Students were angered and terrified. Campus police and administrators did not respond as "no law had been broken" even though it was widely known who did it. Three years later students still do not trust this issue will be taken seriously.

A gay student was scared out of the dorms after verbal and written threats. Nothing was done. The gay student was finally sent for psychological help.

A black member of our basketball team was told he was expelled from school for smoking pot and to pack his bags and go home. While a white student charged with the same crime was permitted to stay on campus.