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McMaster Students Union agrees with University’s suspension of redsuits

HAMILTON - The McMaster Students Union (MSU) supports the University’s decision to uphold the environment of inclusivity, diversity and respect that students of the institution expect. Given the available information, the move to immediately suspend any and all redsuit student actives, as well as participation in 2014/2015 orientation events is both prudent and necessary. Due to the ‘highly repugnant’ material of the songbook in question, there is no choice but to suspend the activities of the group and conduct further investigations. The MSU will continue to monitor the issue as new information arises.

“As a driving force behind the planning and execution of both Welcome Week and the majority of student life activities at McMaster University, the MSU is committed to organizing fun and inclusive events, free of sexism, homophobia and/or discrimination of any kind,” said MSU President David Campbell. “Derogatory or degrading chants have no place on this campus.”

In September of 2013, the McMaster Students Union, working with the Office of Human Rights and Equity Services, instituted mandatory anti-oppression training for all student service managers and elected representatives within the organization. As such, the MSU recommends all student faculty societies adopt similar training practices. Moving forward, the MSU will continue to support faculty societies and the University in enhancing the student experience and providing a safe and positive environment for all students.

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