

# The Gateway

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## Editorial

### Aw, come on!

We are staggered, appalled, dismayed and all that sort of stuff. Having been cooped up in the environs of the newspaper world where people do things because they have to be done and because they want to do them, we have been insulated from how people run things elsewhere.

We had forgotten, just plain forgotten about the women's residence regulations on this campus.

My Gawd! The situation is so hopelessly hard to describe for lack of words in the language to portray their absolute ludicrousity.

Let us consider these two situations and the connection or lack of it rather, between them. On the one hand, men and women, we have the fearless and stalwart students' union disseminating (there's a good word) BIRTH CONTROL INFORMATION.

Might we assume the union did not take that step just to provide enjoyable leisure reading material (bed-time stories maybe)? The literature was distributed (although they don't like that word, it was just made available) simply because it made good old parental common sense.

Apparently, parents don't indulge in that or the students could have knocked the item from an already stretched budget.

And on the other hand, boys and girls, we have this good old maternalistically minded smothering attitude of the residence fathers and mothers.

We are going to be liberal about this, says the administration or house committees. Y'all just go right ahead and have your little birth control book. We think it's a great idea because you're all adults now and should know how to behave as such.

And after all, we're just as liberated as you, at least in our ideas. Go out and have fun. That's what youth is all about.

Oh, before we forget, are you staying in residence this year? Yes?

Well, there are a couple of things you should know:

—You will be in residence by 3 a.m. Should you disobey, you will be incarcerated within these walls for the weekend.

—You will wear a dress or skirt to all evening meals and all day Sunday. If you are caught unsuitably (Christ!) dressed, you will wear a dress all day Saturday too. To prove you have obeyed your punishment, you will bow before the house committee in said suitable attire before each meal.

—If you are caught disobeying a punishment, you will immediately be brought before the disciplinary committee.

Well, slap my wrist.

Where, oh where did we go wrong? What did we do to deserve a bunch of medievalists like this being in charge of running the residences.

It is beyond our comprehension why there hasn't been a revolt.

What would happen if 90 per cent of the first-year women appeared for supper in slacks, bikinis, nude? From the rules, we would assume the world would end on the spot. Perhaps the staunchly moral house committee members would but they would have obeyed the rules and that is all that matters.

There is such a thing in this world as liberated washrooms. In fact, Miss Pilkington used it as one of her prime arguments in cutting down the actions of the CUS Congress a year ago.

We expected a little more from her but that is beside the point at hand. Why do men and women have separate washrooms? From a plumbing point of view alone, it seems terribly uneconomical.

Whatever the case, perhaps (oh, hope) the monastical order called women's residence manages to ignore these statutes obviously drawn from seventeenth century private school regulations.

It just can't be, can it?



"I didn't know that!"

## Expansion problems virtually ignored

by Winston Gereluk

The recent G.F.C. vote on university expansion a la Diamond & Myers was not the most disgusting thing ever. It served to illustrate a few very important things.

It has shown us that this year the students have two representatives that don't respond all that quickly to consensual pressure. It also shows us that they won't vote on issues just for the sheer joy of participating.

However, these were not the only revelations. You see, according to the news report, all of the others present voted for the plan.

Approval would have been unanimous except for the conspicuous abstention of our two stalwarts.

*Why are we all so well-behaved? It seems to require so few in society to deter the rest.*

By approving the plan, the other members of GFC let it be known that if they saw any difficulties in expansion, at least they thought that none of them were serious enough to deter immediate adoption.

But there are serious problems. There should have been concern expressed about the dehumanizing effects which a very large institution seems to have on its members.

Anonymity, alienation, powerlessness which usually attend large institutions, huge cities, and mass societies are not just things to be taught in class. Especially in an institution whose manifest purpose is education, they are too important to be expeditiously ignored.

Another of the ills of a large institution is the size of its administrative game, i.e., the large and seemingly necessary part that the administration plays in the everyday activities of each faculty member and student. Just think of the role that administration would play in a university almost twice the size of this one.

It is my guess that the expansion will result in a university 'monster' over which the administration will have even less control than it does at present.

It wasn't very long ago that the administrators decreed that the absolute ceiling on enrollment at this university would be 18,000 students.

However, in spite of the decree, the monster grew, and those in charge were forced to issue new decrees to keep up. One gets the feeling that they still wait in dread anticipation of the new ways in which the monster might assert itself.

This seems to be a possible explanation for the present state of this campus which appears in all respects as if it were planned by an anarchist or at least a guy on a bad trip. It's not really all that bad considering that it was probably planned after it happened. Perhaps the adoption of long-range plans will change all this.

However, it can be assumed that the members who voted for expansion were not primarily concerned with increasing the role of the administrator.

It is possible to assume that their vote stems more from a more democratic impulse. That is, they want to make educational opportunity at the post-secondary level as widespread as possible. They have declared that this is not going to be an elitist institution.

Whatever the case, it can be seen from the way the voting went, that the university is not even remotely a democratically run community. Liz and David were the only representatives of the total undergraduate student body. In GFC, they confront the representatives of the faculty.

With their present representation, it is clear that the students must lose badly in every clash of interests. For instance, had Liz and David voted on this question, the score would have been a pathetic 33-2.

The only chance that student reps really have in the present set-up is to agree with whatever the professors and administrators are saying. To disagree would be futile. This is called 'democracy by consent,' a most interesting way of carrying on government. And by our silence, fellow students, we are indicating to those above us that we love every bit of it.

*All he said was  
roughly  
keep in time!  
Replied the fair young lass  
I'm trying  
milord  
and giggled.*