

FOURUM FIVE



Anti-abortion

To the Editor:

I am writing in reference to Charlotte MacDonald's article in a recent issue of *The Gateway*, such article concerning the repeal of anti-abortion laws.

"Dr. Morgentaler...has performed 5,000 abortions with no deaths..." As I see it, there are five thousand deaths involved in this situation. What many people fail to realize - or else they realize but try to ignore the fact - is that despite the unborn child's total dependence upon the mother, it is already a human being in its own right. It is not the mother's body, but rather it is its own body.

"The CWC believes that it is a woman's right to choose whether or not she will bear a child." Yes, the woman, who has access to various means of birth control, has the right to decide whether she will conceive. However, a woman's rights are

totally terminated once conception has occurred. It is not her body that is in question; rather, it is the living body of the child.

It is one of today's society's greatest blemishes that we in our boundless vanity assume that we have whatever "rights" with which we care to bless ourselves. It is nothing short of senseless rationalization to accommodate our so-called new morality.

Of course, there is always the lame but time-honored charge that I may be a chauvinistic male, unless one can think of a more original and less worn-out reason for my opinion.
Peter SanFilippo
Arts 1

Letters



Jesus people

During the last three-weeks, students on campus have gone through the traumatic experience of registration and two weeks of getting used to new professors and even studying (arrghh!).

Now that campus life is thoroughly ingrained in everyone, you may have noticed a small group of people that didn't show the symptoms or frustrations of registration.

They are walking, skipping and jumping around saying such things as: "Praise the Lord, Hallelujah, or Glory to God!" Have they really gone entirely "crackers"?...found a new thing to get "high" on?...

Lets take a brief look at both sides of campus life in an attempt to find out what makes the difference!

Student A is subject to all the ups and downs of life, ins and outs of classes and the juggling of time to work in the essential studies, parties, shows, hobbies and dates necessary for a well-balanced life on campus.

He smokes to calm his nerves, drinks to relax, goes to parties so he won't get lonely and studies to make the grade so he won't "blow" that \$1000.00 he has tied up in a year of education

His mood depends on what he had for breakfast, the mark he got on last week's Greek 300 exam.

Result: A confused, frustrated student who is gradually growing apathetic in what he is doing. A member of society who lives for himself in a half-hearted manner and doesn't seem to care much about anything. In other words an over-educated, intellectual bump on a log.

On the other hand, take Student B, a "Holy Ghost" Christian who doesn't let anything bother him...even the rock hard pancakes or half-fried eggs in the cafeteria. Nothing

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seems to bother them and they're even friendly and easy to talk to. They even give up their lunches on Wednesday and Friday so they can have a prayer meeting and Bible study in room 107 of the Law Building from 12 noon until 2 p.m.

When you talk to them they "bubble over" with a feeling that seems to lift you up. They say that they've had an experience with God. They have to be the most relaxed and active group on campus. And they attribute it all to God and the power that the "Holy Spirit" gives them.

Ultimate climax: A person who lives a victorious life without having to rely on outside help such as drugs, alcohol or cigarettes, and a member of society who is concerned with the advancement of his community and life there in. He is a person who has answers.

Gayle Shute

YES!

there

Will

most assuredly ^{definitely} do doubt about it

be a

Gateway

Staff meeting tonight

Tonight

6:30

Room 282

SUB

Be there!!

Crowded classrooms

Editor:

QUESTION: What is capable of holding more than it can contain?

- (a) A woman's girdle
- (b) An ETS bus at rush hour
- (c) A can of sardines
- (d) A Volkswagon
- (e) A Sociology class in the Tory Lecture Theatre

ANSWER: (e) A Sociology class in the Tory Lecture Theatre

A number of students who read this letter will know what I am referring to. In my Criminology class in TL-11 I find it next to impossible to locate a vacant seat 2 minutes after the class starts. I am expected to sit on the floor, in the aisles or else locate a chair and sit on it in the aisles. I noticed on Monday morning of this week that TL-12 was even more cramped than TL-11. There must have been 4 or 5 people sitting on the floor in the aisle in addition to those sitting on chairs. The aisle was virtually blocked - what would the fire marshal have to say about that? What does the Department of Sociology have to say about that? I await their reply in *The Gateway*.

Dennis Crockett
Arts 4

Violent revolution for social transformation

Vidya Thakur, a graduate student in history and Gateway reporter, was asked to write an analysis of the coup in Chile. Here is his story:

On Sept. 11 a coup staged by the military and financed by U.S. imperialism led to death of, democratically elected, Marxist president Salvador Allende. After three years of democratic rule, with radical reforms and nationalization of foreign owned industries, Dr. Allende's government posed a threat to imperialism. Once again democracy came to an end.

On Sept. 4, 1970, imperialists discovered a new trend in Chile. Since then national and foreign counter-revolutionaries tried to carry out anti-Allende actions: economic sabotage, terrorism, and plans for coup-d'etat. The source of economic power was cut off from the monopolistic bourgeoisie and foreign imperialists as well as their rights to arbitrate loans and credits. The means of production were moving closer into the hands of the Chilean government. Thus, with a Marxist government working within the framework of a bourgeois constitution, Allende was peacefully trying to change Chile into a socialist state. However, the question remained: would the U.S. allow another Castro in the Western Hemisphere? The answer to this question is simply no! U.S. imperialism suffered military, economic and political defeat in Cuba, and was definitely not going to take another one.

The Allende government is the second democratically elected Marxist government in South America, that has been overthrown. In Guyana in the 1950's and early 60's the Marxist Prime Minister, Cheddi Jagan tried to transform Guyana into a socialist state. However fascist Kennedy and Macmillian would not allow this to happen. The Jagan government in Guyana came to an end when the constitution was raped and the British Government, with the advice of Kennedy, instituted Proportional Representation.

Like Allende, Jagan started to nationalize foreign owned industries. Both men had deep concern for their people. They spent most of their lives fighting for the betterment of the masses. Unlike Allende, Jagan is still living, fighting to break the bonds of imperialism within the Guyanese economic structure. As opposition leader there is not much he can do, working within the hypocracies of the so-called democratic institutions.

Chile, when President Salvador Allende got elected in Sept. 1970, was considered to be a laboratory in Latin America. Experimenting the theory that there can be peaceful transformation to socialism. To transform a capitalist state into a socialist one is now a myth. We can draw some examples to

show how it becomes a myth: In Ghana 1966, President Nkrumah could not go back to his own country. He was successful to a point when imperialism toppled his regime by financing a coup. In Guyana Jagan tried to work within a colonial framework, once again it was put to end, when the constitution was raped. In recent Chile, Salvador Allende fought with his life to preserve the dignity and integrity of the Chilean people. All these countries that I have mentioned have gone back to neo-colonial rule and oppression of the masses.

Now we can safely say that in order for us to have a socialist state, violent revolutions are necessary. Castro's revolution had shaken the shackles of imperialism, imperialism shaken the shackles of peaceful transformation. The U.S. put an economic blockade on Cuba, and tried to isolate it from the rest of Latin America, but was unsuccessful. The difference between Allende's Chile and Castro's Cuba, is that in Cuba the running dogs of Batista and all the enemies of the people were either put to death or escaped from Cuba. But in Chile they still survive with the bourgeois constitutional framework.

The ballot boxes and parliamentary debates are proven to be a farce. Che agreed with Chairman Mao that the victory of a nation comes from the barrel of a gun. It has proven successful in Cuba, China and the Soviet Union. This will prove itself to the world revolutionary movements that peaceful transition to socialism is a myth. As Guevara once said, the people can always triumph over puppet forces. However, Che went on to say that it is necessary to take up arms when all the so-called democratic procedures are exhausted.

In the last edition of the Young Socialist newspaper an article was published on Chile which said Allende did not do enough for the Chilean people. This statement in the *Young Socialist* would be a typical Nixonist attitude. However, I wonder why they don't call themselves "Young Nixonists" than try to bastardize socialism.

Another Marxist is dead in the hands of imperialism. But only the physical body is dead. Che once said that a man does not die until the people want him to die. Like Che Guevara, Allende still lives. His ideas still live with us. Allende remains to be a great man who fought to his death for what he believed. To the young people who died when Chile became a socialist state, their name will always be remembered and cherished by the Chilean people.

This is only the beginning of the world revolutionary struggle. It will take time with hard fighting, but imperialism is dying. And it will never rise again.

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