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LETTERS

Forget nursing

Women not allowed in physics?

Of course they are. And yet for some reason, there are fewer women in honours physics than bargains in the bookstore. What is the reason for this appalling disparity? Are women told that physics is difficult? Did their high school guidance counsellors warn them to stay away, is high school physics so mundane that it turns people off of physics before they start?

There's a lot more to physics than pulleys and resistors. Only in physics will you unravel the mysteries of the cosmos, from quarks to quasars, deriving universal results from fundamental principles. And your math courses will always seem like a review. True, it can be scary at times, but it can also be a fascinating, rewarding experience. So why should guys have all the fun? Don't delay sign up now! Tell your friends! On behalf on everyone in honours physics, I encourage more women to join.

D. Falk
 3rd year hon. phys.

The power that fuels the practice of abortion is fear of the burden of another human life. Only a love that does not exclude any human life can successively overcome such fear. I hope that all human beings and especially all Roman Catholics may grow in the ability to practice this most essential of values.

Yours sincerely,
 Edward McSheffrey,
 Roman Catholic Chaplain

Dubious deletion

I am writing to express my concerns over Gazette editorial policy in responding to letters to the editor.

An article reporting on a forum at King's in which inclusion of "the pill" in the College health plan was discussed appeared in the March 19th edition of the Gazette over my by-line. A letter to the editor from Mr. O'Brien the next week expressed concern that I had not discussed possible non-contraceptive medical uses of "the pill". In fact, this was a major concern of many who spoke at the forum and was reported in the copy which I submitted for publication.

In response to M. O'Briens letter, I pointed out that the issue which concerned him had unfortunately not been reported in the Gazette but was on the editing room floor. Incredibly, the Gazette staff chose to edit this explanation from my response.

I fully appreciate the need to edit for length. However, the failure of the Gazette editorial staff to acknowledge that the article's shortcoming as their responsibility is inexcusable.

Elaine C. Wright

Judgment call

This letter is to express our collective astonishment, disappointment and disbelief over the March 19 issue of the Gazette. Under normal circumstances none of us would bother to write to the Gazette but these are not normal circumstances. A complete twenty four page issue devoted entirely to women's issues. NOW WHERE IS THE EQUALITY HERE? This issue seemed to not be so much "pro woman" as "anti-male". Now the true feminists will ask "How can this be said?" — and to this we will reply with some direct quotes from the issue in question.

"universities should hire well qualified women even if a male candidate is perceived to have higher qualifications." (p. 3)

From this quote we can see why feminists only polarize their current situation. It seems that not only do they want equality but also special treatment above and beyond true equality.

"the men on staff are appreciated for their ideas, but the women do the hard work...It's hard to deal with the DSU — some of the men are completely obnoxious." (p. 6)

With the type of attitude expressed here we can only wonder if there is an attitude problem with the author. It seems that the author is willing to generalize all men into one category while at the same time complain about how men will generalize all women into one category.

"birth control, in particular, seems aimed at the convenience of men rather than the safety of the women using it." (p. 11)

In this article the author mentions in passing only, birth control in a sensationalistic manner and then refuses to tell the whole

CARAL article incoherent

I happened to pick up a copy of the Women's Issue of the Gazette while at Dalplex. I was interested to see the articles on abortion and pleased to see both sides given half a page together. One concludes that somewhere between these poles lies common sense.

I read both assuming the pro-life would be the more fanatical approach and was surprised to find it the other way around. Certainly, in this case, they presented a more logical and persuasive view while the CARAL person seemed to be caught up in some sort of personal need to attack and discredit the Catholic Church which was hardly the issue under debate.

It did bother me though that the statistics in Alice Rabideau's (Pro-life) part don't seem correct. In question 4, the abortions listed for N.S. in 1985 totaled 1685 and in 7, it says 1701 abortions were performed in all of Canada in 1985. I would be interested to see the correct figures printed. Thanks again for an especially interesting issue.

Sincerely,
 Carolyn Lock

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