

## CAB FREEWAY

As I push and shove my way down the halls of the V-Wings on my way to Central Academic, I often see people (mostly girls) trapped by a wall of cascading human flesh across the hall from their classes, trying to push and shove their way across the stream of people to get into the lecture rooms.

I sometimes wonder if they make it, and if they can do it without being trampled.

Also as I go ripping and tearing down the packed corridors and get caught up in the whirlpools that occur at intersections, I wonder if it wouldn't be better for all concerned if traffic lights were installed to make sense out of the chaotic disorder of everyone trying to beat everyone else into CAB so they can take the next hour-and-a-half lounging around.

Although it may slow the flow of traffic somewhat, at least the weak would survive with the strong.

While we're at it, we may as well have officials at the intersections to enforce the new light legislation, so that nobody would ignore the light and go crashing through the intersection when it's not his turn.

These people would give tickets to those who were caught speeding or recklessly walking or intersection jumping. Then everyone could get to class on time, and nobody would get trampled.

We could expand this to a student service that would give accident reports, like: "Susie Small was critically injured today when she met in a headlong collision with a 3/4-ton football player. There was extensive damage to her bumpers and engine block, and insurance companies are withholding payment of damages until detection of responsibility can be fully established."

Things like that could be really informative to the thousands of pedestrian students rampaging in an orderly fashion down the V-wing hallways.

Traffic tie-ups could be avoided if students could be forewarned about such occurrences, and alternate routes could be established.

I think that this would be a progressive bit of legislation, and I could write more about it, but I have to put on my block heater and go outside.

Greg Neiman

### this is no joke!

I am belatedly writing this letter in response to a letter written "humourously" by one Stuart Donovan in reply to an earlier letter of mine.

1) Dr. Kouhoutek is, of course, West German: in fact, he is a refugee from Communism. (The newscasts said he was American; he may have lived and worked there for a while. The Frisians, who live in islands to the north of Holland are quite happy, the Netherlands is a democracy, and the Frisians speak a language closer to English than any other language on Earth, in case anyone is

curious.

Seriously, I mentioned Communism in the heat of the letter: I was angry when I wrote it! If we go down to the gutter with filth, just how fit will we be for the task of defending ourselves if we have to?

Also, I resent being compared to Joe McCarthy. During his time, a great and real Soviet espionage menace existed - greater than at present - and that provided the opportunistic senator with an excuse to use witch-hunt methods to advance his own career.

I must have hit a nerve when I mentioned Communism. Did any read Kim il Sung Poot's letter in Poundmaker? (Speaking of reading, try *The Gulag*

*Archipelago* when it comes out.)

2) News Item - In the United States, a Jehovah's Witness was recently forced by a court to undergo a blood transfusion to save the life of her unborn child.

I agree with the judgement, since I am against abortion as well, but, since abortion is now legal, for ANY reason, no matter how trivial, in the entire United States of America, as a result of a recent Supreme Court decision, I fail to see how the judge can enforce one law on Jehovah's Witnesses, who do not believe in abortions, and another on everyone else.

3) Editorials Department: "1984" and "Vignettes" show the attitude of the *Gateway* (sic) towards Communism. "1984", while glossing over the Communist countries, took time out to refer to North and South America: yes, that includes Canada and the U.S., as being "ruled by corrupt, power-hungry leaders who will eventually be overthrown by their people."

"Vignettes" is not primarily concerned with the courageous author Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. That isn't important enough for the *Gateway*. But, the sad failure of the press to raise an equal complaint about Daniel Ellsberg: THAT is important.

While I do not approve of taking action against Mr. Ellsberg, since, if the material was important enough, legal action would have stopped ALL persons from knowingly disseminating classified material: the New York Times would have been confiscated before it got on the streets if it had contained, say, complete plans of the American cipher systems, I don't think he can be compared with Mr. Solzhenitsyn:

The U.S. never had a Stalinist era.

Alexandr Solzhenitsyn did not need to steal classified material from the Russians to write his book.

4) Your answer to "Porn" in the Jan. 10 *Gateway* deserves comment. I don't care what kind of "subtle message" or other justification you use, that picture does not belong in the *Gateway*. Regarding part 1 above: morality does not need a justification like national strength: it can stand on its own feet. I condemned your picture in my last letter for other reasons beside Communism, remember?

5) Bus strike--the situation is an emergency! Our labor act refers to "danger to life, health, or property; or extreme hardship". That exists!

Hitchhiking or accepting hikers is often dangerous. A man died of a heart attack shoveling out his car in subzero weather, because there were no buses. (Mentioned in the Poundmaker as an example of alleged "slanted reporting" by the Journal.)

Danger to health: people hitchhiking or walking in cold weather.

Danger to property: people having to shell out money for cab fares when they could have been riding the bus. Welfare recipients refusing jobs they can't get to. Interruptions in education for many students--which endangers their future livelihoods. Additional drain on natural resources to fuel cars.

Extreme hardship: people driving in cars not yet properly winterized, and getting stuck in the snow.

Is that enough for Mr. Hohol?

6) In case you want to watch TV, and find that the TV Lounge in SUB has no TV, as has been the case now for some time, don't despair. The Law Common Room, Law building, has a TV set in it.

7) A while ago, we heard that the Alberta Government was finally allowing some Indians to shoot some buffalo, because they needed meat.

If the government is really interested in the Indians and the buffalo, why don't they give the Indians enough money to go to the supermarket and buy decent meat (beef, pork, chicken) like everyone else? And, if there are no supermarkets on the reserves, how about giving Indians some cars and some gas too?

8) Concerning wolves. Some say: "Hunters kill for fun: wolves kill for food." True enough, but there is another side to the story. Do hunters kill livestock? Not very often. Do they kill pets--animals to which human children have formed emotional attachments? Not usually.

Furthermore, if some species is particularly endangered, we can stop issuing permits to hunters to hunt it. But how do we let the wolves know?

And, also, wolves are not human.

What we need is a "Protection from Animals act" something like this: Any animal species that: does not exhibit human or humanlike levels of intelligence, threatens human life, property, or convenience, or other animal species deemed non-harmful which humans desire to protect, shall be exterminated utterly; save for sufficient members to maintain a gene pool so that purposes of scientific research and animal conservation may still be served by the existence of that species: and that these remaining specimens shall be prevented from escaping to harm humans as previously defined in this Act. A "Noxious weeds act" for animal life, in other words.

9) Abortion. Re section 2 above.

Abortion is wrong because: --the development of a human from fertilized egg cell to adult is gradual, so that no time after conception can be called the beginning of life.

--the placenta only connects the infant to his mother for food and oxygen exchange. Dependency does not affect the question of the life of an organism.

--newborn infants and mentally-retarded people are both regarded as human. Thus, the lack of immediate distinguishably human behavior does not cause an unborn child to be non-human.

However, some anti-abortionists are beginning to use demographic reasons to oppose abortion. These arguments are invalid, since demographic factors do not possess sufficient priority to justify interference with abortions. (Abortion ages the nation, etc.)

In Chatelaine, a woman who had a miscarriage asked: "Was what I flushed down the toilet a

person?" in their letter page.

No, it wasn't. It was a corpse. An object that should have been placed in a pine box, upholstered on the inside, carried to the gravesite on the arms of several men, and then gently lowered into a hole six feet deep. The hole should be filled in with earth, as a man in dark clothing says some words to the bystanders: and then, a memorial should be erected to mark the spot.

That was what you flushed down the toilet.

10) The Arabs killed 26 innocent people in a democratic country recently. The individuals responsible for this horrible deed should be punished severely!

The E.T.A. killed the president of Spain, a fascist country, recently. The individuals responsible for this deed should get Franco next.

The IRA, the PLF, and similar groups, must kill many innocent people to create terror. But, the people fighting to liberate countries like Spain, Greece, Chile, Rhodesia, South Africa, the Soviet Union, Red China, and other such countries, do not seem to have to resort to this expedient. Although they face Gestapo-like secret police, all they do is kill the oppressors who are guilty of oppressing them.

Terrorism must be stopped--and the liberation of non-democratic countries must be supported.

11) It is unfortunate that only 2 groups on campus are interested in fighting Communism. One is bogged down in the laissez-faire theories of its leader.

The other sometimes comes on like the John Birch Society (a well known far-right extremist group), but is not that bad. I was shocked when I heard a fellow PC Youth Federation member refer to them as the "B.S. Youth League".

Although I cannot give unqualified support to them in this letter, I feel that they are a needed influence on campus. Yours sincerely (which isn't too common),

John Savard  
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P.S. I think that one of the most serious problems of the day is the fact that anti-Communism is no longer intellectually respectable.

Non-extremist anti-Communist organizations are needed: ones that do not use anti-Communism as an excuse to delay social progress by branding it "Communist," for example.

And the other people, who are not now seriously concerned about Communism should be thinking about just what Communism is, compared to the democracy that we enjoy here.



### cream

We regard university students as the cream of our society for only the top students are enrolled here. But talk about the language used by those students! Such vulgar, degrading and pornographic words as "p.s.", "s.t.", "a.s." and "f.k." are most recurrent. Yes, such words appearing in the GATEWAY and the POUNDMAKER serve only to debase this cream of our society.

Our university students have the obligation--of upholding our civilization. Every one is under

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& President of Mens Athletics

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The Treasurer of The University Athletic Board

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