

# OPINION...

## MORE THAN RED LIQUID

*"All forms of violence are inextricably tied up in the language of deception" Solzhenitsyn*

It is fascinating to me that the debate about abortion must ultimately return to an examination of the preborn child. These are those who say this child is a mere collection of cells, a small amount of red liquid.

**An experts opinion on an unborn child at twelve weeks.** - Dr. A.W. Lily, Research Professor Neonatology, National Women's Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand.

"This unborn child has a brain of unmistakable human proportions, eyes, ears, mouth, kidney, liver, and umbilical cord, and a heart pumping blood that he has made himself.

He drinks his amniotic fluid more if it is artificially sweetened and less if it is given an unpleasant taste.

He gets hiccups and sucks his thumb. He wakes and sleeps."

Modern technology has allowed us pictures of this child. I have requested that one be printed as part of the column.

Every day we have women who through the technology of ultrasound see their babies from 6 or 8 weeks on. There's hardly a day we do not pick up a newspaper or magazine telling us of some new means of treating the baby in the womb and referring to this child as a "patient".

It saddens me that these inaccuracies continue to be printed. If a human pregnancy consisted of a small amount of red liquid we would all be fools for wasting our time even discussing the subject. In truth, we all acknowledge, whether for or against abortion, if only by our commitment to this issue, that something far more important is at stake here. Until all those involved in these discussions confront the reality of the unborn child we will have no hope of ever reaching a consensus.

Abortion is not an isolated event - it is directly linked with our attitude towards the children in our midst. Today, we see the erosion of the family, the rise of physical and sexual abuse of children; child pornography as big business, and newborn children with Downs Syndrome and other problems deliberately starved to death in our hospitals. **Statistically, the most dangerous place to live in our society is in the womb.**

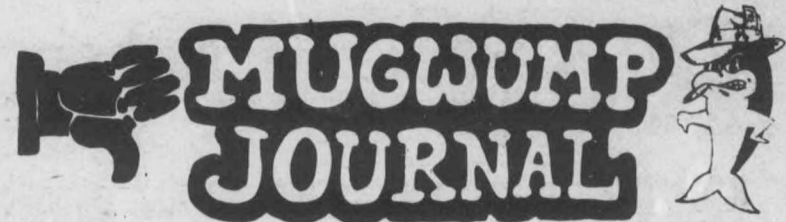
Germaine Greer, feminist and author, has arrived at her own conclusions.

"We in the western world don't have children not because of overpopulation or because we can't afford to. We don't have children because we don't like them," says Greer.

It's logical to conclude that we are a profoundly anti-child society. With child abuse, children are blamed for the problems of the family; with abortion (a proven violent and painful act), preborn children are blamed for the problems of society.

When we learn to cherish our offspring once again and to consider them a source of hope in the future, we will live in a society without the horrors of violent abuse of children-in the womb or out of it.

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by Norm dePloume

Damn it! They brought Robin back. Eleven months ago DC Comics killed off the caped crusader's sidekick, the Boy Wonder after he got the death sentence in a national phone campaign (he lost by 72 votes). Actually it was Robin II aka Jason Todd. The original Robin, Dick Grayson, who is now Nightwing, which is a Kryptonian character from the bottled city of Kandor, which doesn't exist anymore because Superman (the new revamped one) is the only survivor of Krypton, so Grayson shouldn't exist either. Confusing huh. So, anyways, last week featured the return of the little twerp with a plotline that was oh, so contrived. Gee, sales didn't have anything to do with it.

The Nuke Steve Seabrook fund is now about \$100.00 in the hole. (We needed the money to buy beer) Please give generously, till it hurts.

Campus Entertainment comments on last weekend. Wow!!

Comebacks. Every band in the world is making a comeback these days, the Stones, the Who, the Doobie Brothers, Merv Griffin.

It was a dark and stormy night  
All through the SUB,  
Not a creature was stirring  
Not even a subrat  
Because the director had booked all the rooms out.

The Wayne Carson, err, rather SUB expansion seems to be flowing along rather smoothly. The present SUB is too small for the services that the Student Union should be providing. They want to add services such as a bank, bookstore, daycare centre. But what are they going to do with the old bank and bookstore? Perhaps the green hornets would like a brick building of their own.

It's Bambi season.

Christmas Decorations, there up already, all over the place, and it's barely into November.

Donald Trump is the only person I know that can look at the New York skyline and go; got it, got it, need it, got it, need it.

Smoking in the SUB. Apparently there are people in University that can't read the no smoking signs. Have to toughen up those entrance requirements.

Bad news folks, it's coming next week, the final exam schedule.

Speaking of SUB's, it looks like St. Thomas may be getting their own. The Student Union has to decide if their own building will better serve the students than the present SUB.

Red & Black was this week It was nice to see them hold one of the shows on campus.

Ever notice the proliferation of all those free ads on the bulletin boards in the SUB. I thought that that space was for personal stuff; you know like "wanted a ride for two to St. John on weekends"; while advertisements were to be placed in the glass cases.

Corky and the Juice Pigs tomorrow night in the cafe is Campus Ent's next wild event. How in the hell will Steph get away with those bare naked ladies.

**Coming...**



Santa Claus

presents...

The Christmas Dream Auction

Friday, December 1, 1989  
The Blue Lounge  
Student Union Building  
Starts at 12:30

So come on out and bid on Great Holiday Gift Packages!!!

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