

REWARD: five dollars

Dear Sir,

I come to you with a most tragic tale. I had a pair of skates once and for four years they served me faithfully. I left them in the cloak room of the Cameron Library and from there they were removed by person(s) unknown. I cannot pretend to fathom this person's motives in view of the physical characteristics of the deed. These skates were battered, sliced up, old, and, strangely enough, had no laces.

I strongly wish to retrieve these skates and I am willing to offer a \$5.00 reward for their return. They are black Bauer hockey skates (size 9) and I will leave the \$5.00 in the Gateway office. This sum may be collected with the return of the skates. I cannot afford to buy a new pair so I implore the possessor to please return them

Yours,
Don McCrimmon
Comm 3

Bookstore Refunds

Manager
The Bookstore
SUB
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Sir:

I did not realize that exchanging one book could necessitate such an odyssey of my time and patience. I must agree with you in your basic premise that a "student" returning a book without a bill can not, and should not be accommodated, but please explain to me why the complication when a student is returning a book with not only the bill, but also a letter from his professor indicating the professor made the error in assigning the book. I further understand in talking to you that you blame the professor and, of course, the professor in turn blames you. The one fact left clear to me is that I, as a student wanting to return an unused book, find I am caught in your very inefficient bureaucratic squeeze. Yes, the Bookstore is a service--yet I wonder just who they are there to serve.

Sincerely,
Doug Black
Coordinator

Gateway vibes To beautiful people

Dear Sir:

Please print my thanks to some beautiful people.

I had surgery on Dec. 10 and recuperated at Student Health. If you have to be sick, it's the only place to be! Everyone showed concern for my welfare. Are these people hand-picked? They are definitely "special".

Thank-you
Agnes Bouchard
Ed 3

P.S. And thanks to you Gateway Staff. Wish time allowed me to help once in a while.

To those others

Sir:

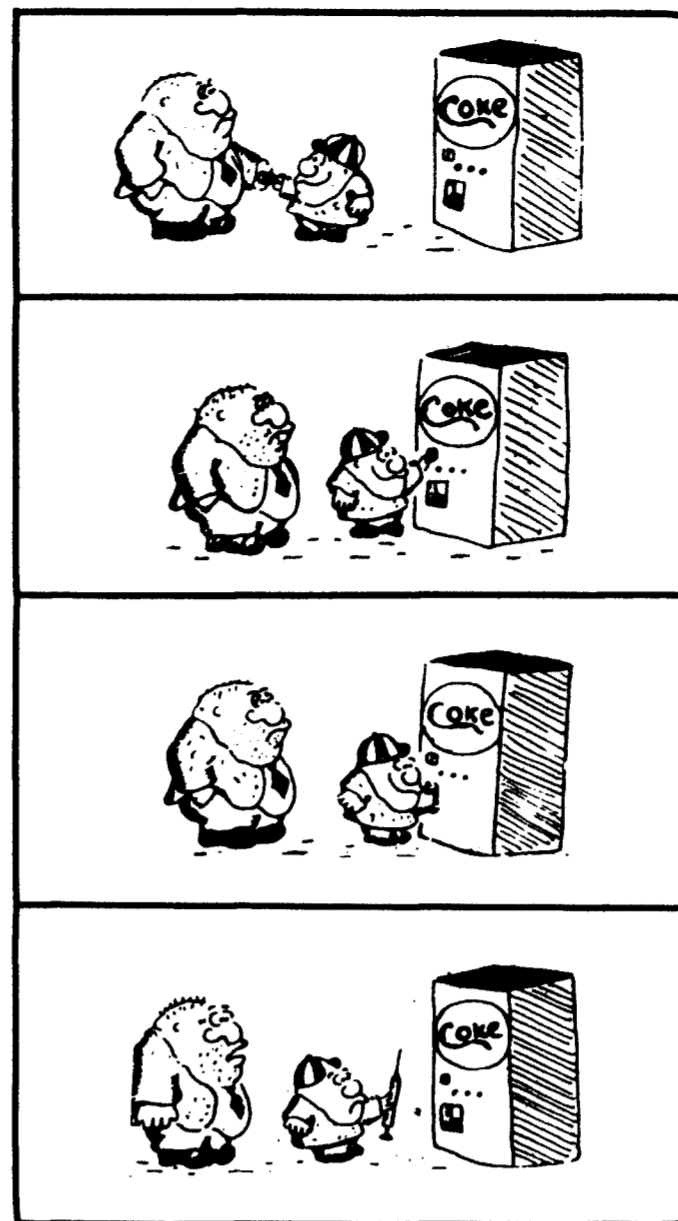
I have had about all I can stand of that commie crap which fills the Gateway.

When are we gonna get some good rational (sic) people to issue a good newspaper on this campus which has some news it it. And what about the letters? Can't you find some realistic writers. Sometimes I think you get some staff member to really write those letters so that it seems you really got a lot of interested readers.

C. Alsow

Ed Note: This paper is only as good or as poor as the staff who work on it. The staff is composed of ordinary university students and is open to any student who wants to join.

The letters are all, as far as we know, real. We do not write the letters ourselves and sign other people's names to them. Occasionally, a Gateway staff member will write a letter but he will sign it with his own name. We print most letters we receive.



from: The Meliorist, University of Lethbridge

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STAFF THIS ISSUE:

The mad, marauding Mongals of this far-fetched and hectic issue were Commander Bob-Abdullah-Beal, our war correspondent Elsie (Trixie) Ross, the war scarred body of Beth Nilsen, our own dropout from Kamakazi school Fugijama, the O.P. room co-ordinators Private J. Selby and Sarge Yacimchuk, our WAC division Lana, Barbara, headed by Fiona Campbell (our chief interrogator in disguise), Stu Layfield and Ron Ternoway our front line correspondants, Motor Pool co-ordinator Rick Grant, Self defence instructor Henri Pallard, our surveillance group Barry Headrick and Peso Osep, our MP Marilyn Strichuk, Special Communications Officer Vera Radio, Fire Brigade Officer Howard Houle and your Base Commander Harvey G. (for Gung-ho!!!) Thomgirt. All the above are missing and presumed dead with action.

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IMPORTANT Gateway Staff Meeting

Today at 3:30

everyone should attend

(the public is welcome)

Lettitors

All letters to the editor should be typed double space, not more than 250 words. Otherwise they may be abridged (exceptions will be considered). The writer is asked to include his name and telephone number with his letter. Pen names will be used at the writer's request. Letters should be sent to THE GATEWAY, Room 287, SUB, Edmonton, or should be dropped off at our offices, no later than 6:00 P.M. Tuesday and Friday, if they are to appear in the following issue. THE GATEWAY shall not be held responsible for any libel or damages incurred.

of abortions

Common Confusions of the Pro-Life Argument

Dear Sir,

This letter, prompted by the article "Who Speaks for the Unborn Child," is written with the purpose of dispelling certain common confusions exemplified by the 'pro-life' argument

1. Let us consider the status of the fetus. It is crucial that we do not succumb to persuasive terminology (for example, calling the fetus an 'unborn child' begs the question) as do such phrases as 'human being within the uterus' and 'unborn person'.

The First International Conference on Abortion was misconceived from the outset. To ask, "How long after conception does it take to

become a human being." We would not convene the world's foremost brain-surgeons to answer the latter question, and it is just as pointless to expect any but misleading answers to the former question from natural science. Indeed, the scientists in question talk about the stages of development from conception to adulthood as they would stages of development of a butterfly. From this the Brysons conclude:

"Thus at the moment of conception, the human being exists in its entirety. Nothing is added between this time and his death as an old man except time, nutrition, and oxygen." Nothing. What of acquired skills,

habits, interests, hobbies, education, emotional ties, etc. Are not these kinds of factors an integral part of our notion of 'human being'. Physical viability is a necessary, but not a sufficient condition for being human. It should be clear by now that the question "What is it to be human?" is not a scientific, but a philosophical one.

2. It only makes sense to talk about rights within the context of society. A human being has both rights and obligations within this structure. It makes no sense to speak of a human being having only rights, or only obligations. If it makes no sense to speak of a fetus having

obligations, then it is equally senseless to speak of it having rights.

This is not to accept by default the view that a woman should have the right to the control and privacy of her own body, as the Brysons would seem so ready to admit, and which Miss Brown would wish to claim; however, the arguments which may be brought to bear would be of a different nature than we have been considering.

3. The issues raised by contraception are logically secondary to those raised by abortion, even though the use of, lack of, or failure of contraceptive procedures is

temporally prior to specific cases of abortion. Furthermore, after-effects of abortion are of only practical relevance to the central question of the article.

I regret that the Gateway's policy regarding space allocation and deadlines has prevented me from providing a more clear or exhaustive account. If anyone wishes to discuss what I have said at greater length, I will be more than willing to do so, either personally, or in reply to further articles submitted to the Gateway.

Yours,
Ron Leonard
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Dept. of Philosophy