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period to become longer as final exams draw near, but we will endeavour to make it no longer than one week.

While our list of exams is fairly extensive, there are some departments which do not send us any exams, most notably Psychology, Sociology and Physics.

If we do not have an exam that you want, try contacting the department directly. Some departments are now operating their own registries. If this is no help go speak to the Professor of the course. Some Professors may be willing to make past exams available to students who request them.

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Ivona Tyl  
Exam Registry Director

**Take that Denise**

According to Denise Burrell, the debate on abortion has increasingly relied on name calling and illogical rhetoric. I agree with her totally on these points, for after having read her article on abortion I found myself tempted to call her many names due to the dense content of illogical rhetoric in her article.

First, pro-life does not argue that fetuses are specifically persons but that they are first human beings and then persons. The quality of being a person is usually attributed to human beings. The Webster Universal Dictionary (Unabridged International Edition) defines a person as 'person is a human being considered as possessing reason, a distinct personality and individuality'. This is an interesting definition because no 'baby in the first few months of life overtly manifest these qualities. Thus Burrell, who insists that life and death is merely a concept based on whether a human being is a person or not could also include the justifiable slaughtering of infants under one year of age. Thus abortion based on the premise of not being a person is a totally invalid argument. What is important is the much larger concept of whether someone is a human being or not. The unborn fetus is clearly a human being because it contains the unique human genetic structure present in every cell. Thus it is not just a potential human being but rather a human being with full potential.

Second, she states that even God didn't provide support for the pro-life position because there is no theological evidence for this premise in the Bible. I reciprocate by indicating that in order for someone to make a logical statement regarding something as complex as the Bible one should first read it (Note: Matt. 10:28, 7. 13-14, Jer. 7.6, 22.3, Exod. 23.7, Rom. 3.8, John 14.15 note 5th commandment). Clearly she does not understand the bible nor the essence of its contents.

Third, the baby is not a part of the mother's body, rather it is someone else's body. It is a separate and distinct human being both structurally and genetically. The Mother has no choice or right in regards to determining the death of another, it is either childbirth or murder. In relation to the Campus Pro-choice reference - abortion is hardly an act which can be looked upon with dignity.

In countries where abortion laws have been loosened, medical studies indicate that cruel infanticide, child battering, and child murder have

increased. This, of course, is due to the concept that young life is cheap. Let's face it - abortion is the easy way out of a difficult problem and is rapidly growing to be the most popular means of birth control (how do you justify successive abortions).

Thus what is important is how we solve these problems. Anti-life rests on the premise that human life is cheap and therefore disposable, it supports this view in order to alleviate the cognitive dissonance created by such a situation, or even as a weapon in such things as the feminist movement. Let's get off our pedestals and accept abortion for what it really is - murder. Any person with a reasonable amount of common sense can reach this conclusion on his/her own, however in reading last week's article it is apparent that I have taken some things for granted.

Richard Hajduk  
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P.S. Denise Burrell, I wish there was as much soul searching and pain involved when deciding to have intercourse as there is in deciding whether or not to have an abortion.

**The fetal position**

The abortion issue is certainly one of the pivotal moral issues of our time. Because it goes beyond personal morality to litigation and legislation it has grown complex. This complexity is rendered insufferable when the facts are distorted or misrepresented.

In a letter to the Editor, published Nov. 1st., Denise Burrell attempts to undermine the pro-life case by saying there is no theological evidence that a fetus is a person. Granting this, it follows, she says, that even God didn't provide support for the pro-life argument via the Bible.

Her statement is clearly in error and as a Christian I must respond to such a misrepresentation. She further states that the Bible does not provide a specific injunction against the act of abortion. This is logically fallacious, for, if a fetus is a true person as the Bible clearly implies then the same laws applying to the taking of an adult life apply to the fetus. Hence, there is no need for a specific injunction against abortion, it is sufficiently covered under those governing acts of murder.

I would submit to the reader the following Biblical passages demonstrating that personality and a measure of destiny are imputed to the child in the womb. My logical supposition is that if God can personally know the fetus in the womb, then it must be a person.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you and before you were born I consecrated you."

Jeremiah 1:5

"The Lord called Me from the womb, from the body of my mother He named me."

Isaiah 49:1

"Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in they book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them."

Psalm 139:16

"And the angel said to her 'Do not be afraid, Mary: for you have found favor with God. And behold you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you will name Him Jesus.'"

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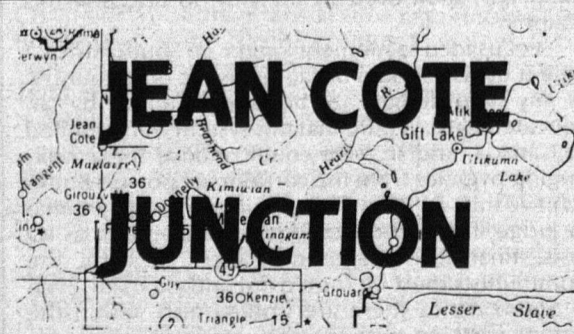
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Gilbert Bouchard

News can get mangled in two different ways. One is the out and out lie, where the news source sets out to mangle the truth, and the second way is when a news source unintentionally mangles a story via sloppy revisions or editing.

For example, the University of Toronto this weekend held a conference to precede the CFS (Canadian Federation of Students) conference in Ottawa.

On Monday the *Globe and Mail* reported a group of dissident students at the U of T conference warned that the Canadian student movement could fail if the CFS doesn't make drastic changes. The *Globe* mentioned that several universities could opt out of CFS if their referendums didn't pass. The *Globe* also mentioned that the meeting was not a CFS meeting, but an independent conference to discuss the viability of CFS.

The *Edmonton Journal* in their Monday morning edition ran a "revised" version of this *Globe*

story, but the revisions left a bit to be desired. They stated that several universities have voted to drop out of CFS, while in reality these universities are prospective members who are going to hold referendums to see if they want to be full members, like we did a few weeks back. The *Journal* failed to mention that the meeting wasn't even a CFS conference; they didn't even mention that there was a CFS conference that followed. The *Journal* article left people thinking that the Toronto meeting was the CFS conference; it concluded by saying that by the end of the year there will be no CFS members east of Ontario.

Strange because the *Gateway* phoned Graham Bowdell (CFS Chairperson) in Ottawa to discover that CFS has three full members in Nova Scotia, one in PEI and one in Newfoundland, not to mention several prospective memberships that will be holding referendums to see if they will become full members in the Atlantic provinces.

Mind you, Dalhousie in Nova Scotia is considering opting out, but it still has yet to vote, and chances are it won't drop out.

CFS still has major problems, big problems, but in Dowdell's words "we may have serious problems but we're doing constructive things to improve ourselves. We're much more critical of ourselves, and a lot more organized than we were this time last year."

Dowdell might be piling it a bit thick, but that's what you expect from a spokesperson of a group. As for the *Journal's* lapses into creative warping of facts, well I don't think we can tolerate it.