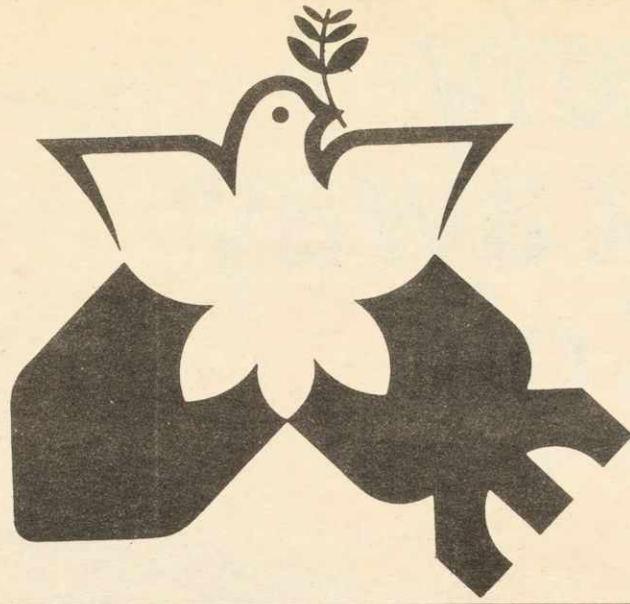


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## Screw up

To the editor:

Sorry, no top ten this week. This time, it's the 'Boy, did I screw up, but big!' letter.

Just over a month ago, I sent a letter telling of my views of the co-op program, and my dissatisfaction of the two workterm fee increases over the past year. Well, the letter got published, and I never heard any more about it. (Someone put it on the bulletin board outside of the Chase building, and I even got a 'Nice letter, Craig'. But that was about it.)

A few weeks later, I found out from Dr. Sedgwick, head of co-op, that I was completely wrong. The first fee increase had been the year before, and the second fee increase was the one we had voted upon. (I had mistakenly thought that we had decided upon the first increase, and that the second one had been decided for us.) My embarrassment knew no bounds as I apologized to Dr. Sedgwick for my misunderstanding and mistake. I thought that was the end of it.

Last week, I read the letter from Mike Kelly, student rep to the co-op steering committee. I realized that my apology to Dr. Sedgwick was not enough. I needed to apologize to everyone associated with the co-op program for my short-sightedness, and even to those not associated with it, who I may have given the wrong view of this beneficial program.

So, I'm sorry. To quote .38 Special, "Please forgive me, and forget it. I was wrong and I admit it."

And, in response to Mike Kelly's letter, I am in support of the co-op program. I support it as much now as when I was mistaken about the fee increases: a whole lot.

P.S. The top ten will return next week. (Hopefully!)

Craig Falkenham

## Right to park

To the editor:

As a full-time student attending Dalhousie, I feel that parking becomes a right when the student pays ninety-four dollars for a parking permit. The availability of parking is important to those students who are unable to use the public transportation available. For students driving long distances the parking problem is a very real and pressing issue. Having invested thousands of dollars into one's education, it becomes aggravating when after driving through the hectic morning traffic, one has to then spend sometimes up to thirty minutes looking for an available parking spot. After searching the areas allotted for Dalhousie permit holders without success, one has to scan the near-by side streets — these too are usually taken up. Often, the student may be late for class or worse, be forced to miss it because of the unavailability of parking spaces.

It is possible that many students who live in close proximity to the university may needlessly be driving his or her vehicle, when a "healthy" fifteen minute walk would be beneficial for all (the environment and the human population).

Is it really all that unreasonable to ask that after investing as much time, effort and money into one's education — that parking one's vehicle not be such a hassle?

Shelley Graham

## Take it back

To the editor:

I am so tired of reading sickening, wishy-washy, liberal bullshit written by men who haven't a clue about feminism, women's liberation or the reality of male violence, but who feel entitled to rave on at length about all of the above. Bruce D. Gilchrist (Gazette, Oct, 25) get this through your head:

1. the purpose of Take Back the Night is NOT to raise awareness about inequality. The hell with awareness! It's about women's anger. It's about women's suffering. It's about women's strength. It's about women surviving.

2. "Free choice" does NOT equal "Equality". Only a privileged, white, North American male could believe that.

3. As long as violence discriminates on the basis of sex — after all, "people" are raped, battered, sexually assaulted, killed solely BECAUSE THEY ARE WOMEN — so will responses to violence. My god, Gilchrist, a guy walked onto a campus last year and killed 14 women just because they were women! Don't you get it?!

4. Lara Morris' "sweeping generalizations" are based on well-established, well-documented statistics. Not every woman has to fit the pattern for it to be real. Take a sociology class sometime.

5. No, it wasn't Joe Morrison's gonads, nor his male brain that was objectionable. It was his male power. Get it yet?

Oh, come on! Do you really believe "equality" simply means you, personally, are entitled to go wherever the hell you want? If there

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were an all-Jewish gathering at the SUB, should Christians go, for the sake of "equal opportunity"? Would it be appropriate for whites to attend an all-Black event, even in support? Is the International Students' Society discrimination on the basis of nationality? Get real. If that's your idea of equality, forget it.

Let's talk liberation instead. Liberation means you first have to be oppressed. What do white males have to be liberated from? Who or what are they oppressed by?

Wake up! Violence against women is violence BY MEN! Are you really telling us we should invite our rapists, batterers, abusers and murderers to come mourn with us? or even to fight with us?

Like you, I'll end with a quote, or rather a paraphrase from Margaret Atwood: "Why do men fear women? We are afraid of being laughed at. And why women fear men? We are afraid of being killed". Equality?

Tiffany Blair

## One little cell

To the editor:

re: Ms. Morris' article on the Morgentaler lecture (Gazette Oct. 25).

Ms. Morris quoted Dr. Morgentaler as saying that anti-abortionists, "don't care about the welfare of women. They care about one little cell." Ms. Morris also noted that, "...Morgentaler dismissed the claim life begins at

conception."

But in fact:

i) There are many pro-life groups in Halifax that offer assistance to pregnant women, as well as women who may be experiencing post abortion complications (this argument about proliferators not having any compassion for women has run its course, please put it out to pasture).

ii) If the proposed abortion law is passed, women will be legally allowed to abort this "cell" up to the time of their first bout of labour pains, just previous to delivery. Dr. Morgentaler is proposing that Pro-life persons are concerned only with a cell; a cell that, somehow, most miraculously, becomes a fully-developed newborn baby within a few hours or minutes previous to its change of territorial occupancy. What is this "cell" if it has partially been delivered, part way in and out of the mother's womb, for example...? Surely it is a mighty large "cell" or bizarre product of conception!

iii) Contrary to the statement by Dr. Morgentaler, the beginning of life at conception is a undeniable fact of both biology and genetics. And even if this fertilized cell doesn't immediately appear human, it is human. To state otherwise would be absurd. Arguing that it is not human would only lead one into a cloudy pool of ambiguous rhetoric. After all, I may attend the Mardi Gras this year appearing as a dog, but in reality I am human; one who is still developing and biologically changing within this continuum of human life.

G.B. Stiller



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