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The Editor,
The Gateway,
Edmonton, Alberta,
Canadian Territory.

Dear Sir:

This letter is to advise your staff that the General FnuRD Motor Co., has purchased all patent and development rights to the revolutionary new method of transportation which you showed on the front page of your Tuesday, November 30, issue.

We had plans for the speedy development of this vehicle and we felt sure that we could have it on the road as early as 1990. Unfortunately, the plans and the prototype were destroyed in a fire in our research division. The inventor, alas, was visiting the laboratories at the time and died in the blaze.

It is unfortunate that the remainder of our research division now feels that it will be impossible to have a new set of preliminary plans ready before 2020.

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Mozart, Sensationalism & Abortion

Dear Mr. Grams:

So you believe anti-abortionists are a silent majority!

It is axiomatic that supporters of a status quo will be less vocal than advocates of change in that status quo. The advocates of change must make themselves heard and felt or change will never occur because of the inertia of legislators to alter established methods of doing things.

As to your contention that anti-abortionists are in the majority (a conclusion you seem to draw from their silence) show us the proof, Mr. Grams, besides, why should a majority, assuming your conclusion to be correct, be able to impose its moralistic viewpoint upon the minority? Democracy envisions government by the majority with respect for, not contempt for, the opinions of the minority.

Sensationalism

You claim pro-abortionist's reports are sensationalized and their facts distorted and ridiculous. Again, Mr. Grams, I must ask you to substantiate your claims. I suggest it is not the public's 'inherent curiosity' or 'interest in the new and

unusual' which stimulates their interest in the views of pro-abortionists but a genuine concern and desire to be informed on important matters.

Abortion & capital punishment

How hypocritical can you be Mr. Grams? You decry the taking of human life, as you conceive abortion to be, by abortion, yet you advocate repeal of the ban on capital punishment. Which is more immoral, the snuffing-out of an established human life, the killing of a walking, talking, breathing, human being or the prevention of the birth of an unwanted child which at the time an abortion is performed has no life experience and in my 'opinion' is not a live human being.

By the way, Mr. Grams, it is not the 'body' of the pregnant woman which rejects a child which she wants aborted. I'm sure you realize that but your use of the word is misleading. It is the mind of the woman which rejects the child. What kind of life will an unwanted, rejected, resented and probably unloved child have? Will a mother upon whom is imposed an unwanted child be able to love that child or would you propose that the child be taken and used to fill the adoption pool.

Extra hardships

It is not likely, Mr. Grams, that the mental unbalance you cite as a reason why a pregnant woman may not be able to make a rational decision, is a result of the prospect of being forced to bear a child she does not want and may not be able to support emotionally, financially or socially. You say that by seeking an abortion woman is seeking the easy way out, how do you conclude that an abortion is the easy way, Mr. Grams, and, even if it is, why should she not be able to make use of it. Must we always impose extra hardships on people and do things in the most difficult way. As to your suggestion that a woman may seek an abortion as a fad, that is too ridiculous for comment.

If I had been aborted

"Where would you or I be if our mothers had decided to have an abortion" you ask. Well, Mr. Grams, I would not have been here to read your letter, not would I be concerned about overpopulation, pollution, increased crime rates and the effect on society of unwanted children. Had your mother decided on an abortion, what a beautiful paradox that would have been, you would not have been around to expound your dogmatic maralism and I can't

help but think how much better off the world would be without such insidious comments from narrow sighted persons who cannot see the consequences from the imposition of one groups personal morality upon others.

Mozart, Picasso, et al

"Where would the world be if the mothers of Mozart, Picasso et al had decided to have abortions?" you also ask. I suggest we would never have heard of them and consequently never have missed them. Would we have known about World War II if it had never happened? Would we have missed it? Such an argument is the most feeble I can imagine for opposing abortion, it screams its own rebuttal. Think how beautiful the world would be if the mothers of Adolph Hitler, Charles Manson, Richard Speck and the mothers of all socially maladjusted and dangerous persons who have become the same as a result of being unwanted, been able to obtain abortions if they had desired. Sound a little ridiculous, Mr. Grams?

Yours truly,
Bill Milne
Law II

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supposed the unsigned article to be an attack on Meekison. The Tuesday, morning after, denials are not persuasive, especially if you can count. Use of this esoteric method reveals that *Folio* and *New Trail* are each named twice near the beginning of the piece and never reappear. Meekison is named 8 times. The number of references to the publications and Meekison run in the same proportion. This is to say nothing of the tone of piece.

(6) The anonymous source is rightly reluctant. He is not reluctant to talk about an innuous issue as PR errors, as the Gateway now finds it convenient to have us think. He is reluctant to talk about Meekison. And this he should be.

In *Gateway* newsspeak of the attack on Thursday saying it was so did make it so, as the *Gateway* found out by Tuesday. So too the *Gateway's* Tuesday defence will not by saying it was not so make not so.

What is called for is a retraction, not a denial.

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Graduate Student

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the very least has pointed out inconsistencies in the Department's treatment of students.

The letter by McCreary et al (Nov. 30 issue of the *Gateway*) therefore came as somewhat of a surprise as I have encountered several of the authors. Their public opinion and private comments therefore appear to be in conflict. One may postulate several theories to explain the apparent discrepancy:

1. My interpretation of their comments is in error.
2. The interpretation is correct and
 - A. The controversy generated by Mr. Gereluk's article has induced a radical shift of opinion in several of the authors' views or
 - B. Those concerned have two opinions - one for public display and the other only released upon application of a suitable quantity of alcohol.

As a student of the physical sciences I realize that the experimental evidence presently available is insufficient to draw any firm conclusions - thus this letter. Therefore it would seem that fresh experimental data is required - may I suggest the Strathcona Hotel?

Sincerely,
John Payzant,
Graduate Studies, Chemistry

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Apathy and Phys. Ed. Students at Large:

What are your interests? Or should I ask? Do you have any interests particularly in sports and the faculty as a whole? As I look at the Physical Education student activities that occurred during the past two months, I become ill. As a matter of fact, I become sick enough to have gastric convulsions! Let me try to explain the situation.

Although the S.A.H.P.E.R. Retreat was considered a total success, it lacked student participation. Seventy-five out of a possible 400 students is a poor ratio. But of course this shows where their interests are. For some, I think they registered in the wrong faculty. For others, they have not woken from their summer slumber.

Then on the fair evening of October 12, 1971 the executive called a general meeting to

discuss a major issue that concerns everyone. That being "Job Opportunities" after graduation. Again we saw a booming turn-out of some 40 Physical Education students. Where were the rest of the students? Well, let's get together and maybe you can tell me.

Just for old time's sake, the council then decided to *throw* a Barn Dance. Everything was great except for one thing, STUDENT PARTICIPATION.

For the few students that are concerned, I must say thank-you for the good work done. Like always, the road is long but in this case, it is winding too.

Yours truly,
Don McClinton
S.A.H.P.E.R. President

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