

Only the original abortion would be wrong.

Not only is there no moral reason for failing to develop this science, but we are compelled to develop it as fast as possible: and then use it in each and every abortion where it is applicable.

Finally, we may see the day when abortions are replaced by a simple removal and transference of the foetus. Then, there will be

no need for an abortion controversy. Once a woman is freed of the necessity of bearing (and subsequently raising) an unwanted child, she would obviously have no right to demand his/her death. Such a request would be obviously spiteful. Then, everyone could finally agree. Certainly, this is an exciting prospect.

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Science 3



I GUESS ONCE YOU'VE GOT A RECORD ALL YOU CAN GO INTO IS POLITICS.

## A Libertarian Lament

While preoccupied in a lavatory located suspiciously close to the Students' Union Executive offices I happened to catch sight of the following lyrical graffiti.

Not being an admirer of this particular art form I was about to dismiss it with the contempt it undoubtedly deserves, when something about its rhythmic quality (perhaps it almost corresponded to my own bowel movements) caused me to pause

and reconsider.

Only when I arose to perform my anal hygiene did I finally decide to transcribe the malicious verses and present them for the interest of your readers.

Just what is our University coming to when politics are taken so seriously that they are conducted in the toilets of Academia?

Yours truly,  
B. Emm

Two pranksters named Nimmons and Bissell  
Decided to write an epistle,  
So they wrote what they thought  
Was a clever retort  
To charges of land claims dismissal.

But our pranksters misjudged quite a bit  
In thinking their letter a hit,  
For had they the sense  
To review its contents  
They'd have flushed it away with their shit.

For the native lands stolen away  
In the centuries prior to today,  
It is the opinions  
Of Bissell and Nimmons  
That white men have nothing to pay.

At the same time they venture to add  
That the Indian plight is quite sad,  
But this in their view  
Has had nothing to do  
With the loss of the land they once had.

If only they'd been more reflective  
Their note might have been more effective,  
Instead it was caught  
In the savage onslaught  
Of David Nock's heavy invective.

And now to add fuel to the fire  
The Chaplain has called each a liar,  
And when clergy mix  
Into our politics  
Then it's time for us all to retire.

## Poor PR

I would like to address this to a group of people who refer to themselves as the Lister Hall Students.

Once a year the University invites its alumni back to the campus for a homecoming. This is a gracious affair particularly as it honors the classes of 25 and 50 years previous. These are men and women who have used the knowledge obtained at this University to do "their thing" in many parts of this country and the world and who now return as honored guests.

For the University, it is an important public relations gesture because many of these alumni have obtained positions of prominence in business, government and the arts, they are the ones to whom the University turn for additional financing and for public support when needs arise.

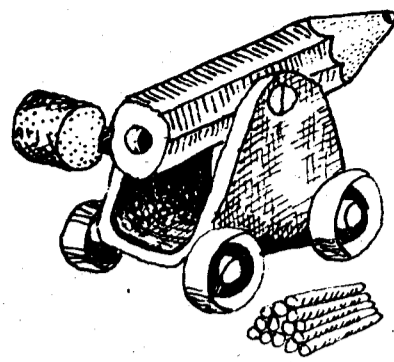
However, after being guided by official University personnel to the principle event in Lister Hall and shown where to park their vehicles, they return in the midst of a cold rain storm to find themselves tried in absence, and convicted of being a public nuisance by "Lister Hall Students" and sentenced to the problems of coping with two or three flat tires.

There is no need to dwell on the various inconveniences that occurred, but some were not appreciated. What is important is that the University's public relations efforts received another setback by exposing the black side of student mentality.

Maybe the University should hold compulsory courses on social etiquette to teach students that one does not vandalize a guest's property. It may also teach him that the parking place that he so stoutly defended (anonymously) is paid for by at least an 80% subsidy by those he accuses of trespassing.

Lastly, it should impress on them that the University image needs all the help it can get from each of its inhabitants if it is to continue to receive the support lavished upon it for the past 25 years but which lately has been reluctantly given because of continuing evidence that we are harboring an unworthy student body. Public relations is everyone's job and it is made up of the sum total of the effort. Imagine the response to a 3AV request for funds from an alumnus who had a tire ruined by student vandalism.

Finally, I would like to thank the men of campus



## editorial

### Better than most...

Students who feel they are suffering from lack of services or inadequate individual considerations by their own Students' Union should leave this campus and try to find a better one elsewhere.

Chances are they won't be able to.

After attending the Canadian University Press Conference last weekend, I realised how lucky we are to have a set-up like this one, even with its obvious faults. Most other universities do not even have the services about which many complaints entered this office.

Free legal aid is very rare on other campuses, as are drop-in centres, facilities for certain sports like judo and squash, campus pubs, and cheap student housing. The U of A is able to provide us with these and a host of other luxuries that others simply do not have.

This does not mean things are perfect here, or that we should all reverently sigh when someone mentions our ivy-covered alma mater, but with all the bitching that one hears bandied about now and again, one can loose perspective.

Granted, the U of A Students' Union is one of Canada's largest, brokest, student institutions. The opportunity for a progressive student radio station (Nonexistent as yet in Alberta), was shunted aside by the CRFC and Student Council with undue haste. A pictorial telephone directory has been the recipient of increased funding instead.

However, if you have the opportunity to talk with other Students' Unions, you'll find that we enjoy services, aids and considerations at U of A that usually cannot be found in any other single institution in Canada.

Greg Neiman

security for their assistance. It was greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,  
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technology. Science involves the discovery, description, and reasoning of the operative mechanism of a piece of the universe by a curious human being. It is thus a creative process like literature or art, and cannot be manipulated or directed by non-scientists or politicians. The generalization of these operative mechanisms into scientific laws depends on experimental results that are reproducible in time and space.

## Clarification

Regarding Professor Hayes' eponymous theme for the future of man and punitive outlook on science, I can only say that he has left out some distinctions which promote clarity of thought on the issue.

The first of these is the distinction between science and

Technology involves the permutation of scientific laws by humans into devices or procedures which are either for the benefit or detriment of mankind. Therefore this is a second generation process, and it is here where moral and political questions arise, unlike pure scientific discovery.

"Mission-oriented" scientific research is thus vulnerable to frustration, much the same way that a true sportsman is frustrated by economic or political manipulation in his sport. Perhaps the cure to cancer would come cheaper and sooner if we concentrated our money and time into some basic science questions; therapy and cure would then follow naturally.

The existence of mankind on a satisfying and permanent basis is limited only by the lifespan of the universe and man's ability to devise "good" technology.

However, if we think that we can conquer the increasingly complex technological problems of the future with existent technology and our present modes of its application, then we are just fools.

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