

## after the foetus

# Why Not Mother-in-laws?

Yes, if we could, without remorse, assassinate everyone who gets in our way, we would have plenty to do...

Yes, mother-in-laws can be seen and heard (they talk) where as the child in the mother's womb is neither seen nor heard, it cannot protest... Therefore we feel justified when we say: "After all, it hasn't yet human form, ... it has no soul ... it is not alive" ...

Yet everyone know that from the moment the egg is formed, it already exists. Is it necessary to

wait until it says "papa" and "mama" to decide that this is really a person? Looking at it from this point of view, what is the difference between a three-week old human foetus and a new-born child? If there were any real difference, why do some couples feel such a sense of loss when the mother has a miscarriage?

### Further Points of View on Abortion in Retrospect

This problem of abortion is truly dramatic. It does occur and quite frequently too. Statistics are difficult to establish, because for the most part, abortions are clandestine. However many people are of the opinion that the number of abortions is almost equal to the number of births: in one year we kill as many children as we bring into the world.

Gynaecologists generally agree that there are no longer cases where interruption of pregnancy is the only way to save the pregnant woman whose life is in

danger. In any case, can we accept the idea of killing, willfully and directly, an innocent person, just to save another life? If so, after the human foetus, why not mother-in-laws?

I take up position for the child's life. True, all have abortions are not all conscious criminals... There are many distressing situations that can make them lose their head. "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do," said Christ, dying on the Cross and praying for his executioners.

### The Question of an Increasing

I do not believe that women have abortions for the pleasure of doing so. No, they feel compelled to do so for many reasons, which are perhaps debatable, but surely dramatic. Most assuredly, something is wrong somewhere. Certainly, in normal families, there is no question of abortion.

One more child? A little tiresome perhaps, so be it, but a place will be made for him and things have a way of working

### Number of Children

What can we say about families of four or five living in three rooms? Do our governors have a realistic policy toward the family? For some time there has been talk of moderate priced lodging. Will we build accommodations according to the needs of these people, or will we park them all together in one building in apartments far too small?

### Solutions Considering Causes of Unwanted Pregnancies

There is also the drama of the young girl caught in a trap, who knows that her parents will not forgive her. What solutions does she have? Do you think she will undergo an abortion with a light heart, or that she will joyfully risk her life? Even if "abortion on request" were possible, do you think this young girl will look forward to it with eagerness? Furthermore, if her parents do not forgive her, do you think this will solve her problem?

No, we are all responsible for this problem. We must help our governors provide a humane solution. We must write our

deputy, our governors, telling them that legalizing "abortion on demand" will be tackling only the consequences of a problem. We all know that this is not a real solution. The only one of any value, can be provided only by tackling the true causes of this problem: poverty, lodging, sexual and family education, etc...

If we only provide answers to the consequences of the problem of abortion, then after the human foetus, why not mother-in-laws? Why not invalids, cripples, the aged, the neighbor?

### After the Foetus, Mother-in-laws or the Governors?

Last October, Pierre Laporte was assassinated. The F.L.Q., by this gesture told our governors: "You are intruders, you keep us from changing Society". No, after the human foetus, it probably won't be

mother-in-laws, but will it perhaps be our governors?

Rev. Jean-Claude Bergeron  
Victoriaville, P.Q.  
Diocesan Chaplain for the  
"Foyers Notre-Dame"

Editor's Note: Foyers Notre Dame is not, as one would be led to believe, a home for unwed mothers, but rather an old folks home. At the same time as THE GATEWAY received this open letter, another open letter was received from Victoriaville. This letter, also against abortion, was addressed to the Prime Minister. It was signed by Dr. Jean-Marie Bolduc and purported to have been signed by 39 other doctors.



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### ODE TO THE BIO. SCI. & CAMERON LIBRARY BUILDING SUPERVISORS

#### —FIG LEAVES IN WINTER—

The falling snow doth tell us  
That the weathers's turning colder,  
And only those that are a little bolder  
—or possibly a little mad—  
Are wearing summers clad.

Would the gentle soul who guides  
The furnaces upon their appointed tasks,  
Please realize that most of us  
—who are not a little mad—  
Are wearing winters clad.

Therefore please, Mr. Building Supervisor  
Heed this plea I put to you,  
To turn the furnace way down low  
—or possibly a little mad I'll go—  
And take to wearing Adam's clothing in the snow.

C. Tebby  
Sc.4


### SCOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

## New Income Tax Bill Affects Students

The new Income Tax Bill forced through Parliament by closure and rammed through the Senate by Government influence with little study, has implemented a new income tax against all Canadian Students. Scholarships and bursaries awarded to students domiciled in Canada attending College and University here or elsewhere over the amount of \$500.00 will be subject to the same rate of personal income tax as other income earned by them or other Canadians. The question that comes to mind is "Where are the

30,000 Liberal Government scholarships promised to students of Canada?" Not only did they fail to receive any portion of the same but now will be taxed on any bursaries or scholarships earned from other sources. Who spoke for the young people of Canada in the Senate? The Bill that was supposed to help those in need certainly falls short in that regard insofar as young people are concerned.

ELDON WOOLLIAMS, M.P.  
Calgary, North



*Berry Wess Gateway*

## Berry WESS GATEWAY

*sizeable profit I've afforded the ALCB, I'm sure they can afford to give their boys a raise in the new year.*

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*Happened to stop in to visit Don McKenzie a few days back -- the little fellow is enjoying himself immensely. He's brought all his Christmas presents to his office, and every spare minute he has, he devotes to his brand new toys. I asked him what his favorite was, and without a moment's hesitation, he told that it just had to be his new Easy-Bake oven. I certainly wouldn't argue with him on that point -- all the time I was talking to him, he was watching to see that his fudge brownies weren't burning. Seems he plans to surprise the Student Council with them the next time they meet...*

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*SO WHAT'S NEW DEPT. Women's Lib is breathing down my back again. Seems I made a wisecrack at the latest City*

*Council meeting about Dave Ward's upcoming marriage which raised a few hackles and bared a few fangs. Actually, ladies, I really didn't mean that comment about Kate Millet making him a good wife even if she did wear a jock strap and shave every morning.*

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*Dave and Kathy finally have a place to live. Which, to say the least, is a relief for all concerned. They were having a pretty rough time of it all, after getting evicted from the SUB elevator they were living in before. I had invited them to move into my bathroom, but what with Kathy pregnant again, and their St. Bernard in heat, that wasn't the best of all possible accommodations. So Dave took up an assistant professorship in some obscure faculty on campus, and Kathy registered in an Arts program, and now they can move into Garneau Towers -- you know, that 'students only' place? And I guess they really dig it.*

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## phonebooks annual rip-off

Dear Editor,

I wish to protest the annual rip-off perpetrated by Western School Services in their usual botch of the telephone directory. This year 1831 pictures (count them yourself) were lost in the shuffle between Edmonton and Winnipeg. Perhaps next year Council will patronize a local firm. Why include pictures if ten per cent are missing?

G. Grant  
You won't find mine either.

## pretentious criticism

Dear Sir:

Dibdin again displays his unique talent for pretentious criticism in areas where he is eminently unqualified. While his discussion of Heidelberg was to be tolerated, the blatant failure to recognize the vigorous interplay of space and form in the architecture of this campus reveals a bias born of ignorance. In his own words, "no man of taste can view it, unexpectedly, for the first time, without standing still." Speak gently of philistinism, Dibdin, or you excoriate yourself!

Yours truly,  
F. Douce