

# Letters To The Editor

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## Morgentaler part of an evil, anti-life cause

I find it difficult to write about your editorial "Morgentaler, Persecution or Prosecution" because of the fury I feel when I read it. It is horrifying in its one-sidedness and in its espousal of an evil, anti-life cause.

Anti-life propaganda is disseminated by feminist groups all over Canada. I do not want to demean the natural struggle for women for equality and self-determination by making a point about liberated women, but I have to attack the anti-life and the anti-love attitude of the feminist movement. Every organization and project for the benefit of women seems to be violently opposed to the most elementary human right for their unborn brothers and sisters.

Morgentaler, of course, is guilty. He admits it and takes pride in his actions. The jury which vindicated him in the first place was in the wrong and the overturning of his acquittal was morally and legally correct.

To the abortionists the question involves nothing more than the deletion of a section of the criminal

code to allow women control over their bodies. To pro-lifers, it is a life controversy. A woman may control her own body, not that of the fetus. Many will object that a fetus is not a human life. However, a fetus has a recognizable human body, heartbeat and brainwaves fairly early in its development. Such fetuses have survived abortions only to die at the hands of the doctor. In any case, life begins at contraception. A fetus has no experience of the world and does not (we think) use its intellect.

Some people would be willing to kill babies several days after birth.

## CSA and SIMS bedfellows

The September 30 Excalibur article concerning the room to be shared by the Chinese Students Association and the Meditation Society appeared to emphasize that one student group dislikes the other student group. That emphasis is erroneous.

In actuality, what transpired was that York's Student Affairs V-P caused conflict between student groups by neglecting to obtain their consent before requiring them to become roommates. The CSA is not the only student organization that has been assigned an incompatible roommate: other student cultural associations have been similarly forced into conflict with other student associations.

The decision by York's Student Affairs V-P that the CSA and SIMS must become roommates cannot be rationalized except in terms of administrative facility. But the administrator's duty of assigning student groups to become roommates would surely be facilitated if the student groups were consulted before the assignments are made. Any other approach would, as in this instance, cause conflict between the prospective roommates.

Since the conflict between the CSA and the SIMS was caused by the negligence of York's Student Affairs V-P, he must be held responsible for settling it.

Raymond Tang,  
York CSA President

## Student Patrol

It is very seldom that the articles on your editorial page outrage to the extent that we are compelled to voice our disagreement, however your article criticizing the proposed student patrol force should not go unchallenged.

To suggest that a basically sound proposal such as this should be discarded because it might 'stifle relations' between residence students who find themselves at opposite ends of the law is laughably childish and insane beyond belief.

Surely respect for law and property must take precedence over residence relationships. Furthermore, it is ludicrous to compare the apprehension of criminals in the act of breaking the law to "tattletaling" on high school misdemeanors.

If this student patrol force could prevent one assault or burglary or diminish the incidence of costly vandalism, then it would be well worth the effort and expense.

Ross Earnshaw  
Don, McLaughlin Residence  
Bryan Moir  
M.J. Slavin  
Dave McCulloch  
Kathryn Groves.

Kenneth Colburn  
Fellow

A fetus reacts to stimulæ. Any right-to-life organization will gladly supply scientific details.

Abortionists say that pro-lifers are a small and insignificant group. Don't believe it. The 1,040,000 did

not represent all pro-lifers. We are a huge and well-organized force.

Vive la vie.

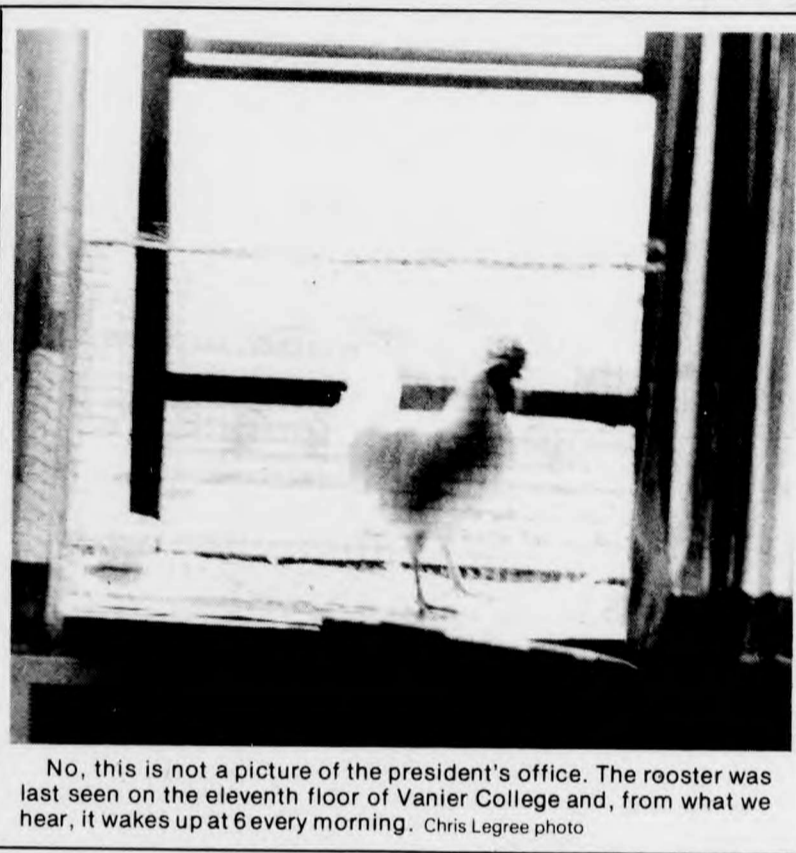
Edmund Thomas  
McLaughlin College.

## Dark lights and hookers

I was disgusted to come into the McLaughlin Games Room last week, only to discover that all of the pinball machines there charged the usual 25c for two games but only provided three balls per game! That makes the place the most expensive on campus at 6 balls per quarter, as opposed to Osgoode's 15 per.

This rate is the same as all those crummy little dives on Yonge Street where the atmosphere is a competitive advantage. Who knows? If they're headed that way, don't be surprised if Mac doesn't try to compete by moving in some dark lights, prepubescent teenagers, hookers, and juke boxes that only play Kiss.

Walter Ikwel,  
Atkinson College.



No, this is not a picture of the president's office. The rooster was last seen on the eleventh floor of Vanier College and, from what we hear, it wakes up at 6 every morning. Chris Legree photo

## Please don't cut the grass

Hey out there in physical plant - why don't you cut the grass and weeds on campus one less time next year and spend some of the money and man-hours saved on pruning and spraying the hundred or so fruit trees (maybe even fertilize them a bit too)?

Also, as usual, the President's Advisory Committee on Parking has saved all of its anti-student activities until there were no students on the committee. I refer to the closing of the visitor's lots next to the graduate residences to people who wish to park there and reserving them for unloading vehicles, service vehicles and motorcycles.

For six years it was okay to park there after the tenants complained about this "new" policy. Now that Annis has realized that the tenants

won't stand for gates and has raised fees, he feels that he can get away with this minor repression.

It is interesting to note however, that he didn't sign the policy letter himself.

I respectfully submit that this new policy be revoked and that the Parking Committee get back to its main job of insuring that everybody pay a fair price (defined by expenses and not by the wishes of some to have a surplus of income (translated as profit?) to apply to other "worthy" projects (which does not include the Senior Common room deficit, or does it?).

I further respectfully submit that people ought to pay parking fees according to months of use rather than for twelve months whether they want to or no.

P. J. Selecky

## Greedy car-hogs

Every weekday, thousands of affluent students roll up to York university in their cars - some new, some old, but all in reasonably automobile-like condition. As just as regularly most leave every afternoon.

Now, by the main exit road, several lamp posts carry signs showing a destination, and erstwhile hitchhikers stand under them, hoping for some kind soul to pick them up. If you've never participated in this daily exercise in frustration, then you'd be surprised at the hundreds of greedy car-hogs who cruise by in their big, empty cars without even glancing at their fellow students.

What's the matter, you suburban

sweeties? You're just as bad as the fatcats downtown, who have that "If you can't afford to drive, why then you must be a sub-human", attitude. It's likely that investives like this one have little affect on Homo Irresponsibilus, but one feels compelled to make them that way anyway.

Wake up you self-centred fools. A hitchhiker won't kill you; you might even get into an interesting conversation.

Unthinkable as it might sound, you might have to do it one day. And brother, if your cosmic balance isn't in order, you may find yourself passed by hundreds of empty cars.

Smarten up.

Dave Basskin

# OPINION

## Free Press threatened at Waterloo

By D. Ballinger

Campus security officers under order of Waterloo student council president Shane Roberts, closed the volunteer student newspaper The Chevron. The rationale of the action was as Roberts said, "that statistics show that the paper doesn't represent the interests of students and that the paper was being manipulated by the 'Anti-Imperialist Alliance'".

The interests and underlying issues leading Robert's closure of the Chevron infer more than an attempt to protect the free student press. Facts indicate that an investigative committee to expose the structure of the student council, the 'Federation of Students', by The Chevron staff, may have played an important part in the decision by Roberts to press for the paper's closure. Roberts told Federation members at a meeting shortly after the creation of the investigative committee that if The Chevron wasn't closed he would "resign the presidency".

The Federation president has proposed as a possible solution to the problem the dissolution of the "old" Chevron and a reconstitution of the paper under the direction of an editorial board comprised of representatives from different groups on campus who would be responsible to the Federation of Students. Chevron employee Henry Hess asked to support any such motion by Federation members in order to save his job. He refused the bribe. This proposal has been a topic that long-time Federation members have found favourable and was first articulated in the 1972-73 school year when Roberts acted as interim president of the Federation when Terry Moore resigned.

Roberts' discontent with the Chevron has much to do with the fact that he has had to deal with its changing voice for the last five years and its recent accent on investigative reporting.

This kind of severe encroachment at Waterloo on the basic democratic right of freedom of the press is a reflection on the degree of intellectual bankruptcy at the universities throughout the country where their solidification into bureaucratic mechanisms for education, for community relationships, and most tragically now for student politics they have created a collection of insularities calling themselves institutions of higher learning. Is it no small wonder that where the campus centre at Waterloo (formed and built from the crucible of student involvement; naive but resolved) is now the home of a student politic that is at heart professionalized? Does it not sicken even the stoutest and archest fiend of the North American cultural revolution to see young peers aping the ideals of liberal, representative corporate capitalist lackeys like Trudeau? At the same time as they ignore the utter defilement of the symbol of the free voice and anarchic spirit at our universities: the free student press.

(Don Ballinger is the former cartoonist for the Chevron.)