

## Morgentaler many things to many people

To the editors,

Henry Morgentaler is many things to many people, but all recognize him as the champion of the pro-choice movement in Canada and not as an impartial observer. If the DSU executive is serious in claiming that Dr. Morgentaler's lecture is intended to spark discussion on abortion, then it should allow the pro-life movement equal time to present its case on March 26 or at a later date. The DSU has subsidized

and/or organized debates and forums on issues ranging from the earthshaking topic of "Yippie vs Yuppie" to all-candidates debates, disarmament, etc. Why should the discussion of abortion be confined to a lecture with a limited question-answer format? Dal students have a wide variety of opinions on abortion. By subsidizing Dr. Morgentaler's lecture without extending the same consideration to representatives of other viewpoints, the DSU executive is implicitly aiding the pro-choice lobby without any mandate to make such a commitment.

Barring any last-minute changes, the pro-life case will not receive equal time at the March 26

lecture. Under these conditions, it is ironic that the pro-choice movement, which endlessly denounces the pro-life lobby as striving to "impose" its standards on society, has not spoken out for the Dal pro-life students who are obliged to indirectly subsidize the exclusive promotion of Dr. Morgentaler's position.

Universities allow for the expression and exchange of often-conflicting ideas. A balanced presentation of the question of abortion would help spur discussion and accurately reflect the diverse views held by Dal students on this topic.

Mark Morrison

## Defends DSU for daring decision

To the editors,

I write in support of the Student Union's courageous decision to invite Henry Morgentaler to speak to the Dalhousie community. The dissent throughout Canada on the abortion issue makes Dr. Morgentaler's presence at Dalhousie a contentious issue—one that the Student Union could easily have chosen to avoid. The university is well-suited for discussion of the type that Dr. Morgentaler's visit will engender. I applaud the Student Union for spurring on this vital discussion.

Nancy Bowes

exposed to it, a leaflet was circulated during the Student Union elections campaigning period which went something like this: *We know what he is really like. Why should you vote for a Buffoon for President just because he is a law student.*

This comment is directed to those of you who issued this statement and anyone who relied on it without questioning it — factually or ethically.

If you really knew what Tony Loparco was like, you would know that he is dedicated, resourceful and has a propensity for dealing with and resolving problems. This is born out by his experience at Wilfrid Laurier Legal Aid, his involvement in committees at Dalhousie and by his critical, head-on confrontation of day to day problems that somehow always get resolved. Not bad for a buffoon! Further, you would not have confused wit, congeniality and confidence with buffoonery. In fact, if you really knew Tony Loparco, you would know that he is a quick thinker and although not a subscriber to "G.Q." — certainly not a buffoon — which connotes clumsy ignorance. Pretense isn't everything and the lack thereof doesn't necessarily indicate incapacity. No one asked you to vote for Tony Loparco because he was a law student (although this could be an indication of intelligence and energy) but rather, because he was able to pinpoint and can effectively deal with concrete issues.

Perhaps before you make any further accusations concerning people you purport to know, you should come out in the open, challenge that individual and those people who really know him or her and find out how little you really know.

(This is not an attempt to challenge or rationalize election results. It is a reflection of the realities of the trite and uninformed attitudes of a member or members of the student community who, in their anonymity, were quick to criticize but wanting in facts, not to mention ethics. If I am being too harsh, at least you know who to confront.)

Sheena Scott

## THE RETURN OF THE INCREDIBLE BULK



## Will neither give deadly drug nor abortive remedy

To the editor,

As a means of objection to Dr. Morgentaler's speaking at Dal with no opposing speaker, I have returned my invitation to the DSU banquet and ball. Many medical students including myself refuse to support the DSU or any other organization promoting abortion on demand.

To quote the Hippocratic Oath, which contains principles true physicians hold as medical law:

*"I will neither give a deadly drug to anybody if asked for it... Similarly I will not give to any woman an abortive remedy."*

A. Abbass  
Medicine II

## Loparco not a loser— reader defends his reputation

To the editors,

For those of you who weren't

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