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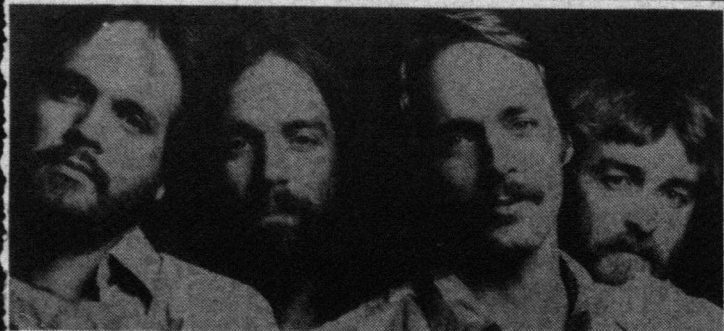
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## SECOND WIND

The miracle of birth unfolds in the womb. Little feet, hands, and fingers and toes form. The tiny heart pumping blood. What is life going to be like for this child?

Wait. The child may never get a chance to find out what course his journey of life may take.

The child's mistake was being conceived and death is the penalty. The potential life is broken into pieces by a vacuum, burned and killed by a chemical, or slice up by a knife. Who has the right to deny that baby the right to life? Who will stand up and say "I have the right to say whether this baby lives or not."

Abortions Henry Morgentaler spoke at the University of Alberta and told us how he is doing women a great favour and making hundreds of thousands of dollars in the process. He says he is the one suffering and being persecuted. Of course unborn children have no case to plead.

Morgentaler with his band of feminists and pro-abortion and pro-choice groups (what's the difference?) who justify his cause and give him free advertising are gearing up for a campaign to open a "life-denial clinic" in Alberta. Pro-life groups (and some of those have obvious faults also) will be there to meet the challenge.

The pro-abortionists fit perfectly into the "me" part of society. They don't appear to realize there are two human beings involved, not just one. Saying the infant is "just" a fetus or "just a mass" is a denial of reality and a justification. Just because the baby is dependent on the mother for survival is hardly a reason for believing the child is not "human" yet. Do we do away with all people dependent on others in this world?

It must be extremely hard psychologically for a woman to unexpectedly find out she is pregnant. The damage could be greatly furthered if she has to live with the fact her child will never see the light of day because of an abortion. We're not even told how educated expectant women are when going in for an abortion. Do they know exactly what goes on during an abortion, the risks involved, and how the dead baby is disposed of? If they find out later, the psychological effects could be disastrous.

Asking the woman to go through the nine months and give the baby up for adoption may be asking a lot. To know, however, that the child is going to a couple who have been on a list to adopt for two years because they are unable to have children of their own could be much more satisfying to the woman. We don't have the right to kill a baby. If abortion on demand is legalized, how long will it take for abortion to simply become a form of birth control (if it hasn't in some instances already).

The cases of the mother's life being in jeopardy or a woman becoming pregnant as a result of rape are special instances and even more controversial.

Pro-life groups have to be consistent. To talk a woman out of having an abortion is great but the support MUST be continued through the nine months and for as long as the mother needs after the birth.

Pro-life groups can't justify their cause if the woman and child are struggling through life in a run-down apartment. There are groups that do continue support for the woman who decide to give their child a chance at life, whether they keep the child or give it up for adoption.

This is not only a religious issue. It is a humanitarian one first and foremost. It should be human nature to look after each other not destroy the helpless and weak. Therapeutic abortion committees in the hospitals are an absolute joke. They are trying to tell us there were nearly 8,000 life and death situations involving mothers that called for abortions in Alberta last year.

An ultrasound test has been done on a baby being aborted. They have the capabilities of fighting for survival (man's most basic instinct). One does not have to read about this, however, because people can see this for themselves once the film is circulated.

Morgentaler's recent acquittal for conspiring to procure an illegal miscarriage shows the poor protection the Canadian Justice System has for those unable to stand up and say "I have a right to live." How far can this abortionist, and all abortionists go?

by Peter Smyth

## MORE LETTERS

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into? We need strong lobby efforts, an issues campaign and a code of conduct to remove swearing from council sessions. Where does Gord think he is, Parliament?

Good, Strong Leadership. In essence, this must exist as it isn't created. This is an individual gut reaction. It stems from perceptions of the leader's action. The leader must strive to be as open, honest and helpful as possible. As an indication of their good faith, they might consider reducing their own wages, and creating a scholarship fund for SU volunteers. This noble act would aid in the development of a good image.

### Thank you, America!

It must have been fun to be an American this weekend. To be able to see their leader crowned and their football teams compete amidst an overture of stars and stripes must have been a flattering boost to their collective ego. I tuned in to see them honor their president with a man who could both juggle and eat an apple (albeit not very neatly) at the same time. American culture is fascinating, and much more fun to admire than our own stuffy, formal pageantry. And I wasn't even cynical while looking at a beer commercial that cost the company a million dollars-a-minute to run during the Superbowl. After all, what price is too dear for the promotion of such a rich culture?

Americans have a right to be proud of their accomplishments; and this weekend's pep rally was a well deserved tribute to such a kind, generous group of people. I know that I can't begin to express my gratitude for their gifts of cruise missiles. As well, I know my eastern counterparts hold a profound regard for our friends south-of-the-border and the liberal helpings of acidic rain offered them daily. What a delightful, unanticipated gesture!

Yes, I would like to take some time out to thank this all-too-modest, self-effacing neighbour of ours for helping to make the earth even less habitable than it now is.

Brad Evenson  
Canadian XXI

### Good grief!

Once again the Gateway has decided to throw caution to the wind and poke fun at Engineers. Last Thursday's "Bear Country" oddly mirrored actual events in depicting destruction of our ice sculptures.

Does this suggest support or even participation in such events on part of the Gateway staff? I also took exception to the clumsy portrayal of a Mec. E. You seem to be saying that Engineers are nothing more than a militaristic, troublemaking, and above all unintelligent group of people.

I would remind you of the work load we face in Engineering; it takes a reasonably intelligent and responsible individual even to get accepted. Certainly someone with no interests other than swilling beer at all hours would not survive long.

I fail to understand all the resentment we Engineers get during Engineering Week. A lot of effort goes into planning all the activities, and I think it does that participants and viewers a great deal of good. Science and Arts weeks rolled by, and who noticed or gave a damn?

With the exception of Medicine, Engineering seems to be the only faculty that takes pride in itself and tries to get into some University spirit. Anyone who tries to dampen this spirit with malicious slanders or wanton destruction of our work is himself despicable.

Your cartoon served only to reinforce the notion that the Gateway does not serve the interests of my faculty.

Andrew Bizon  
Engineering I

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