

# EYE SEA

by Ook



Father Brown's dream of ending famine in Africa is one step closer to becoming a reality.

## CORRECTION

In the April 2 issue of the Gateway the number of respondents to the Goldberg Collaborative Study was incorrectly cited as sixty. The actual number of students involved was 601.

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## Protection for the harassed?

I would like to respond to the letter from Leslie Bella published in the Gateway of March 26, 1985. I do not believe that my letter of March 12th was misleading, as stated by Leslie Bella. However, some of her comments could perhaps confuse NASA's members.

Firstly, my letter did not address the personal views of President Horowitz. The Board of Governors is the employer with respect to NASA's members, not the President, and it is the Board of governors which has never, to my knowledge, taken other than a negative position, as presented through their bargaining team, toward any formal statement of condemnation of sexual harassment.

Secondly, on the issue of disciplinary action, what the President's Advisory Committee on Sexual Harassment may do and what it has done are clearly different things. Leslie Bella did not respond to my query as to whether the PACSH has even recommended disciplinary action against an harasser. To my knowledge, one of our members was fired for a form of sexual harassment, but that matter was pursued through the courts, not through NASA or the PACSH.

Finally, on the question of whether or not NASA supports particular amendments to the terms of reference of the PACSH, Leslie Bella is aware, or should be from correspondence between NASA and officials of the University, that NASA has, for more than a year reserved any comment on the PACSH while we determined whether we could give it our support. Some months ago, NASA determined that it could not support the PACSH, and this position was communicated to the appropriate University officials. It is therefore not a question of supporting particular amendments to the Committee's terms of reference. We do not support the PACSH period.

The specific amendment referred to by Leslie Bella, however, did nothing to protect the harassed. It was instead an amendment to protect respondents from retaliation. NASA believes that under our grievance procedure and with NASA's support, our members are fully protected from this kind of reprisal and need no help from the PACSH. It is those who complain of harassment who have no right to grieve and who have been subject to reprisals.

NASA has learned, over the years, that paternalism from the employer is a double-edged sword. The University expresses concern for the jobs of our members but still they are the ones who get laid off.

Our members do not need self-serving paternalism and NASA does not need the PACSH to do its job of protecting its members.

George Walker  
Manager

## Thought Police on Campus

Well done, Housing and Food Services! Somehow you have managed to pull another bureaucratic coup over your undeclared enemies, the students.

A few short months ago, the P.S. Warren Geological Society (the U of A geology students' organization) purchased a pop machine to go into our lunchroom with the aid of a generous SU grant. The proceeds of the sales were to go to fund the deficit incurred during events put on by the Society over the year, primarily a Careers Day held in first term. Profits were by no means huge, but to a small group like ours, they went a long way.

Enter our beloved Housing and Food Services. Alerted by the vending company, Edmonton Coin, they sent their Thought Police scurrying to the far side of campus to see if there really was a profit being made where none existed before. Shocked by what they found, they approached the Society executive and, citing chapter and verse with strong undertones of threat, they ordered the Society to divest itself of its machine. To make it up, though, they cheerfully provided their own pop machine in its place so as not to inconvenience anyone. Nice people, Housing and Food Services.

Well, Housing and Food, you've got your way now. Instead of giving benefits directly to students, money generated will go to fund your own mismanagement and waste and keep Edmonton Coin in the black as well. I guess you need our dimes and nickels so desperately that our initiative is intolerable.

We're moving out into the real world now, those of us directly responsible for this heinous crime. You've assured your immortality in our memories. Housing and Food. Like all the other students who have been cheated and robbed by the system that you perpetuate, we leave here with more than a few bitter memories.

If the University truly values its students who go on to become distinguished alumni, perhaps it is time they saw to it that they get fairer treatment by some of its department while they attend.

Kevin Parks,  
Geology IV  
President, PS Warren Geology Society

## SECOND WIND

by Denise Whalen

I imagine that many students here on campus caught the Tuesday night "Fifth Estate" segment on animal abuse in research and the rise of the Animal Liberation Front. And, like me, I'm sure that many of you were disgusted and repulsed by the horrific procedures used in animal experimentation. A videotape stolen by the ALF in a break-in at the University of Pennsylvania shows primates, their heads in helmets, being pounded by pistons in an experiment to induce precisely placed head injuries to understand such damage in people. But the cemented-on-helmets are removed with hammers and screwdrivers, destroying any precision, and a supposedly anesthetized animal thrashes around in agony while a researcher laughingly says, "For Christ's sake, it hurts him." Well, I've got further unpleasant news as well. Everyday, as we arrive at the U of A, attend classes, eat our lunchtime burgers, and go about our individual ways animals on this campus die by the dozens. The only indication we get of this is the occasional barking of dogs that drifts down to us as we pass by the rear of the Dentistry-Pharmacy Building. About a dozen animal research labs operate on the campus, under the control of various departments. Each year 500 to 600 dogs from the city pound are used for experiments in the labs. About 90 per cent are not expected to survive. This campus, like most other research institutions in this country, is an Animal Concentration Camp.

To begin with, many courses offered on campus, especially zoology and pharmacy courses require that students participate in the abuse and death of animals. As part of a certain physiology course students were required to take a rat and swing the animal against the edge of a counter to kill it, much as one would crack an egg against the side of a stove to open it. You either kill a living creature or you fail that particular course. Sound absurd? Well, that's because it is. Why should students have to participate in the murder of an animal to pass a course? This kind of academic requirement is totally immoral and should be scrapped on all campuses.

If university professors feel that this solution is too extreme then that is just too bad. At a bare minimum university handbooks should give this information to students in their course descriptions. I, for one, do not care to participate in the exploitation of animals; I do not wish to be given the news that I must as a course requirement after I've been registered in that class for three weeks and have spent \$75 on textbooks.

A second point I wish to stress is the way in which research scientists are hopelessly out of touch with present public opinion. Early Christmas morning of

1983 members of the Animal Liberation Front stole 11 German Shepherds and a Collie being used in heart research at Harbor-UCLA Medical Centre near Los Angeles. After the break-in, says a spokesman, Harbor got calls asking "Why don't you save the dogs and do the research on yourselves?" The irate calls received by the Centre came not from members of the ALF, but from Mr. and Mrs. Everyman.

These researchers always seem to give the same pat excuse for their abuse of animals. "I want to improve the quality of life for mankind. I want to find a cure for (you name the disease). I feel a sense of mission and purpose...and blah, blah, blah." Well, I'm sure Dr. Mengele felt the same noble sentiments. But you don't see anybody rushing out to give him tenure. His experiments on human beings were absolutely horrific, both in theory and practice. Scientific experimentation on animals is equally horrific (Remember: the lives of 500 to 600 dogs are snuffed out each year right here on this campus. Their only "crime" was being homeless or lost, and unlucky enough to be picked up by the dog pound). And by the way, researchers are inordinately tight-lipped about the fact that they do not practice age-discrimination. Young puppies as well as elderly crippled dogs are whisked from dog pounds as avidly as young, healthy dogs are. This is sick, sick, sick. Furthermore, when was the last time that a researcher told you about the profitability of animal experimentation? Today research is big business, with vested interests in experimenting and living off grants. The U.S. National Institutes of Health alone spend almost \$2 billion annually on animal experiments, and researchers line up 5 deep to get a chunk of that money.

Much of the animal research done here in Canada as well as south of the border has nothing at all to do with improving the quality of life for you and me. These animals are sacrificed as part of Defence contracts given to universities (sometimes covertly) by the Department of National Defence. They usually wish to find out whether "being nuked till you glow" is dangerous to your health. So they do just that — to animals. Horrifying videotapes showing this process have been stolen by Animal Rights Activists from universities and military archives. In the words of one ambitious researcher, "Who cares about a few dumb animals? For once I can be my own boss in my own lab."

The most recent cause celebre here in Canada was the New Year's day break-in at the University of Western Ontario by members of the ALF, who were looking for B-43, a baboon which had been held for

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