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Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity — Lord Acton

We're waiting for the Task Force

Last year, when the present CYSF was first elected, it granted \$3,500 to a group of six graduate and undergraduate students called the Task Force on Canadian Education at York.

The group was supposed to do an in-depth study of Canadian education at York and report its findings at the beginning of this term.

Delays in the completion of important reports are understandable, but at this rate the CYSF's term of office will be up before the report is released.

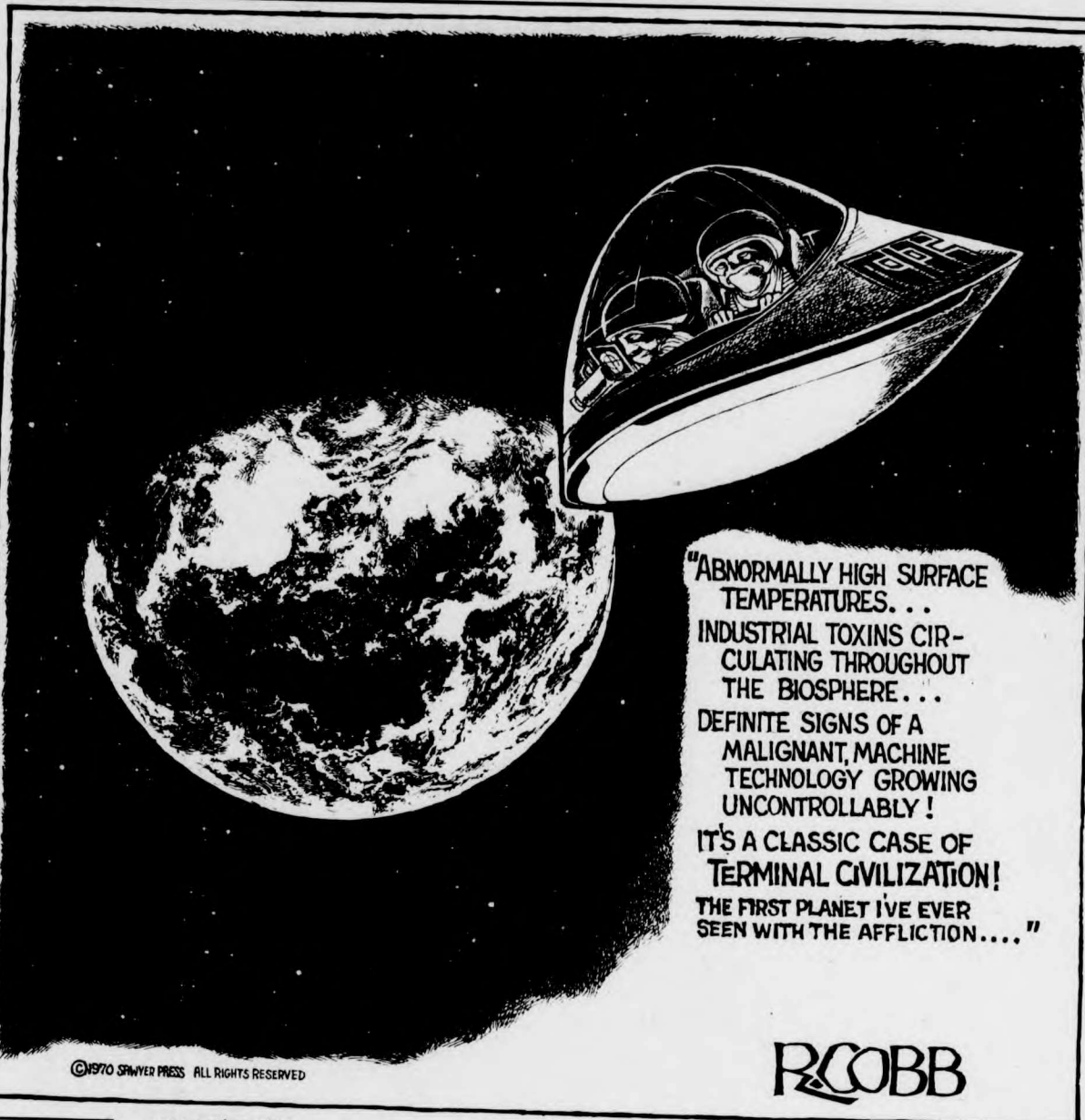
If CYSF is going to act on the Americanization issue, it needs to do so on an informed basis. If, on the other hand, it waits too long for the information, it will not be able to act at all.

It's about time CYSF called for a progress report from the Task Force. This should be done before the end of term and instructions specifically given that Task Force findings — completed or not — be released at the beginning of second term.

CYSF elections usually occur the second week of February. This means that CYSF will have at least five weeks to examine the findings, compile recommendations and, hopefully, begin to act. The new council will then be able to pick up where the old one leaves off.

However, if the findings are not released precisely at the beginning of second term and are held, even for two more weeks, their potential use will be effectively reduced. The old CYSF with only a few weeks left in office will become a lame duck council unable to systematically evaluate the material, let alone act on it. The new council will come in in February and, as is always the case, members will take two or three meetings to get oriented to their new positions. A few weeks later, essays and exams will become due and then summer will be upon us.

The Task Force findings, will then be doomed to a five month state of dormancy from which it — like the \$3,500 of students' money — may never again be revived.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Genocidists

Every time I pick up a newspaper, I usually find someone running off at the mouth about the evil of illegal abortions and the harm they do to women. But, are legal (clean) abortions any better?

The article in the Excalibur (Vol. 5 No. 5) by Harriet Kideckel, is no exception, in spite of the fact that she uses a phony socialist argument about the unequal availability of abortion. Does being rich or poor make abortion humane in itself? Rich or poor abortion is the closest thing yet to murder. It is just plain nauseating the way these supposed halo-glad phony humanists talk about the human fetus as if it were some kind of cancer or tumor; a diseased growth (not a product of life) to be cut out at the earliest possible opportunity.

Harriet Kideckel confuses the basic argument by pleading abortion as "symptomatic" — a cure for a profit — referring to our rotten capitalistic medical system. She is trying to cure a symptom and not the cause of abortion. Again the fetus is something to be cured by ripping it out of the womb.

She, like all good-goody types talk as if abortion or taking the life of a person, yet unborn is O.K. per se and then run on about the inhumane capitalistic medical system without giving a second thought about what they are really talking about. Murder!

And Kideckel talks about the preservation of life — Hippocrates where are you now — as if bandit doctors with licences to steal were not enough (that goes for all professions today, lawyers included) now we have these phony humanists running at the mouth about their fellow phonies in the medical field. Kideckel is confusing issues: good vs. bad medical practice and service with what abortion is in itself. Is abortion "proper and normal health care?"

Harriet Kideckel, like most writing on this subject is inadvertently escapist. The people or should I say the women who have abortions are escaping or ignoring the basic consequences of their actions.

Freedom involves responsibilities, not just everybody laying and doing their own phony little thing. All this talk about the mental health of the mother is nothing but unadulterated Bull Shit, to be exact. More of your typical phony-humanist rot. Doesn't it just pull your heart apart? I'll cry some crocodile tears for you that's all you

deserve. Must the innocent always suffer and the one's who commit the act escape (like the capitalist medical bandits, who rob you first and then try to cure you if they can) the consequence of their action.

The fetus is a living organism, which a mother can feel kicking and reacting to its inner world in her womb sixteen weeks after conception. Individuals like Kideckel seem to forget that they once came from a womb and long to be back in this once safe inner world of life. It is a psychic feeling — we like to rock or move rhythmically because it reminds us of our womb life. For the womb is a world of creation and life.

Kideckel and others of similar views are illiterate or ignorant about the real meaning and understanding of the life of the womb. Must they use the unborn child as a scapegoat for their own self indulgent, anxiety-ridden acts.

These particular women, who talk about, "one's right to control one's body," again show ignorance of what their bodies are — they are things of beauty and meaning; these noble bodies do not simply conceive cancerous, odious growths but life. They are not using their bodies rightfully if they do not understand what their bodies are.

For it is not just her own body involved when a woman is pregnant; it is someone else too, someone else's sperm, someone else's love and not just herself who went into the act of creation. A woman is not an isolated being in the consequence of her act of creating life and maintaining it.

The individuals who cry like good humanists about thousands of women dying at the hands of illegal abortionists are the first ones to cry about the genocide committed by Hitler and others of his kind. But good old Adolf must be down-right proud and gratified that his tradition of escaping the consequences of ones actions should be carried on by these very phony humanists that condone abortion and who say they despise him as a vicious murdered of millions.

Just because these unborn children are unwanted does that mean that we should also get rid of the old, the crippled, the mentally handicapped or young people because they are not wanted in our "humane" society?

Adolf you did your job well! Your truth goes marching on. Thanks to the phony-liberal-humanists who flood or should I say pollute our society today. They should really be honest and wear brown shirts so we can

recognize them.

This is dedicated to all you wolves in sheep's clothing.

Barry Thomson,
Pol. Sci. III.

Chicken salad up five points

Hate to beat a dead dog but Versafood did it again. We well realize the instability of the Canadian dollar but who heard of values fluctuating within a half hour. Strange as it may seem bran muffins can change in price from two for 16 cents to two for 20 cents in half an hour. This uncertainty in price has also hit the chicken salad sandwich. Who else has been paying 40 cents for a sandwich listed at 35 cents? The employee on cash explained that prices are always changing!

Well I ask you, who's word are we going to go by: the listed price; the employee on cash at said time, or should we revert back to the bartering system and we'll decide how much said item is worth.

Signed: the deceived,
exploited and hungry.

Say 'hello'

It has recently come to my attention that deep in the backwoods of Australia there is a very old university where it is the strange custom among students to strike each other in the face with a feather duster as means of greeting. There is another very old university in France where male students must kiss the bare right elbow of all coeds before addressing them. Similarly, in Germany, students slap their left thighs, should "Heil!" and throw their books onto the floor before saying hello.

What we may conclude from all this is that when universities have had the time to mature, social norms for interaction will be seen to have developed as well. That must be why York students still have no way of meeting and greeting each other in any meaningful way, and why they spend their days and nights in constant circuit among the 4,897 miles of bare corridor in this place instead of making use of the .0001 sq. inch of meeting-ground, generously provided by whatever genius designed this mistake. I propose that York students desiring to speak to someone for whom they have not yet had a formal written introduction, should wave one arm wildly for 3.6 seconds in the face of the other person, and then say, very clearly and distinctly so there will be no misunderstanding, "I am a human being and if I can't talk to people I go crazy. Let me talk to you."

Either that or invest in feather dusters.
D.K. Griffin.

War Measures

In the heated dialogues (often monologues) which have highlighted the controversy engendered by the implementation by the Trudeau administration of the War Measures Act, certain issues have been badly misconstrued and inadequately understood.

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