

And as for "fetuses cannot be proven to be persons", well, maybe not to your satisfaction, but can you prove that, without a doubt, they are not persons? If not, the entire pro-abortion argument is invalid and, I am happy to say, the pro-abortionists haven't a leg to stand on.

Warren Opheim
Arts II

P.S. Speak up, all you pro-lifers; it's pretty lonely on this page all by myself.

(Figure it out, Warren. G.B.)

Same old CFS Crap

I am very upset with the CRAP surrounding the CFS referendum. It was not stated anywhere that if more people voted YES than NO that all students would have no choice but to give up \$4.00 of their hard earned money to something they don't want to join. From what I have read, only 8 per cent of the student population voted YES while 6 per cent voted NO. To me this is not just. I would have gotten my friends to join with me in voting NO if I had known this earlier.

Paul Pallister
Science II

Same old "I didn't get it."

While reading the last issue of the Gateway I was surprised to read a reply to Isserlis' guest column from October 12. Imagine my surprise; Eliza Stanton praised and supported it! To be honest, I enjoyed Mr. Isserlis column as being a fair piece of satire.

At the time of Isserlis' publication the Gateway was printing other pieces of satire such as "Jean the Gooks" and Isserlis' column seemed so ludicrously partisan that I thought he was satirizing the "Anti-Artsie" view. Perhaps the East Asian flavour of the "Jean" ad allowed me to erroneously associate Isserlis' column with the Khmer Rouge regime. After all, Pol Pot massacred all the intellectuals because he

thought they were corrupted and decadent. Maybe (being the optimist I am) I wrongly assumed that Isserlis was writing satire. No, couldn't be, the serious view is so ludicrous.

Perhaps I'm reading too much Swift. Regardless, the purpose of this letter is to correct Ms. Stanton.

Eliza dear, you praise Mr. Isserlis for "keeping his feet on the ground". Well space cadet Stanton why don't you do the same. You're a commerce student — let's discuss numbers.

1) Psychiatrists offices are overflowing not with artists, but with professionals (you know accountants and marketing types) searching for themselves.
2) It's the professional people pushing themselves to death that drain our medicare system with their "professional" alcoholism, heart disease, ulcers, lung cancer....

3) I agree with you in one aspect — writers do record their ideas coherently. This is precisely what literary study teaches Lit. students to do — gather facts, categorize them and attempt to record them logically. That is inarguable (perhaps that is why 2 years ago at B.S.B.S. a Literature student was asked by one of the speakers to come to his company for an interview).

Eliza, you are of the sort that is too naive (if I can borrow your appellation). You take it for granted that every "Artsie" is here to get themselves a "career". Don't apply your "take-the-degree-and-run" philosophy on others, it won't fit.

Doug McQueen
English Literature III

P.S. If I have wrongly accused Mr. Isserlis of being an intelligent satirist, I'll begrudgingly recant.

(Eliza Stanton was a pseudonym, and the student in question is enrolled in the arts program so I'm only left to assume that Eliza's letter was satirical in nature. G.B.)

Correction

A story in last Tuesday's Gateway about the SU's new typing service contained a number of inaccuracies. The \$5000 monthly budget which was mentioned is in fact the maximum amount of money that can be spent over four months. The typing service will lose, not make, \$1787 and this will be over four months. Similarly, the projected revenue for the typing pool of \$1200 is over a four month period.

WHAT'S LEFT

by Mike Walker

Grenadians fighting to defend their gains

Public opinion seems to be going against the most recent U.S. military adventure, the invasion of Grenada. And rightly so.

Since the socialist New Jewel Movement took power in a bloodless revolution 4½ years ago, the Pentagon had been looking for a way to turn back the clock and impose a pro-American government on the island. The Grenadian people, however, numbering about 100,000, enthusiastically supported the New Jewel Movement and its leader, Maurice Bishop.

The new government, headed by Bishop, embarked on a program of reconstruction, building an economy to meet the people's needs rather than obey U.S. economic and strategic imperatives. The program focused on a number of critical areas:

- **Education.** Before the revolution, education received no attention: elementary school teachers were untrained (most taught only because they were unemployable elsewhere); all high schools were operated by the church, and were inaccessible to non-church members; the University of the West Indies, the only post-secondary school, was the preserve of dictator Eric Gairy's family, friends and associates. The New Jewel Movement immediately began upgrading the skills of schoolteachers. Plans for public high schools were cut short by the invasion.

- **Health.** Medical care had been almost totally unavailable to the poor under Gairy. The new government initiated free medical and dental care. Rural health care was started as well, provided by locals trained in basic medical and diagnostic skills.

- **Agriculture.** Grenada was, and still is, a food importer. Few young people were involved in farming because it was so backward they couldn't make a decent living. The Bishop government organized new co-operative farms, with mixed success. The National Women's Organization promoted backyard gardens; in Grenada's tropical climate these could make a major dent in the food problem. Small canneries were also established.

- **Government.** A draft state budget was presented directly to the people by government officials for their opinions, comments and amendments. There were meetings with entire communities as well as the national women's and youth organizations, the Chamber of Commerce, trade unions, housewives, and the unemployed. Tax and price levels, economic development and social services were thus discussed by the entire population. The bureaucrats then went back over the budget to synthesize the demands of all those who had commented on it. Obviously this entailed a high level of democracy. One Canadian development worker also noted that people on the street could easily discuss the state budget, and that many of the bureaucrats (trained under the dictator Gairy) came to respect the people and support the revolution.

It is worth noting that the government had planned to draft a new constitution in the same way.

It was to smash all this that the U.S. marines invaded Grenada. The invasion is the culmination of four years of propaganda in the U.S. aimed at generating hysteria about the Grenadian "threat". The scare campaign reached its absurd height when Reagan claimed on national television that the island's new 10,000 foot runway - crucial to a developing tourist industry - was intended for use by Soviet military aircraft. Many other islands in the area have similar facilities to accommodate large passenger jets.

The U.S. invaded on the pretext of danger to its citizens living in Grenada after the military takeover a few weeks ago. The military had killed Bishop and some close associates, and formed a new governing council. But at no time were the Americans on the island threatened.

We will never know how the new government would have performed. One thing is clear, though: the U.S. has a much better chance of crushing Grenada with Bishop dead and the people dazed and frightened. Was the coup just a lucky break for the Pentagon, giving it a pretext for the invasion? Or were Washington's infiltrators involved from the inside in political destabilization? One wonders. The Pentagon usually makes its own opportunities; it doesn't wait for them to fall into its lap.

In any case, the Grenadian government knew the country was in danger from the United States. It did what it could to defend itself. In 1982, a Ministry of Mobilization was established to arm workers and develop defense plans in each workplace. Unfortunately, it probably isn't enough to fight off the might of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Much has been made of the presence of armed Cubans on the island. Our news media implies that only Cubans are fighting the marines. This is ludicrous when one considers how strongly the Grenadians supported their revolution. Edmontonians who have visited Grenada report that they did see many Cubans - not soldiers, but doctors, engineers and construction workers who were helping in the reconstruction. Most of the Cubans, like the Grenadians, were armed. They'd be stupid not to be, in the face of American determination to overthrow the government.

One can only marvel at the determination of the people of Latin America and the Caribbean to make their own history in spite of the long line of American interventions in their countries. In Chile, ten years after the bloody CIA-backed military coup, the people are rising up and demanding change. In Nicaragua, the people are fighting desperately to defend themselves and their revolution against a small army of deposed dictator Somoza's supporters, armed and financed by the Pentagon. In El Salvador and Guatemala the people are trying to free themselves from vicious U.S.-backed military regimes. And now, the Grenadians are preparing for a protracted guerrilla war against the U.S. marines.

Despite the overwhelming strength of the CIA and the U.S. military, the people of this region continue to fight. When they are smashed, they rise up again and renew the struggle. How long can the U.S. government keep up its program to subjugate these people? How many thousands more must die before they finally throw off the Pentagon's yoke?

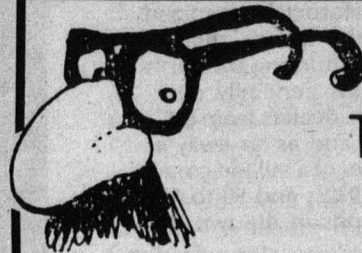
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