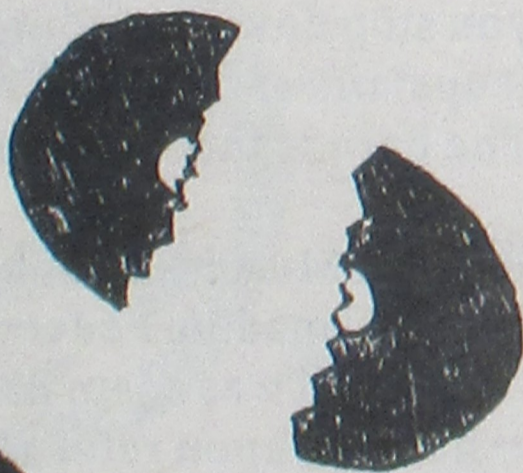


Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the article written by the management of CIMN November 14, 1991. First of all I agree with the editor's views regarding the content of CIMN's format, however; the CIMN management has the right to express their views on any issue they so desire. I would like to point out to CIMN's management, that the editorial written on November 7, 1991 clearly states BEFORE the article is written that "The opinions expressed in this column does not necessarily reflect those of the staff of this publication or of the Student Union." From the above statement and the definition of an editorial which was obtained from the Oxford Dictionary; An Editorial: newspaper or periodical article that is usually given a special or significant place and intentionally expresses the views of those in control of the publication on a matter of interest also: an expression of opinion that resembles such an article. It should be clear to the management of CIMN and to anyone for that matter that an editorial is "based almost wholly on the opinion of one person" quoted by the management of CIMN. The management of CIMN is far too sensitive of criticism as they appear to take each critique personally. As a CIMN DJ I feel that the X-Press is not using itself as a medium to "berate other student Union organizations" but to inform UPEI students of what is going on around our campus.

CIMN DJ



Dear Editor,

If men could become pregnant, hospital wings would not proudly boast a federally-funded abortion wing, and every street corner would certainly not offer a free-standing abortion clinic. If men could become pregnant, we can rest assured that abortion would not be one of their favoured options. Men would never subject themselves to that kind of physical and emotional pain. Men, not terribly prone to self-perpetrated vulnerability, would never agree to spread their legs and suspend their feet in stirrups, while someone else earned his bread and butter - or caviar - through such an invasion and exploitation of their bodies. If men could become pregnant, we would have devoted less time to worldly exploits, not to mention other-worldly exploits, and more time to a complete, worthwhile, and purposeful study of human anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, and psychology. If men could become pregnant, we can rest assured that a reliable, benevolent method of contraception would have been devised long ago.

If men could become pregnant, abortion would be one of those archaic practices of our past, along with burning heretics at the stake. It would now be referred to as an ignominious symptom of an impoverished society. We would have, blessedly, thanks to modern minds and modern medical technology risen above that form of male oppression of our past. If all else failed, and men were the ones who became pregnant, we can also be pretty sure that fewer people would be having sex less often.

For the very same reason that men would never agree to the abortion ethic for themselves, abortion is adamantly and fundamentally contrary to the Feminist Ideal!

Michelle Pineau

