Letters

Editor:

The article "Why Beer Is Better Than Some Women" was originally published in a University of Toronto engineering newspaper. Apparently no one even complained at U of T when it was published about a month ago.

I do not know enough about sex to fully grasp the possible interpretations of the article. I despise censorship and let the engineers publish what they wanted to in the engineering page. In fact, I had published 99.5% of all material passed in to the newspaper at that time.

From my discussions with some students, I find the majority of students, including female students, were not offended by the article. One arts professor even told me that the article was "witty".

If I were still editor, I would refuse to make any apology whatsoever for that article.

The position of editor is basically a combination of a secretary and an errand runner. I spent over twenty hours a week just to ensure the publication of the paper on time. I quit because I realized that the job would drain too much of my energy and destroy my academic future.

I refuse to comment further on this issue. I feel that it has been nothing more than a storm in a teacup.

Jim W. Lai

Dear Editor:

This is regarding the Engineering column.I am sure you remember it; it's the one about beer and women.

As you know, there has been a lot of controversy over the article, especially on the feminist side of the argument. We are writing as two females who took it as a joke, as it was meant to be. We believe that anyone with the barest trace of a sense of humour would have taken it so.

Any female who is secure about their equality would laugh at this joke and not attempt to interpret it as "exploitation of women."

Get real; can't they appreciate a good joke?

Signed,
Two females with a
sense of humour and
no sexual hangups.

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Patricia Kenny for writing her tactful letter about the graffiti on the walls.

The I.V.C.F. group and I agree with the points she made.

I never read anywhere about Jesus sneaking around at night with a little blue marker writing graffiti on the temple walls. He liked the personal touch and just had to show his love to people to get their attention. It's the same today, and I think Christians have to realize that.

There is a personal, lawful, and respectful way to express who Jesus is.

Sincerely,
Anne Irving
Inter-Varsity Christian
Fellowship Representative

Bad Wall?

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Announcing the Third Annual Great Canadian Solar Race

The University of Waterloo is helping to organize the upcoming "Great Canadian Solar Race" to be held on the Victoria Day Weekend, May 16-18, 1987 at Ontario Place, Toronto. This annual event is sponsored by the Solar Energy Society of Canada, Inc. (SESCI) with support from various groups in the solar community.

The one day competition is open to college and university (undergraduate and graduate) students across Canada. There are two separate competitions being planned.

The traditional Thermosyphon event requires the building of a thermosyphon (no pump) solar hot water heating system. Points are awarded for the design, aesthetics, durability, cost and performance. A number of water draws will be made during the course of the day and the highest temperature will determine the best performing system.

The second event is a Photovoltaic (PV) water-pumping competition. The object is to use solar cell panels (supplied by the organizers if enough schools are interested) to pump the largest volume of water from Lake Ontario 27 metres to the roof of one of the buildings at Ontario Place. Points are also awarded for the cost, aesthetics and durability of the system.

Total prizes for the winners will be valued at $1000 and include memberships in SESCI.

A concurrent high school hot dog cooking contest and PV powered remote-controlled model car race are also being planned.

Interested students can obtain entry forms and information by contacting the University of Waterloo (519) 885-1211 and asking for Evan Jones (extension 3885) or Professor Alfred Brunger (extension 6843) or by writing to The Great Canadian Solar Race, c/o Prof. K.G.T. Hollands, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1.

The Tragedy of Youth

By Sam Okello

Sad is our youth, for it is ever going,
crumbling away beneath our very feet;
Sad are our hopes, for they are hardly fulfilled,
Life as they say, is a struggle,
Even the wise people sometimes fail to make
both ends meet,
Nobody said it better than Benjamin Franklin
"To be proud of knowledge is to be blind with light;
to be proud of virtue, is to poison yourself with the antidote."

Sad is our youth, for it is happening daily,
This drama has it all: war and peace;
Americans and Libyans; heroes and villains;
power and politics; struggle and sacrifice;
courage and cowardice; hope and despair;
death and destruction.

Joys which, to us, in youthful years of pleasure
Are not confined to mortal's surly bonds
Grow sad and die, when subject to life's meansure of time,
where in all but the soul responds,
Sad is our youth, for it is true that
man is born without his own knowledge and dies without
his own consent.

Life At University

Life at university
Can be such a drag,
That sometimes it makes me feel
Quite sad.

There's tests, reports,
And lots of other things to do,
So that by the end of the week,
I'm feeling rather blue.

But then sometimes I sit and think
About what life is all about,
And I quickly feel quite ashamed of myself,
And feel no more urge to pout.

So you students out there
Who think university is just not for you,
Sit down and write a letter,
To somone who might be lonely too.

Malcolm Gorrill