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unborn child is just that. Unborn children do not sing ballads or write diaries, nor are they capable of thinking at that level. Everyone "knows" that (I hope), but use of such techniques may unfairly sway some people on the issue.

Authors Gaudet and Moore suggest that people who find the seal hunt unnecessary and cruel are hypocritical. Personally, I find a touch of hypocrisy in those who both oppose contraception advertising, as the Southport Catholic Women's League, and abortion. One's choices are then limited to further overpopulation of our planet and repressing the adult human being's normal desire for sex. As for "Concerned Reader", who seems to think only aborted children were conceived in lust and that people go around convincing others to make love (against their will) successfully, I submit that many non-aborted children were also conceived in delicious and mutually-desired love-making ("lust")

The seal hunt is most often defended as "part of Newfoundland culture" and "good for off-season income" simply because something has been done for some time does not make it desirable. Old-time Newfoundlanders also had a curious sport called "Let's Go Shoot Some Beothuks" which resulted in the extinction of a whole people. If there were Beothuks still around, would the sport be defended as part of the culture?

As for jobs, let the governments and private interests develop more humane jobs in Newfoundland; perhaps a synthetic fur industry might be viable. Why should seals suffer because of human unemployment?

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All Maritime Student
Unions and Associations
New Brunswick
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Nova Scotia
Prince Edward Island

Dear People:

I would like to call your attention to a recent court case involving a student at Acadia University that is of immediate importance to students in Nova Scotia, and has ramifications

for students across Canada.

Briefly, the student withdrew from school after the first semester and the university sued for tuition and residence fees they claimed were due for the second semester. In deciding against the student, the court ruled that the university calendar included in most pre-registration kits represented a binding contract between the student and the university. In other words, by accepting an invitation to attend a university, the student accepts the university calendar as a binding contract - in the strictest legal sense. To quote from the court's decision:

"I have no doubt that this (calendar) forms part of the contract between the parties in the sense that it was part of the offer forwarded by the plaintiff (university) to the defendant (student) with the registration kit, and accepted by the defendant by his act of registering and paying the initial installment called for by the plaintiff. It is immaterial whether the defendant read the calendar or not."

This is not the first time that this question has come up. There have been many students who have not bothered to fight this position and merely worked out an arrangement with the university.

What does this mean to student unions? If the decision is allowed to stand, you should think about including information in the registration kit to let the student know that he is in a contract with the university. Also, what about cases in which universities have failed to adhere to the calendar?

This student, with the support of AFS, Acadia, the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students and hopefully other Maritime student organizations, is going to appeal this case to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. AFS has volunteered to act as the clearinghouse for further information and any funding support that might come from Maritime institutions. We have set up a Gregory Sutcliffe Defense Fund and will be in close contact with you on future developments.

AFS feels very strongly that this is an important issue for all students. We have allocated \$200.00 towards the cost of

pursuing this case. The Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students is expected to announce a contribution of \$200 or \$300. Acadia University has pledged to offer all the financial support that it can. The cost of appealing this case will be between \$750.00 and \$1500.00. The final amount will be available after the case has been decided, probably sometime during the summer.

On behalf of the Executive of AFS, I am asking all student unions and associations to support this cause with a contribution to the Gregory Sutcliffe Defense Fund. Cheques should be made payable to the Fund and sent to: Howard S. Bashinski
AFS
Office of the Treasurer
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I urge you to discuss this in council as soon as possible. If you require further information please feel free to contact me at the address above.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,
Howard S. Bashinski

Dear Ladies of the Southport C.W.L.
Open up your eyes, women. This is the twentieth century and this is the year 1978. Whether you are aware of it or want to believe it, some people do indulge in pre-marital sex, even U.P.E.I. students! If this article on prophylactics is going to prevent even one female student from becoming pregnant, then it is a worthwhile ad to have in the SUN.

If you didn't want to read the "vivid detail" about the techniques (and abuses?) of prophylactics then you should have turned the page. Complaining about the prophylactic ads is comparable to some guy writing to TIME magazine because he was disgusted with their advertisement for Stay-Free Maxi-Pads and the way they go into detail about how absorbent they are.

I don't know the role of your C.W.L. but you must have a lot of spare time to be sitting around complaining about our paper. It is a university paper catering to the students' needs, so if you don't like what's

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