



"I HOPE SOMEDAY YOU CAN GET AS WORKED UP OVER POOR CHURCH ATTENDANCE AS YOU DO EVERY TIME THEY INCREASE THE POSTAL RATES!"

## Editorial Clearer than Fiction

We thought it oddly funny that some people objected to the showing of the photographs of the fetus in the Dr. Edelia Boston case because they prejudiced the jury, or something like that. Yes, when the average person sees pictures of the beings being done away with, it is a bit shocking — and eye-opening.

We like the way Gary Wills, columnist of the Washington Star, viewed the whole situation. We quote:

"It is called a dirty trick to show such photographs to jurors, or use them in anti-abortion literature. Now they are 'feelthy' pictures just because they make the human fetus look like a human being. One is not supposed to, know, or notice, such things."

We feel that in a macabre fashion the photographs gave the victim a day in court and spoke more clearly than all the legalese of the case.

## Nice to Know

Ah, yes, there's good news today.

With proper apology to Gabriel Heater for that introduction, we feel there is reason for optimism in the results of a national survey of high school student leaders taken by Who's Who Among American High School Students.

The survey revealed that 88 per cent of these student leaders believe "there is a God or a Supreme Being" and 82 per cent "feel religion is relevant in today's society." This is no little survey, 70,000 were queried and 23,000 responded.

We are not going to bother to question this survey, if you please. We are not going to worry it to pieces. No ifs, ands or buts. Just this once we want to revel in its comforting implications. Eighty-eight per cent of our future leaders believe in God. Not perfect, mind you, but who knows what the Holy Spirit might work with those figures by the time these youngsters mature?

To the survey people and the student leaders — thanks, we needed that!

## Opinion

### Anti-ERA Letters Biased

Editor:

I find it very disturbing that groups presently organized to oppose the passage of the ERA are continually feeding unsolicited, biased, and distorted information to the public through the letters to the editor columns of our local newspapers. It was only a matter of time until such a letter appeared in our diocesan paper this past week (Courier-Journal 3/12/75). The "stark realities" described in the letter from Mrs. Hober are designed to create a shock wave of fear among thousands of women and thus coerce them into believing (on eminent legal authority) that passage of the ERA will destroy the American family, send mothers of toddlers into military combat, legalize the wholesale rape of our daughters, force contented homemakers into outside jobs for which they are neither prepared nor inclined, and force all of us into unisex public restrooms. This is juvenile, inaccurate, and utter nonsense.

What is even more disturbing than the use of these scare tactics (if anything) can be more disturbing than this is the fact that these groups are extremely fond of basing their "facts" on an article entitled "The Equal Rights Amendment: a Constitutional Basis for Equal Rights for Women" which appeared in the April 1971 edition of the Yale Law Journal. What these groups fail to mention is that the authors of this article are actually strongly in support of the ERA, and that the information which they purport to glean from this article and which they in turn pass along to the unsuspecting public is not in the form of valid quotations from the article but is, in actuality, subjective misinterpretations of this article by informed members of these groups. In speaking of anti-ERA groups thus misusing this article, Thomas I. Emerson (one of the authors) complained in an article in Ms. magazine (March 1974): "what they have done is to take quotes out of context, cut off sentences, leave out parts of paragraphs, twist it around, and essentially make whole sections mean what they don't mean at all."

Be wary, dear readers; the next article you read claiming eminent legal opposition to the ERA may very well be another misrepresentation of eminent legal support for the passage of this vital amendment to our Constitution.

I invite you to be wary of this letter also, in fact, I demand that you be. Don't take my word or anyone else's for the actual contents of the above mentioned articles or any other articles — read them for yourselves as they appear in print and then decide for yourselves what they REALLY say!

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### DeSales High Will Live On

Editor:

It is my purpose in this letter to address the people of the Church of Rochester, with a response to some of Bishop Hogan's statements which appeared in the 3/19/75 issue of the Courier, concerning the successful efforts to keep DeSales High School of Geneva the invaluable asset to Christian Witness that it is.

Bishop Hogan mentioned several reservations that he had, based on the "rapid reversal" of the Jan. 20 decision, to close DeSales. The "educational

values" he speaks of were foremost in the minds of all who worked (and will continue to work) so hard to keep DeSales open. We are committed to sound Catholic education at its finest. From the outset of the S.O.S. (Save Our School) movement, we have sought nothing but the finest Catholic secondary education — we will settle for no less.

The Bishop further cautioned against an "unrealistic burden for the Geneva community." As responsible adults, this was certainly a primary concern, well taken, into consideration. The answer to this lies in the fantastic response we received from the community, as a whole: Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Orthodox; alumni as far away as Venezuela! Even schools within the diocese, both elementary and secondary, many themselves hard-pressed, came forward with moral and financial support. Many priests of the diocese have given scholarship aid grants, accompanied by truly Christ-like words of support and reaffirmation of their commitment to Catholic Education. Obviously, the community knew what it was undertaking, in addition to those who have long been away from Geneva, reinforced even by people who have not been a part of the Geneva community.

DeSales will live on in reality, a testament to the "cost of discipleship," a monument to the greater-than-ever necessity of Catholic education in this society of ours. DeSales has a Value, an Offer, a Belief, an Endeavor — and people committed to implement each.

May the Lord who said, "Go, therefore, teach all nations," further bless our efforts, as He obviously has done to date. As Bishop Hogan has spent the greater part of his priesthood involved in education, even as principal of DeSales, we look for his positive, optimistic, enthusiastically faith-based episcopal support.

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### How to Help Cancer Drive

Editor:

Letters addressed to your column often are designed to reach members of the community, so it is in this spirit that I would like to address directly all the men and women who have agreed to work for the 1975 Cancer Crusade of the American Cancer Society.

I could write at length about how grateful we are that you have accepted this responsibility, but there is another point I want to make before the Crusade, April 3-8.

When it comes to solicitations, the public has a tendency to confuse one organization with all the rest, and they question, "What are you collecting for this time?"

Fellow volunteers, let me tell you what you are "collecting for this time."

You are collecting so that cancer patients can receive a multitude of services, including sick room equipment and supplies to make their bout with cancer a little more comfortable; so that laryngectomies can learn to speak again; so that women who have lost one or both breasts to cancer can return to their normal work and home lives.

You are collecting so that we can have a shot at reaching the 780,000 people in this county to teach them how to protect themselves from cancer.

You are collecting so that vital cancer research into the causes, preventions, treatments and cures

of this disease can continue and expand. Remember our goal: A CURE FOR CANCER IN YOUR LIFETIME.

Of the estimated 1,435 people alive in Monroe County who will die of cancer in 1975, we could save half of them: not through drugs and treatments, and not through miracles, but through education.

"So, we cannot afford to look at this as 'Just another drive.' Too many lives are at stake. Think about it, the next time somebody asks, 'What are you collecting for this time?'"

Thank you for your help and your concern.

William D. Gasser  
Chairman, 1975 Cancer Crusade  
Monroe County Unit  
American Cancer Society

### Arms Needed To Stem Reds

Editor:

Your editorial (3-19-75) instructed readers to inform their elected officials that we spend billions on arms but "squeeze the poor."

What nonsense!

The reason we spend billions on arms is to counter the very real threat posed by the vast arsenal of the Soviet Union and to a lesser degree the arsenal of Red China.

Currently we are second in overall military strength. The Soviet Union is in first place.

The failure of some people to grasp the fact the Communist nations really do intend to "bury us" is at the root of most of the criticism directed at the U.S. for its failure the feed the entire world.

How about criticizing the Communist countries for financing destructive, criminal wars of liberation?

Now that Congress has violated the Paris peace agreements of 1973 by withholding aid from Indochina we can expect more hungry people. (The ones lucky enough to escape being butchered by the advancing Communists!)

We are deceiving ourselves if we think we will solve the world's hunger problem by abandoning our fight against the Communist nations.

Man does not live by bread alone.

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### Pities Men, Backs ERA

Editor:

I want to express my appreciation to the letter writer from OPERATOR WAKE-UP in the Courier-Journal several weeks ago. I had no idea men were being discriminated against so badly.

Consider my "aye" vote for the ERA. I don't believe in discrimination in a democracy!

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