

Letters To the Editor...

Mr. Editor:

In a recent environmental instalment in the X-Press it is suggested: 1. that people turn off the water while soaping in the shower; 2. that water should be cooled in the refrigerator instead of letting the water run from the faucet; 3. that only full loads of laundry ought to be washed; 4. that the toilet should be flushed only when necessary; 5. and that people should locate their water meter and compare readings for the purpose of spotting leaks.

I feel that some clarification is in order. For example, which tap should I turn off first when taking a shower (the ice cold one or the scalding hot one)? Doesn't cooling water in the fridge use more energy? Do I have to shop for more clothing so that I will have a full load? Just how many loads do I have to drop before I'm allowed to flush? As for that water meter... well, I'm still looking for the damn thing!

Signed:
Really Confused

Dear Editor

Is lower tuition the best interest of students? Yes! This way more students could generate enough of their own funds rather than relying on government bursaries. If tuitions were substantially increased, more and more students would be looking for these bursaries. This obviously leads to increased dependence on the government, so are we really further ahead?

How does this national journalist figure that students of lower or middle income families are subsidizing students of higher income students? Do higher income families not pay taxes as well? And are they into in a higher tax bracket? Why should those students who have saved their hard earned money (or, in the case of parental support, their parents hard earned money) be penalized so that more students (who have not done this scrimping and saving) can rely on the government to put them through university? Some students with bursaries will argue that they do scrimp and save, but maybe they don't know what real saving and real work is. And then again, I'm sure some do. Those are the ones who should be considered for bursaries. Those who pay their own way through university would most likely put more into and get more out of

their education since they would think about how hard they had work for the money they are about to spend. In years to come, would they not be much more prouder to say, "I started with nothing but through hard work and determination I am now a successful xxx" rather than saying, "I relied on the government to get to where I am today." this policy would also eliminate some not-so-serious students who are not using the government's money (aka the taxpayer's money) to its full potential.

Why should students be divided into two discriminating categories-those who pay more and those who get their education subsidized? Individual cost should be equal (dollar-wise, not as a percentage of income) amongst students. I have nothing against student loans, in which the money has to be repaid to the government (which is only just), but I don't want to hear people crying that they aren't getting their education for nothing. Even if tuitions were raised, would this money go towards bursaries? Or would the government waste it in some other area in it's typical fashion?

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Dear Mr. Large,

Normally I ignore bad journalism. I am always ready to forgive incompetence if I feel that people could have know better. Unfortunately, in this case, sir, you should have know better.

Please do not publish letters to the editor or newspaper articles if the authors refuse to acknowledge their beliefs. If only inflames people's opinions without providing any new substance to the debate to print unsigned articles. Last week's X-Press contained several pieces which were not signed, including the Campus Women's page. At least the notorious Backlash column was signed, an indication that its author is not ashamed of his views. Authors who cannot take pride in what they believe in are today's intellectual Nazis, for they try to suppress other's beliefs without having to defend themselves from attack.

I am appalled at the extremism prevalent in the articles in our campus paper. Are there no moderates left? Do not suggest the usual "If you don't like it why don't you work for the paper?" - I do not have the time. I am taking six courses this semester, and the idea of having to contribute something weekly to