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Moving image

I wonder how "pro-choicers" would react if, before one could get an abortion, an ultrasound would be required. After all, wouldn't a woman be better able to make that "choice" after she saw what the baby really looked like?

During the first trimester, an ultrasound, at eight weeks after conception, allows one to see the child's body, head, and movement of the legs and arms. Sound waves are used, instead of X-rays, to view the baby and movement as it occurs.

I've personally witnessed ultrasounds, so please don't ac-cuse me of relying on "right-to-life propaganda."

Also, anyone who's ever seen Lennart Nilssons book, "A Child is Born," knows just how developed the child in the womb really is. The book contains photographs of the unborn's developmental process throughout pregnancy. Even a six-year-old could identify a "fetus" as a human baby.

Nilsson's book isn't a publication of Right-to-Life, nor ... was ultrasound's creation some sort of conspiracy of the

organization. But actual photographs of developing children, or ultrasound views into the womb, certainly show that we're not dealing with a mere "blob of cell tissue."

> Lori Parkman Elmira

Canine menace

I would like to respond in support of Robert Halverson's letter (ODE, Feb. 3), "Canine crime.

Mr. Halverson, I agree with you. Not only are there city ordinances against free running dogs, but campus regulation 571-50-025 prohibits dogs on campus unless they are on a leash under the owner's control. This means on a leash in ... the owner's hand, not just tied

up. Should the animal injure or damage, in any way, persons or property, the owner can be sued and the injured party can collect

Judges and juries have recent-ly had the propensity to award large damage and punitive awards against dog owners for not controlling their pet. Persons having been scarred for life or who have undergone treatment for rabies because of careless pet owners are tired of this menace to our health and welfare, not to mention the climate of fear loose animals produce for us on campus.

Please keep your dog off campus or on a leash in your

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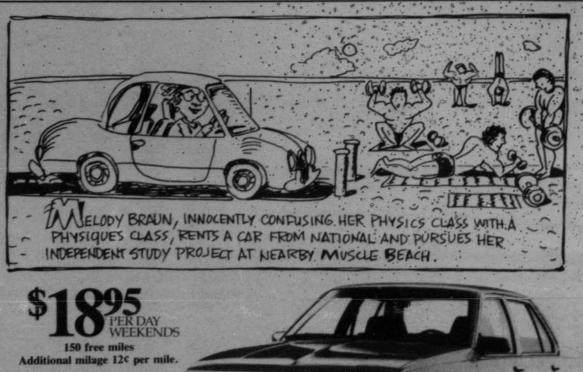
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