

Grow feathers, cross at your own risk

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At first I thought this article would be a simple little slam to people who don't stop for pedestrians at crosswalks, but will come to a screeching halt for a Canadian goose waddling across the road.

Trying to find out information on who has the right of way, and the fines that could be assessed when a pedestrian is hit vs. a goose, I found the whole situation has become quite a mystery.

Thinking the logical place to start was with the city police, a call was made to see if they could state what incidents would constitute a fine, and how much it would be. Getting no answers from them, they suggested a call to District Court.

District Court could find no answers either, but assured me Circuit Court could help and were very happy to transfer the call. So, on up the line for information.

In connecting with Circuit Court, they couldn't answer any questions of a useful nature either, but thought the District Court could. After notifying them that I had already tried, they suggested maybe the prosecutor's office could provide an answer, seeing as how fines were

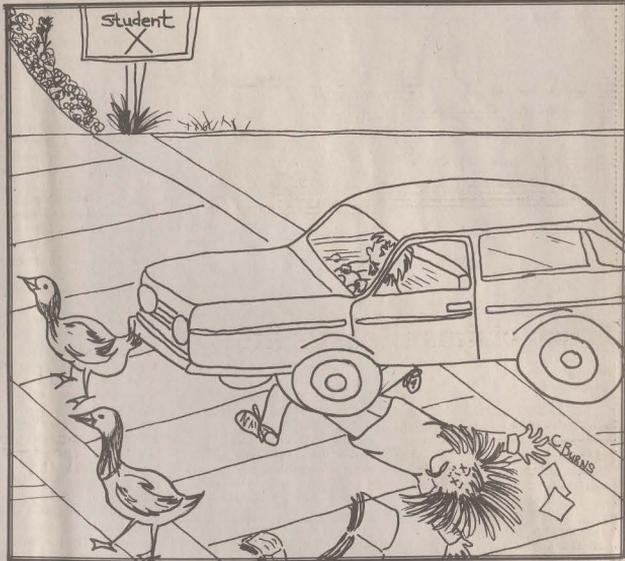
based on their recommendation.

Placing a call to the prosecutor was an eye-opening experience. The secretary laughed at the run-around but couldn't help either, and suggested contacting Mike Roy, the law enforcement instructor at ACC to get the answers. Why didn't that thought occur to me first?

After getting a recording at ext. 208, I thought of a new plan: Call the Secretary of State. If any government body knows about fines and traffic violations it would be them, right? Wrong! The man at that office was nice enough to place a long distance call to a Lansing office called Traffic Safety. This was the last resource.

While on the phone with Traffic Safety, he read everything from crossing at the light to pedestrians in wheelchairs, but to no avail. There was not one article pertaining to cross walks unmarked by signs or caution lights. But he, "would get back if he found anything of that nature."

Where does this leave a student crossing Johnson street from building to building? Fair game with less possible rights than law gave a goose? Maybe if students would waddle a little more and leave droppings on the sidewalks drivers would be a little more courteous and stop to allow them to cross.



Letters to the Editor



Photo by Linda Simpson



Signs degrade

To the Editor,
I am writing to register a protest concerning the two obnoxious signs that have been placed near the faculty restrooms in BTC. In huge block letters, these hand-made signs scream out "NOT FOR STUDENT USE!!!" These remind me of the signs placed on restrooms in the Old South that proclaimed restrooms for "Whites Only". I'm sure the signs in BTC were placed by a person with the same mentality.

The reason I find these signs to be such a joke is I can see only two reasons why they were posted. First, seeing as how the sign on the door clearly says "faculty," the person responsible for posting these signs must assume that college students are too stupid to know what the word "faculty" means. I realize that the K-12 system in this country leaves a lot to be desired, but I think it to be a pretty safe bet that by the time a person reaches college age, he/she knows the definition of "faculty". The only other reason I can see is that some member of the faculty considers him/herself one step below God, and as such, is too good to urinate in the same porcelain drain as us lowly students. Not only does this person feel this way, he/she obviously deems it necessary to broadcast their superior attitude to

make sure none of us second-class people dare enter their sacred domain.
Keep this in mind, oh great and noble faculty member, part of my tuition goes to pay a portion of your salary. I do not appreciate one of my employees looking on me as a second-class citizen. If you insist on using a superior attitude, I would suggest you consider a teaching job in the K-12 system where such an attitude is more easily tolerated.

I understand that everyone needs their ego stroked from time to time. If certain members of the faculty feel they need private restrooms to accomplish this, fine. I have no problem with that. But those hand-made signs at BTC are totally inappropriate.

Therefore, until those obnoxious and offensive pieces of scrap paper come down, I refuse to obey your silly little sign. I will intentionally go out of my way to use those restrooms, even if I have to walk all the way from East Campus to do it. I also urge my fellow students to do the same thing. That is, of course, unless they are happy being looked at as second-class citizens.

Signed,
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Student & first class citizen

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Students speak:

"What activities would you like to see on campus?"



Connie Mousseau - A foreign language club where we could get together and exchange ideas.

Scott Moncrief - An Afro-American day so that everyone could understand the black culture and where we come from.



Charlie Giordano - Some sort of fun activity that would have things for small children to do as well as activities for the parents.



Robin Casler - An outdoor party in the spring or early fall with outdoor sports such as volleyball or football.



John Heath - Volleyball games for students to participate in and that other students could watch.

