

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for stand on decent morality

Dear Editor,

In response to Joan Ransberry's column "Ryerson has fallen from grace in my view," Jan 31/96. Way to go, Joan! I'm glad there are still news writers/columnists around in the 90's to speak for people like myself in defense of decent morality in one's lifestyle.

There is such a thing as appropriateness in behaviour and respectability is befitting to mankind. Children, of course, need to be protected from indecency at all costs.

Please continue your excellent writing.

Doreen Deacon

Spend our resources on our children

Dear Editor,

It would appear that whoever wrote the commentary "School cuts hard to take, but necessary" has uncritically accepted the Tory line on deficit cutting hook, line, and sinker. Not only must the simplistic "slash-and-burn" approach the government is taking be questioned, but many of the myths they are propagating must be dispelled.

Finance Minister Ernie Eves has misled the public by stating Ontario spends 10 per cent more than other provinces in Canada on education. The latest Statistics Canada research puts Ontario only 2.6 per cent above the Canadian average and ranks us sixth among the ten provinces and two territories. And, considering Ontario has the highest per capita income in the country, one could argue that proportionately we spend significantly less on education than the rest of the country.

To argue that the only way to improve education is to make cuts to the "frills" begs the question of why

there is a deficit problem. If we aren't willing to spend our resources on the education of our children, I fear for all the students who will have to live with an impotent education system.

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