

**OPINION/EDITORIAL**

**Abortion as option a bad argument**

by Mike Black

I'm writing in response to Linda Nelson's letter about abortion titled, "Abortion Must Remain an Option." In her argument for abortion, she writes, "It's the college students who have the most to lose. You are in your reproductive years now. Will you want yourself, your girlfriend, or your sister to be turned down for an abortion? You'll have the next 30 years to worry about unplanned pregnancies and the consequences." She then goes on to state that this school paper should, "...tell the truth about abortion."

Maybe the following will help. Abortion, when used in cases of rape and incest, should be a matter of choice. But, in the many cases when abortion is used as if-it-happens birth control, it is wrong. It is then being used as just another reason to go ahead and have sex, without having to worry about the consequences. I've heard many guys state, while discussing a possible future moment with a girl, "Aww...don't worry about it. If it happens, tell her to get an abortion."

If you put restriction on abor-

tion, what you are doing is eliminating the "easy way out" of a problem which is brought on by carelessness in the majority of abortion cases. For these careless cases, abortion is a way of eliminating the "bad" unwanted consequences of being pregnant. Eliminate the "bad" end results and the actions causing them have no reason to stop, and will therefore persist.

A good analogy? Take DUI's for example. With DUI's, everyone wants the consequences to be harsher, reasoning that strong penalties are inhibiting social expressions which will cause you to think twice before making the mistake of impulsively having one (or two) more for the road. This, they say, will reduce the number of deaths from accidents involving drunken drivers. Right! So, by analogy, society could apply the same principle to premarital sex and "spur of the moment" events. Making us (society) responsible for our actions will cause us to become more conscious of the consequences of casual, impulsive sexual practices, more aware of the implications of our behavior. This would make

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self-discipline and sublimation in the expression of our sexual energy more palatable.

All this is even more appropriate in view of the threat of the deadly disease AIDS. In addition, studies have shown that the number of premarital sexual partners is correlated with marital unhappiness, and the couples who cohabit are 80 percent more likely to separate, or divorce after marriage.

**O. and M. Employees need to know**

by J. Gray

I would like to know why the new Physical Plant Director has not held a formal meeting with his co-workers. He has been at the helm of O and M since September and we still have not been introduced to our new boss.

I have been working for nearly 30 years now and I have never seen a total disregard for one's workers. Any respectable corporation sees to it that employees know their new boss immediately.

Usually when a leader comes

on board, changes are made to improve working conditions. Or the new boss will follow suit and personally see how things are going for a while. But in either case, the leader lets his employees know where they stand.

As in any corporation, problems and conflicts are bound to rise. Currently, we do not know who to turn to. So the problems are exacerbated because they are not resolved in a timely fashion.



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