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Weaver asks for unity, cooperation in SGA

By JOE BRAUN
Assistant Editorial Editor

Turmoil dominated last night's Student Government Association Senate committee meetings, despite at least one attempt by a senator to quiet the storm.

Senator at Large Misty Weaver's call for cooperation and effective communication helped to open last night's meeting.

"SGA bashing is not just the

(Kentucky) Kernel's favorite sport anymore; it's coming from within our own organization," she said.

But less than a half hour later, division resurfaced when President Scott Crosbie and Arts and Sciences Senator Jay Ingle were heard yelling behind closed doors while bills were being considered.

Much of the turmoil surrounded a possible campuswide referendum to institute election reforms, which Crosbie supports but some senators

oppose.

"While stories might be about the election rules or the referendum issue, the message — and the message that makes me so angry — is that SGA is a poor organization with serious internal problems," Weaver said.

Her address centered on division between the executive branch and the senate caused by the election reforms.

At the senate's meeting last week,

six of eight reforms proposed by elections board chairman Jim Kruse failed. That led Vice President Keith Sparks to call for the referendum.

Last night, the campus relations committee drafted its own proposal for a referendum that would allow students to vote separately on each election rule change, said Communications Senator Shawn Meaux.

Crosbie's referendum called for students to vote "for or against

these proposals as a block," not individually.

The new proposal, drafted by Ingle and senators at large Allen Putman and Ashley Boyd would be included in the regular election in March, unlike Crosbie's which would take place in the next few weeks.

Ingle said he and other campus relations committee members are in favor of election reform, but they would like to see it handled in dif-

ferently.

Other bills considered by the operations and evaluations committee also last night evoked controversy.

The bills, proposed by Graduate School Senator Adrian Jones, called for the addition of eight senators to the senate.

These organizations include the Commuter Students Association, Residence Hall Association, UK

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AT THE STRIPE



GREG EANS/Kernal Staff

Andre Riddick attempted a free throw last night against Ole Miss. The Wildcats defeated the Rebels 98-76 at Rupp Arena. Story, Page 2.

Two campus groups establish VanMeter volunteer award

By MARC DALEY
Contributing Writer

A service award in Darrell VanMeter's name will help keep the memory of the UK student and his volunteer work alive.

The Darrell VanMeter Service Award, established by the UK Student Volunteer Center and Student Organizations Assembly, will be presented to a UK student who has made contributions to the UK campus and the Lexington community in the form of volunteer service. It is one of the first volunteer awards given by UK named for a student.

VanMeter, 19, of Louisville, Ky., died of natural causes while playing basketball Nov. 15, 1991.

His volunteer work was well-

known and will not be forgotten, said Sally Moore, director of the Student Volunteer Center.

"Darrell exemplified what the true good Samaritan should be," she said. "He did a lot of his volunteer work quietly. He wasn't looking for a pat on the back for his work."

VanMeter, who was an architecture sophomore, was a member of Phi Beta Sigma social fraternity and Black Achievers. He also worked with Simba Elimika, a campus organization that is dedicated to the unification of blacks at UK.

"When Darrell was in high school, he worked with a program that helped minority students get to college. Even after he got out of high school, he still did a lot of

work to help that program," said David Hasler, SOA president and UK finance senior.

Chester Grundy, director of minority student affairs, said he always was impressed with VanMeter.

"What impressed me the most is that the group would go around to public schools, especially primary schools, and try to get the kids involved in cultural activities," Grundy said. "Darrell was a regular part of this. He was a person who loved children."

Moore and Hasler, worked together to establish the award, which officially was approved by SOA last

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UK College of Law graduate to run for 4th division judge

By JOHN KELLY
Assistant Sports Editor

UK law graduate David Hayse yesterday announced his candidacy for judge of the Fourth Division of Fayette District Court.

Hayse, a 1976 graduate of the UK College of Law, is no stranger to Fayette District Court.

"I have practiced law for the state and county on a continuous basis since (graduating from law school)," Hayse said. "During those 15 years, the Fayette District Court has been an integral part of my law career. It is not anything new to me. I have not just discovered the doors to Fayette District Court."

Hayse has served the court periodically for 15 years in various capacities. From April 1978 to December 1985, he was an assistant Fayette County attorney and prosecutor in the court. And since 1990, he has served as a trial commissioner, presiding in night traffic court.

In addition, Hayse has practiced law in Fayette County in some capacity for 15 1/2 years, operating within the jurisdiction of the Fayette District Court.

Hayse said that, if elected, he will focus his attention on being a consistent force on the bench and will get involved in important cases that come through the court daily.

"Fayette District Court is important to this community," Hayse



GREG EANS/Kernal Staff

UK College of Law graduate David Hayse yesterday announced that he will run for Fourth Division Fayette District Court judge.

said. "Recently, our community has addressed the major issues of spouse abuse, abuse of children and juvenile crime."

In those areas, Hayse said he has developed a special interest partially because of his 2-year-old daughter, Tracey Anne. He said that cases concerning these issues pour through the district courts. He said as long as nothing is done in the courts to deter such crimes, he thinks they will continue.

In his announcement, Hayse said

he considered himself the best candidate in the race. He attributed his superiority to his diversified legal career.

"I believe that my career shows that I do have the desire and ability," Hayse said. "I believe that, of all of the candidates who have filed, that I am the best qualified to be the next district judge. My experience has more variety and is the longest of any of the candidates."

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Student activist files for House seat

Staff reports

UK student and campus activist Chris Bush, 34, filed to run for the 6th District U.S. House of Representatives seat in Kentucky's Democratic primary May 5.

Bush is challenging Democratic front-runner Lexington Mayor Scot-

ty Baesler for the seat currently held by U.S. Rep. Larry Hopkins (R-Lexington), who is not seeking re-election.

Bush, the editor of the alternative newsletter "The Pulse," frequently has staged protests around UK's campus and challenged the integrity of its leaders.

The other Democratic candidates are Roy Tudor, a truck driver from Georgetown, Ky.; Harvey Carroll of Richmond, Ky.; and J.T. Underwood of Perryville, Ky. Republican candidate, Charles Ellinger, is an at-large member of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council.

Betts letter calls for Wilkinson to resign

By GREGORY A. HALL
Associate Editor

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Faculty trustee Raymond Betts turned Foster Ockerman's words against the UK Board of Trustees chairman in a Jan. 23 letter to Ockerman.

In the letter on Board of Trustees stationery, Betts requested that Ockerman ask UK trustee and former Gov. Wallace Wilkinson to resign from the board.

Betts quoted from Ockerman's speech at the Jan. 21 board meeting against trustee selection reform.

"I was struck by your

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Anti-abortion rally draws large crowd

By VICTOR A. BINGHAM III
Contributing Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — An estimated 2,000 to 3,000 participants, including many young children, took part in an anti-abortion rally held on the steps of the State Capitol Tuesday.

Among those who addressed the throng that braved the chilly weather were clergy members, legislators and leaders of activist groups. The crowd on the Capitol steps chanted and sang, and many clutched signs denouncing abortion.

"The right to life is a moral, religious and human rights issue," said the Rev. William A. Hughes, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Covington. "No one has the right to freely choose to take the life of another person."

Hughes said abortion has relegated the unborn to being treated "as disposable property," which has eroded respect for all human life.

In a conciliatory gesture, Hughes

urged the crowd to respect the viewpoints of abortion-rights activists. Hughes said the two sides should refrain from name-calling or other tactics that inflame the debate.

"The best-kept secret in the United States today ... is America is pro-life, that we are the majority," said Aildia Gator, the national director of American Victims of Abortion. "We are not the pathetic minority who can't get their voices raised together ... At the same time, with the same thought."

Gator's speech touched upon the collective efforts of the crowd with the help of the churches to pressure the public and General Assembly to pass stricter abortion laws.

"We must bring pressure along with the church to stop this senseless murder," Gator said.

House Bill 203, currently under consideration, is designed to regulate and license abortion clinics.

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SPORTS

Wildcats' 98-76 victory over Rebels ends slump

By JOHN KELLY
Assistant Sports Editor

Ever been to a movie when someone's already told you the ending? Those who have will understand why: If they missed UK's 98-76 thumping of Ole Miss at Rupp Arena last night, you didn't miss much. Ole Miss did little to protest the pre-game assessment that it would lose by as many as 30 points.

Thus, as UK methodically dismantled the Rebels, the crowd had to find alternative ways to entertain itself. The absolute highest dramatic point in the game was the first time that freshman Andre Riddick stepped to the free-throw line.

Riddick spotted a new-fangled, one-handed, looks-a-lot-like-a-crane free-throw stance that absolutely delighted the crowd and the UK bench.

Every time Riddick went to the line, the crowd would rise to its feet, every UK player would kneel in front of the bench in anticipation and both groups would erupt when Riddick connected on three of his eight attempts.

"I looked at (UK coach) Rick (Pitino) and he had his head buried," Mississippi coach Ed Murphy said. "... They were something."

Prior to last night's game, Riddick continually had frustrated himself and Pitino with his 16.7 percentage of free throws made.

"What we're trying to do is start with the basics, break it down and make him mechanically correct," Pitino said of the experiment. "In time, we'll let his left hand come

back on the ball. By the end of the season, I expect him to be hitting 50 or 60 percent from the line."

Beyond Riddick's eight trips to the line, there was little excitement in the game.

But the best performance came from senior point guard Sean Woods, who had a nine-to-one assist to turnover ratio to follow an eight-to-one mark he had against Arkansas.

Pitino attributed Woods' performance to recent grillings from his coach that he would get to the NBA — not by scoring a lot of points but by helping make his teammates better.

"He kept pounding it into my head," Woods said. "I learned that assist-to-turnover ratio is more important than scoring points."

Woods had only six points, but Pitino dubbed him as the game's star.

"Without question, he was the reason we won this game tonight," Pitino said.

UK jumped out to an early lead in the first half that it never relinquished. Mississippi's Kevin Watkins scored the opening basket of the game, but UK answered the lone shot with nine straight points.

The Cats' lead grew to as much as 22 in the first half.

Last night's theme was total domination on the UK side, but the Rebels lent a helping hand.

While the Cats were racking up 29 rebounds in the first half, Ole Miss played the boards as though its black Nike hightops were filled with lead. The Rebels grabbed only

10 rebounds, but only through sheer happenstance.

On most occasions, they never contested the Cats under the basket. "We came out and my junior college kids just watched the game," Murphy said. "They were frozen."

Late in the first half, three Rebel players surrounded the basket as a UK shot hit the front of the rim. But as the ball bounced from the hoop, they simply watched it soar into the hands of a surprised Jamal Mashburn.

None of the three left the ground — or even looked as if they knew where the ball was.

Mashburn received the freebie rebound and promptly, maybe forgivingly, tossed it back to Dillard Quick. Maybe it was an accident. Or maybe Mashburn felt sorry for being the benefactor of such a lackluster effort by an opponent.

Quick, obviously still napping, watched the ball bounce off his forehead and into the hands of sophomore point guard Travis Ford.

UK finally turned the mess into two points. That was just one example of the way the half went.

Murphy said UK's perimeter defense was the key and Pitino agreed.

"We wanted to concentrate on their three-point shooting," Pitino said. "They had six or seven players that shoot it actively."

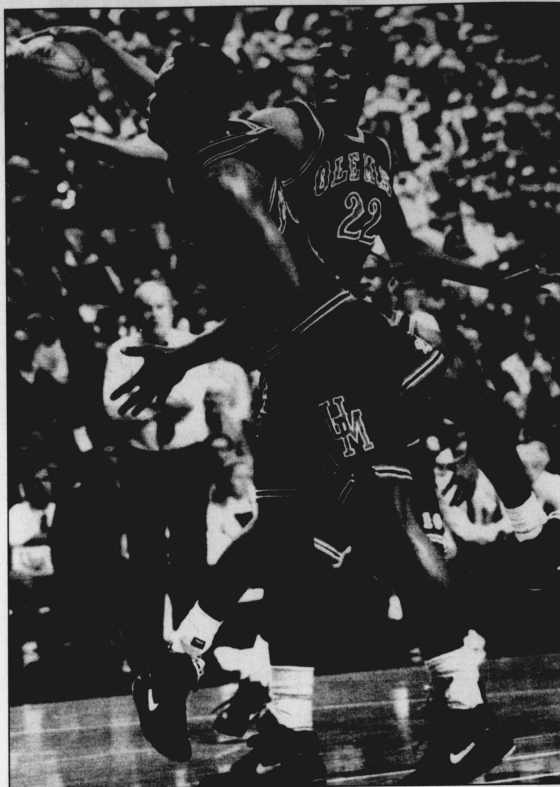
"They take the second most threes in our league."

Pitino also acknowledged the rebounding margin in the first half as a key factor.

"We got out on the break 37 times tonight, which is good," Pitino said. "And the first half, we were excellent on the backboards."

The Rebels got a wake-up call during the intermission, probably in the form of a ribbing from Murphy.

As the minutes waned, Pitino cleared his bench, giving all of his players minutes on the floor.



Ole Miss No. 24 Joe Harvell and No. 22 Kelvin Scales vied for a Rebel rebound against the Wildcats last night at Rupp Arena. The Cats came away with a 98-76 victory.

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11 UK swimmers make SEC honor role
Staff reports

Eleven members of the UK men and women's swim teams have been named to the 1992 Southeastern Conference Swimming and Diving Academic Honor Role. The UK men named to the honor role are junior Jamie Smawley and seniors Morten Anderson, Eddie

Ward and Stewart Weaver. Seven UK women made the list. They are sophomore Noel Peiratt, juniors Margie Boliver, Jocelyn Danko, Wendy Hipskind, Julie Robbins and Jodie Schwab and senior Donna Moylan. Since 1984, the UK Katfish have placed 77 swimmers and divers on the SEC Honor Role.

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Hayse

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The seat in the fourth division of district court was vacated when Lewis Paisley was elected to the Sixth Division of Circuit Court.

The list of candidates is long — eight others are running against Hayse, including Paisley's ex-wife, Carol Paisley.

Because the election is six months away, the office will be filled temporarily with a gubernatorial appointee. A special nominating committee will meet beginning Feb. 10 to nominate a candidate to the governor.

All nine candidates in the race are among the names that have been submitted to the special committee for consideration.

Hayse said if one of the candidates is appointed by the governor to the position, that candidate could have the upper hand in the Novem-

ber election.

"That would certainly put them in an incumbent's position," Hayse said.

Hayse said he doesn't expect anything, but that he hopes the UK community will support him in the election. He said the community should, at the very least, be concerned with this particular race.

"I would like to believe that the University population would at least take an interest," Hayse said. "I see a lot of UK students come through Fayette District Court. It's an important position to them.

"If they thought about it, they would realize that they come into contact with someone in that court quite often."

Candidates in the race, in addition to Hayse and Paisley, include Jim Marshall, Alexander, Walter W. May, William P. Thurman, Don Paris, David Holmes, Stephanie Bingham and Jim Capillo.

SGA

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Association of Non-traditional Students, International Students Council, UK Black Roundtable, the Disabled Student Union, the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council.

The committee passed the proposal to the full senate with an unfavorable recommendation. Jones proposed the bill last year, but it was tabled in committee.

Crosbie, listed as a co-sponsor of the bill, said he believes the additional senators are needed.

"I feel it's something that has to be discussed no matter what the outcome. It's something students need — proper representation — and our bill is the discussion brings about awareness to the problem of representation on this campus I think the bill has done its job," Crosbie said.

Senator at Large Rob Elbenicky said, "Who's to say that other groups aren't as qualified?"

Jones said he believed all students can identify with one of these groups and that senators at large aren't as familiar with the needs of the particular organizations as are members of the groups.

But Elbenicky said the senators already represent those groups. "My job is senator at large; my responsibility is to represent all these people, as well as many other groups," Elbenicky said.

The committee also favorably passed another bill to the floor. The bill would no longer require presidential and vice presidential candidates to run together on tickets.

If the bill abolishing tickets is passed by the full senate next Wednesday, it would replace a bill passed last year that required tickets.

That bill was sponsored by then-president Sean Lohman and vice president Sarah Coursey.

SGA Vice President Keith Sparks said he was not in favor of splitting tickets.

"The potential harm that bill could do would be to elect two people who oppose each other, and you would have no continuity at all in office," Sparks said.

He said the turbulence caused by two executive officers that can't work together could hinder the working of the executive branch.

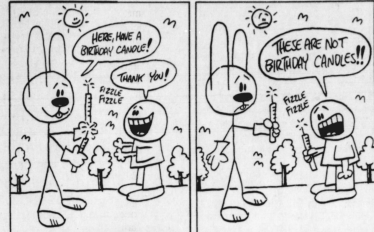
Putman said the idea of having tickets "needs to be looked at again ... Both sides of the coin (should

be reviewed), as to whether they should be elected together or elected at merit.

"When we originally passed the bill we thought that it would be in the best interest of the entire student body. ... When you start looking at things, and the way it works out, the senate and the executive branch are very different. The senate serves and has the right to a strong leader as much as the executive branch does."

The vice president presides over the senate.

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Rally

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Senate Bill 115 requires parental or court consent to obtain an abortion.

Several speakers predicted that the Supreme Court would overturn the landmark decision — Roe vs. Wade — that legalized abortion. The court is dominated by conservative justices appointed by Presidents Reagan and Bush.

Statehouses across the country would become the next key battlegrounds if the Supreme Court overturns the abortion decision. And

several legislators vowed to fight efforts to allow abortions in Kentucky.

"Each (person) should have the choice, and although I don't know if I could (have an abortion) — I won't dictate that to someone else," said Kelly Spencer, a UK graduate student.

Greg Lagana, an MBA student, said because abortion is protected by law, it should not be debated on the basis of biological or moral grounds.

Information for this story also was gathered by The Associated Press.

Award

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week. "David did a lot of research and considered a lot of students (to name the award after)," Moore said.

VanMeter's mother, Diana VanMeter, will help present the award at the campuswide Spring Awards Banquet in April.

The recipient will be chosen from applicants who are recommended by department heads, faculty members and college deans.

Applicants must be full-time students with a 2.5 grade point average

or above and must have completed at least four volunteer services within the past two years.

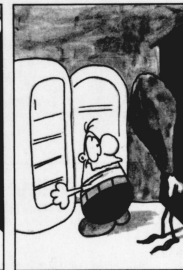
"Two of these experiences must be non-credit," Moore said.

"There are a lot of classes that offer credit for volunteer work. Also, applicants must have organized or helped organized one of these experiences."

Applications must be received by Moore the first week of March. A review committee then will look at the applications and make a decision at the end of March.

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by John Morrow and Jerry Volgt



Betts

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statement that "... it takes a strong and courageous person to admit a mistake." Betts wrote. "While your remark was directed to our current governor, Brereton Jones, the remark should be turned toward our former governor, Wallace Wilkinson.

"With this thought in mind, I am writing to request that you make a comparable public statement urging Mr. Wilkinson to act in the manner that you have proposed."

Betts said Wilkinson's appointment has created an atmosphere

that "is already beginning to affect adversely the deliberations of our Board of Trustees as well as the general mood of the University."

Ockerman said Tuesday that he had just received the letter. "I haven't had time to really think about it," Ockerman said. But he said he would look at it further.

At the Jan. 21 board meeting, Ockerman spoke for more than 10 minutes in opposition to the trustee selection reform bill sponsored by Rep. Ernesto Scorsone (D-Lexington) and backed by Jones.

In the speech, Ockerman criticized both Scorsone and Jones.

Copies of the letter were sent to all UK trustees.

Betts said the letter was "meant

to be an in-house statement," and that he has no plans to pursue the matter further.

"That's the end of it," he said.

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PERSPECTIVE

ANTI-ABORTION

The smile on Twila Greene's face beamed as she watched a friend play peek-a-boo with her 3-month-old son Benjamin, who is still perfecting his own toothless grin. He laughs a baby's laugh — barely audible but surely one of God's most beautiful creations.

It's not an unusual scene, but one that should remind us, as we mark 19 years since Roe vs. Wade, what the real issue is in the issue of the 1990s. With a Pennsylvania case the Supreme Court will hear later this year, America is on the verge of having the festering wound of abortion reopened. It is an issue that likely will divide the nation more than it has since the Civil Rights battles of the 1960s.

Since the Supreme Court made abortion legal in 1973, America has, bit by bit, been lured into believing the lie that abortion is only an issue of choice, or privacy or the Constitution.

Abortion is much simpler than that. It's about children — thousands, even millions of them, who have been killed for the sake of convenience. It's about children who die deaths as horrible as anything the Nazis delivered at Auschwitz. It's about children who will never smile, never laugh, never play.

We have been numbed by the numbers of abortions in this country. The statistics are so staggering they have become meaningless: 1.6 million a year, 4,400 a day, and nearly three every minute. As one bumper sticker put it, the most dangerous place to live in America is not in the inner-city ghettos, but inside a mother's womb.

In the days of abortion on demand, Benjamin is fortunate just to be alive. Nationwide, one of every three children conceived is aborted.

In New York City, abortions outnumber live births two to one. Many people, it seems, are no longer awestruck by the miracle of life.

But is it life that is being destroyed? That seems to be the question those in favor of legal abortion keep asking.

At conception, the sperm and the ovum form one cell, which has the entire genetic blueprint to form a new human being.

At a little over three weeks following the mother's first missed period, the heart begins beating. At six weeks, the baby's brain waves can be measured.

And by the eighth week — still shy of two full months — every organ that an adult has is in its place, only in a smaller size. Aren't these the signs of life? After the eight weeks following the

first missed period, a fetus is simply growing, just like a child outside the womb.

Pro-abortionists argue that a fetus isn't viable until about 20 weeks. But, what does viable mean? A 1-year-old is not viable if it is left unattended? A child needs warmth, food and oxygen whether it is inside the womb or out. Given the proper care, a child outside the womb will grow into an adult just as an unborn child — at one day or five months — eventually will be able to survive

Since the Supreme Court made abortion legal in 1973, America has, bit by bit, been lured into believing the lie that abortion is only an issue of choice, or privacy or the Constitution. Abortion is much simpler than that. It's about children — thousands, even millions of them, who have been killed for the sake of convenience. It's about children who die deaths as horrible as anything the Nazis delivered at Auschwitz. It's about children who will never smile, never laugh, never play.

outside the womb, given the chance.

Two of the biggest misconceptions women who are considering abortions believe are that: a) abortion is always a simple, painless and safe procedure; and b) the child will suffer no pain.

The suction aspiration method, used in 90 percent of abortions during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, is a brutal dismembering of a person who can feel his/her body being torn apart. After the cervix is opened, a hollow tube with a knife-like edged tip is inserted into the womb.

Suction from the tube is so strong that it literally rips the child apart. The remnants of what was a living, growing organism are drawn into a container to be discarded like trash.

This is just one method. Others are just as graphic in nature. Some, like saline injections, involve actually giving birth to a dead baby that has been poisoned and badly burned by a lethal injection of a salt solution.

Inevitably, advocates of legal abortion will argue that telling these "horror stories" is overdramatizing the matter and relying on emotion to stir people. But this isn't drama. It is a reality in abortion clinics and hospitals across the nation everyday.

They have also overstated the myth of the "back alley" abortion. We have been scared into believing that 5,000 to 10,000 women a year died from illegal abortions that were performed in back alleys before Roe vs. Wade.

Dr. Bernard Nathanson, who circulated many of those figures before the 1973 Supreme Court hearings, now says that figure actually was closer to 500. In 1972, Nathanson admits, only 39 abortion-related deaths were recorded.

That is not to say that a woman's life is of lesser value than a child, but compared to 1.6 million, 39 deaths doesn't seem to compare.

Nathanson, author of the best-selling *Aborting America*, had a change of heart after heading the world's largest abortion clinic. He

came to see a child in the womb as a real person, and he realized he had been murdering them. Still, others argue about cases of rape victims or incest. But fewer than 3 percent of all abortions are performed because of rape or incest. The other 97 percent are matters of convenience.

Those who soapbox about their right to choose by a fundamental civil liberty haven't read the Constitution. Their sacred cow — the right to "privacy" — is what Roe vs. Wade was built on. But it is an idea that came, neither from the Bill of Rights nor from the Constitution, where it isn't even mentioned. It first originated in 1890, when two Boston attorneys wrote an article in the *Harvard Law Review*.

Over the years, the Supreme Court latched onto the idea, making it its own. Ultimately, it is an enigma that, the justices reasoned, comes from the "penumbras," or shadows, of the Bill of Rights. One of those shadows is the Third Amendment, which prohibits, of all things, the quartering of soldiers.

Most would agree that we are protected from Peeping Toms and electronic surveillance, but to say abortion has a firm foundation in the Constitution is ludicrous.

What is far worse, however, is to forget what an abortion really does. It kills smiles, laughter, and one of God's most beautiful creations.

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PRO-CHOICE

While the possible reversal of Roe vs. Wade looms over pro-choice activists, Margaret Atwood's futuristic society in *The Handmaid's Tale* may come to their minds.

The novel describes a society in the near future in which women largely are used as reproductive machines.

Women fit three categories — a wife, a house director (neither of which can reproduce) or a handmaid (who is brought into different households to copulate with the husband).

Atwood's fictional society has suppressed women back into the domestic world and alienated them again from the "outside" arena.

Although the scenario may seem extreme, Atwood's prediction isn't so far off base. Her world is an example of complete government intervention in our private lives. That invasion must start somewhere — illegalizing a basic human right is an excellent beginning.

Minus the emotionalism anti-choice advocates use to confuse the issue, killing another being is not an appropriate argument when debating abortion.

Rather, it is the killing of a woman's power to choose what is to happen with her own body.

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It is the murder of the free human spirit for which the Bill of Rights and America stand.

Abortion is not only a woman's right but a fundamental human one protected by the Constitution.

Bonnie Cox, director of UK's women's studies, said at a pro-choice forum earlier this month: "When they speak of abortion, they speak of a right that they 'gave' us. The problem with gifts is they can be taken away from you."

If this right is taken away, women and men both should be aware of additional rights disappearing or being dictated by the whims of each state — something I thought we took care of after the Civil War.

"If we're not in control of our reproductive organs, what are we in control of?" asked Rosemary Dempsey, the active vice president of the National Organization for Women, during her visit to UK this month.

Banning a woman's right to

telling women that abortion is an option.

When Congress proposed a bill that overturned the gag rule last November, Bush vetoed it — drawing a brutal distinction between women who were allowed to learn of their legal rights and those that weren't. Not only is the government attempting to dictate our bodies but our minds as well.

As has been the case with our country's education and drug problems, the issue is tackled on the surface, and the source goes

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safely terminate an unwanted pregnancy (for whatever reason, including rape, incest or health risks), poses some puzzling problems beyond the abortion dilemma. The need or want for abortion has existed for centuries, and the creation of new laws restricting it will not make it disappear.

The difference: Wealthy women can afford safe, successful abortions, while the poor will be left to resort to their own home remedies — injecting their vaginas with lie, coathangers, knitting needles, rubbing alcohol ...

Our government will further the distinction between the classes and, consequently, the underprivileged suffer.

This was spelled out for activists in the 1980s when the government discontinued funding clinics that offered abortion services. The Reagan and Bush administrations both supported the gag rule, which prohibited physicians in federally-funded facilities from

undiscovered.

Some anti-choice activists say abortion is used as birth control, but many of these same people are against any form of birth control. Offer us a solution, please!

If many abortions are the result of irresponsible, unsafe sex (there are no statistics to support this), then more effort needs to be spent on sex education, and contraceptives should be more accessible.

Anti-choice or no-choice supporters that are hell-bent on making abortion a moral issue should consider life without their most coveted freedom — freedom of religion.

A nationwide pro-choice march in Washington, D.C., is scheduled April 5. The rally is to support women's civil and reproductive rights.

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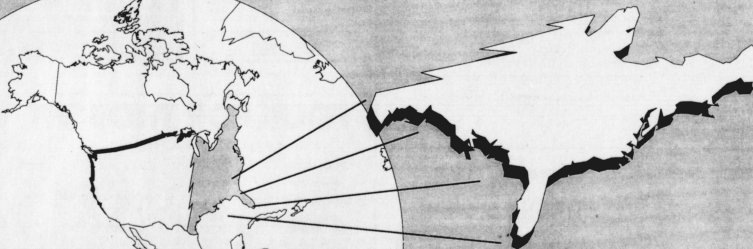
Roe vs. Wade (1973)

Justice Blackmun delivered the opinion of the Court.

This right of privacy, whether it is founded in the Fourteenth Amendment's concept of personal liberty and restrictions upon state action, as we find it is, or, as the District Court determined, in the Ninth Amendment's reservation of rights to the people, is broad enough to encompass a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy. The detriment that the State would impose upon the pregnant woman by denying this choice altogether is apparent. Specific and direct harm medically diagnosable even in early pregnancy may be involved. ... The Court's decisions recognizing a right of pri-

vacancy also acknowledged that some regulation in areas protected by that right is appropriate. As noted above, a State may properly assert important interests in safeguarding health, and maintaining medical standards, and in protecting potential life. At some point in pregnancy, these respective interests become sufficiently compelling to sustain regulation of the factors that govern the abortion decision. The privacy right involved, therefore, cannot be said to be absolute. ... We, therefore, conclude that the right of the personal privacy includes the abortion decision, but that this right is not unqualified and must be considered against important state interests in regulation. ... (This) right, nonetheless, is not absolute and is subject to some limitations; and ... at some point in the state interests as to protection of health, medical standards, and pre-natal life, become dominant. ...

ABORTION: A NATION DIVIDED



Right to an abortion on the line in Pennsylvania case

By BOBBY KING and ANGELA JONES Senior Staff Writers

An abortion-rights case that will face the Supreme Court sometime before July has members of both camps in agreement — it may mean the end of *Roe vs. Wade*.

Within one year, Casey vs. Planned Parenthood has worked its way up through the courts to contend with one of the more conservative Supreme Courts in this country's history.

"Roe vs. Wade is against some tough odds," said Elizabeth Strom, the National Organization for Women's lobbyist in Kentucky. "It doesn't look favorable."

The upcoming case involves a Pennsylvania law that requires a 24-hour waiting period for women who request abortions. It also requires women to get consent from their husbands. Planned Parenthood challenged the law, passed in November

1990, in district court, and the second part of the law was deleted.

Many court watchers say the Supreme Court's recent appointments will need to overturn *Roe*.

"More than anything else, (it) is based on the fact that majority of the current court either voted in the dissent for *Roe vs. Wade* or was appointed by a President who was politically committed to overturning *Roe vs. Wade*," said Alvin Goldman, a UK College of Law professor who teaches constitutional law.

"Both those supporting the Pennsylvania statute and those who are opposed to statutory restrictions have asked the Supreme Court to reconsider *Roe vs. Wade* ... and whether it still is the law," he said.

"If it comes down to that question, my best guess is that the court will overrule it."

Bradley Canon, a UK political science professor, said the high court could uphold the law without overruling *Roe* but "there is a 50-

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50 chance they will go all the way."

"It wouldn't (make the jump) unless the court wanted to use it for a vehicle. If the court looked at the law just as it is set forth, it wouldn't overturn *Roe*," Canon said.

While *Roe* legalized abortion, the question of whether states have the power to intervene has been a thorn in some legislators' sides.

"In most states, there are still general laws prohibiting abortion in efforts to maximize restrictions. Essentially, the issue is going to be fought out in the state legislatures,"

Goldman said.

In 1973, a Texas case decided abortion was a woman's choice during the first trimester (about 12 weeks) of pregnancy, but during the second trimester the state has the power to intervene.

Although many states have abortion laws, they all hinge on the premise that abortion is legal, Canon said.

"A few states have contingency laws that will kick in immediately if *Roe* is overturned," he said. "There are a half dozen who have

laws protecting the right to abortion and would be unaffected by the ruling."

In Kentucky legislation, two bills have been proposed that would place further restrictions on abortions.

One bill requires minors to have parental consent for an abortion and the other requires additional licensing for abortion providers in the state, Strom said.

Strom said she thinks there's a good chance that both bills would be passed, and "if they pass the committee, they'll most likely pass in the House."

But on the national front, it seems that court members may make restrictions on abortion small penalties if *Roe* is reversed.

Current Chief Justice William Rehnquist and associate justice Byron White were members of the Supreme Court when *Roe* was decided, but they landed in the minority of the court's 5-4 decision.

Now they need three votes to gain a majority, and most experts agree that recent additions to the court should provide the necessary margin.

Canon said Justice Antonin Scalia has already stated in a previous case that *Roe* should be overturned.

"It is conceivable that he could persuade the court that this is the time to rule that there is no right to an abortion and that the law should go back to the status quo."

Goldman said, "There are indications that Justice (Anthony) Kennedy will vote that way as well."

He labeled justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Harry Blackmun and John Paul Stevens as likely to defend *Roe*, while Clarence Thomas and David Souter are undecided.

Goldman said, however, that "there is the general sense that this has been the litmus test for Reagan-Bush appointees to the Supreme Court."

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DIVERSIONS



Talented cast breathes life into 'Grand Canyon'

By GREG LABER
Staff Critic

Lawrence Kasdan, the acclaimed director of films like "Body Heat," "The Accidental Tourist" and, of course, "The Big Chill," has assembled another amazing cast in his latest effort, "Grand Canyon." The film is an ensemble drama that attempts to take on what Kasdan views as the major issues of the '90s.

The script, while being full of too many unnecessary tragedies and plot twists, is otherwise well-written. Kasdan and his co-writer, Meg Kasdan, also his wife, have masterfully interwoven the stories of several very complex and different people. The characters are full and fresh. The writers managed to avoid contrived stereotypes, which fill the majority of Hollywood's recent films.

It is, of course, the powerhouse cast which breathes life into the Kasdans' creation.

Kevin Kline stars as Mack, an upper middle-class executive faced with family problems and a meaningless affair in the office. Danny Glover plays Simon, the philosophical repairman who saves Kline when his car has broken down in an undesirable part of town. Together, they face many of the hardships in order to be reminded of the goodness in the world.

The supporting players are all equally strong. Mary McDonnell plays Kline's wife, Claire, who

finds a lost infant soon after realizing her only son will be leaving the nest.

Alfre Woodard, as Glover's new-found love, shares an onscreen chemistry that is loaded with grace and charm. Mary-Louise Parker, however, may very well be the movie's great find as Kline's confused mistress who cannot overcome her irrational attraction to a married man.

Steve Martin makes a welcome dramatic twist as Kline's best friend, a shallow movie producer who inadvertently sneaks in life lessons with his show-biz ramblings. Martin handles the comic-dramatic role with the kind of deftness that the Motion Picture Academy should begin noticing.

While "Grand Canyon" is full of stunning performances and heartfelt emotion, it is overloaded. In the course of 2 1/2 hours, Kasdan deals with gang violence, marital infidelity, parenthood, friendship, racism, earthquakes, street robbery, dating, the role of women in the work force, the plight of the handicapped and the trials of learning to drive among many of life's other daily dilemmas.

The result is a string of unlikely tragedies that leaves the audience waiting for the next soap opera-like plot twist. During a long drag toward the middle of the movie, you can't help but wonder if anything good ever happens to these people. In fact, everyone in the film is unhappy, and they say so in no uncertain terms.

Despite its tendencies to excess,



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The large ensemble cast of Lawrence Kasdan's new film, "Grand Canyon" features (from left to right) Mary-Louise Parker, Mary McDonnell, Kevin Kline, Steve Martin, Danny Glover, and Alfre Woodard. Kasdan's other credits include "The Big Chill" and "Body Heat."

however, "Grand Canyon" is a rich film full of genuine warmth and compassion. Kasdan and his cast make us care about these six people for the duration of the movie. I can't think of anything that would speak more highly in its favor.

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Blues master Willie Dixon dead at 76

Associated Press

BURBANK, Calif. — Blues man "Big" Willie Dixon, whose songs were performed by the Rolling Stones, the Doors, Jimi Hendrix and Elvis Presley, died yesterday. He was 76.

Dixon died of heart failure at St. Joseph Medical Center, said hospital spokeswoman Patty Starkey. He had been in deteriorating health and had been in and out of the hospital since June.

Dixon was born on July 1, 1915, in Vicksburg, Miss., moved to Chicago when he was 17 and quickly became immersed in the fledgling blues scene.

By the time he signed with Chess Records in 1954, Dixon had gained notoriety as an arranger, producer, singer, songwriter and bass player. He was considered a vital link be-

tween the blues and rock 'n' roll.

Dixon's songs were popularized by a wide range of artists. "Little Red Rooster" was recorded by the Rolling Stones and the Doors; "I'm Your Hoochie Coochie Man" was recorded by Hendrix and Muddy Waters; "My Babe" was performed by Presley and the Everly Brothers; and "I Can't Quit You Baby" was recorded by Led Zeppelin and Otis

Rush.

His extensive song list also included "Back Door Man," "Bring It On Home," "Born Too Late," "My Baby," "Insane Asylum," "My Baby," "You Shook Me," "My Hoodoo Doctor," "I Can't Quit You Baby" and "Violent Love."

Dixon's autobiography, "I Am The Blues: The Willie Dixon Story," was published two years ago.

In the late 1930s, Dixon worked with the Five Breezes and by the mid-1940s he formed the Jumps of Jive group. He later formed The Big Three Trio with Leonard Caston and Bernardo Dennis.

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