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Fraternity plans to go dry sooner than later

By Mat Herron
News Editor

After a unanimous vote at a special meeting Monday, the UK chapter of Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity announced it will go alcohol free by Feb. 1.

"There's been a lot of press, which just made us think about it a lot more," said Bill Straub, a marketing senior and president of the chapter.

"One of our main goals is to provide a safe, study-conducive environment to live in. We're by no means saying that our 21-year-old members can't drink, they just can't do it in the house or on chapter grounds."

The fraternity is among the first to voluntarily adopt an alcohol-free policy since the push by national fraternity officers and university administrations after two alcohol-related fraternity deaths during the fall semester.

Last week the UK chapter sent four delegates — Straub, chapter athletics director Jay Tipton, political science sophomore Eric Gustafson and architecture freshman Benjamin Simmons — to a symposium on alcohol-free housing at Memorial Hall. By mid-semester, Phi Gamma Delta might not be the only fraternity that drops the drink.

National officers from the fraternity, along with those from Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta, had already planned to go alcohol-free by July 1, 2000. But as Straub said, "The sooner we do it, the more benefit we'll get."

Bill Martin, executive director of Phi Gamma Delta International who spoke at the symposium, said he was encouraged by the fraternity's speedy decision.

"Whenever a chapter decides to make that transition earlier than our final date," he said, "that indicates to us the chapter recognizes that they can achieve some benefit."

The policy will work to the fraternity's advantage during its spring rush this week, Straub said, because some students cannot take bids because their parents won't let them.

"We're hoping that over time this will help us erase that *(Animal House)* stereotype," he said.

How much rush numbers fluctuate will be difficult to tell, Martin said, but students are out there who want to be part of a Greek organization without having to drink.

The UK chapter "will have a much better opportunity to appeal to the students," Martin said. "There is a significant segment of student population who choose not consider fraternity involvement because of alcohol consumption."

Dean of Students David Stockham applauded the decision, saying he sees positive long-term effects.

"More than anything else, it says there are at least a growing number of national fraternities that believe this is the right way to go," Stockham said.

"This would be very positive magnet for recruiting for this group. How everything will play out in the immediate transition, my crystal ball is no better than anybody else's."

In other news, Phi Sigma Kappa social fraternity's executive committee announced on Sunday it will make all 69 of its national and international chapters alcohol free by July 1, 2000.

The fraternity's executive committee had started a voluntary education program for its chapters to work toward becoming alcohol-free.

"We believe an environment free from alcohol and unlawful drugs is imperative," said Peter J. Nichols, president of the committee.

New board outlines plan for colleges

By Joe Dobner
Staff Writer

Thirteen of the state's 15 community colleges are no longer under UK's control as of last Wednesday.

The new Kentucky Community and Technical College System will gradually assume more control over the colleges and technical schools over the next 18 months, according to the Council on Postsecondary Education.

House Bill 1 from the May special session of the Kentucky Legislature called for the creation of the system.

This bill was in response to a report issued to the Task Force on Postsecondary Education in March of 1997. The report suggested, "supporting regional collaboration and integration of all postsecondary education programs, with a special emphasis on the communi-

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W-I-N-E-R-S UK cheerleaders won their fourth consecutive national title last week. This title, the team's eighth, makes them UK's winningest team.

Something to CHEER about

Cheerleaders capture fourth straight

By Jill Erwin
Senior Staff Writer

For those of you who doubt that cheerleading is a highly competitive sport, take note of the following:

The University of Alabama squad sent various e-mail messages to UK's cheerleaders over the Christmas break, bragging of their new stunts and telling tales of how they were going to wipe the floors with the three-time defending champion Wildcats.

After the Universal Cheerleaders Association competition at Walt Disney World, UK had the bragging rights.

The Wildcats became the first squad to win four straight titles (no other team has even won three in a row) and capturing their eighth overall, and UK gymnasts Brooke Davis and Doug Stithem set a record in winning the Division 1A championship in the partner stunt competition.

"I feel that as long as my squad hits what we go down there with, we by far set the standard," said second-year UK cheerleading coach Saleem Habash. "Yeah, it feels good when other people want to try to talk something, and then we put it in their face."

UK faced an opponent other than an opposing school: its own complacency.

"Before you wanted to win it because it was new," Habash said. "Now it's something you're supposed to do vs. something you want to do."

After winning for the past three years, the group became somewhat lackadaisical in their approach to the competition. It took some mistakes for the team to see what was necessary.

"We had a few performances, and we didn't do

as hot as we normally do," Stithem said. "We had a couple bobbles here, a drop there, and it really made people wake up and realize that we needed to get our stuff together."

"We didn't have a lot of drive to begin with, but a week before we went down there, everything started coming together," Davis said.

"We didn't want to be the team that didn't win and bring back a trophy."

Davis and Stithem put together what UK cheerleading adviser T. Lynn Williamson called "a flawless routine" Thursday night and scored 1,151 out of a possible 1,200 points, the highest score ever recorded in the event.

Williamson said the duo reached a whole new level of respect from the competition with the performance.

"They were kind of looked upon as the king and queen, almost the gods of cheerleading when they finished," Williamson said.

"Things most people couldn't even comprehend, they made look easy."

"It was a new thing. When you go out there, just you and a partner, it adds a little bit of pressure," Stithem said.

"That can be good sometimes. You save some-



thing you normally wouldn't. "We had no idea we'd have the response we did. It was probably the best run-through we've ever had, and we felt like we peaked at the right time."

The Southeastern Conference captured the top three spots with Bama and Tennessee outscoring Nebraska and North Carolina State, a squad who has finished in the top 5 every year since the competition began.

Alabama finished in second place for the second straight year, due in large part to a complete fall they suffered during one of their stunts.

They would have finished in third place behind UT if not for a penalty for the Volunteers going six seconds over their time limit on their cheer.

The competition will air eight times on ESPN. The first showing usually occurs sometime in early March, but no date has been announced.

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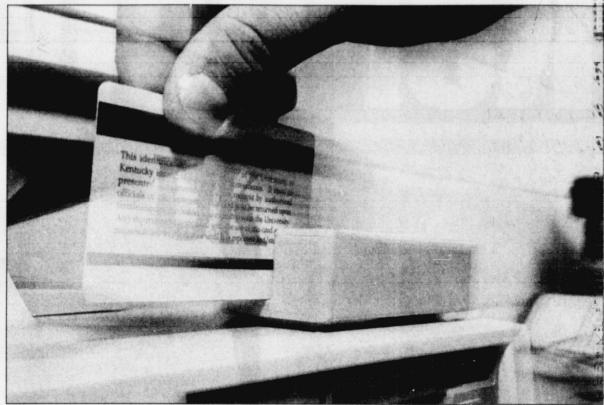
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Students question limit on accounts



GOING FOR BROKE The amount of money allotted for meal cards has been questioned by students who say it's too high.

By Jessica Coy
Staff Writer

"Why do I have to have a meal plan?"

"Why isn't the remaining balance on my Diners Card refunded to me at the end of the semester?"

These are questions many UK students have about the Food Services Diner Card policies.

"I didn't even know that the remaining balance on my meal card wouldn't be refunded to me at the end of the semester," said Jared Hennessey, a marketing sophomore.

"They never explained that to me when I bought the plan, and I didn't see it in any of the papers I received," he said.

Each year the Board of Trustees sets the price for the Diners Club plan, which all UK students living in campus residence halls are required to purchase.

"The \$675 per student figure is the amount that will cover the operating costs of Food Services for one semester," said Chip Carter, manager of the Diner and PLUS Account computer systems.

Food Services is independently operated and funded and have been since its inception. Food Services receive no funding from the University. The mandatory Diners Club program is what keeps it running and allows it to provide the goods and services students demand, he said.

"Nobody makes a profit, and right now we're struggling just to break even," Carter said.

Students living off campus aren't required to purchase a Diners Club plan but might deposit any amount of money into Diners

or PLUS Card accounts.

"Students living off campus always have the option to eat at home," Carter said. "Residence halls don't have kitchens for every student, and the University wants to make sure students are eating properly."

Knowing students living on campus have access to three meals a day alleviates parents' concerns and those of the administration.

"When parents send their children off to college, one of their biggest worries is that their son or daughter won't be eating properly," said Carol Raitz, director of Food Services.

Many students say it's unfair if a student doesn't use the full \$675 during the course of a semester, it goes back into Food Services and is applied toward the department's operating costs. UK can transfer \$50 from the fall to spring semester.

"I don't see why the money doesn't carry over to the next semester," said Shana Carr, a secondary education sophomore. "It just doesn't seem fair for them to take my money."

"Food Services has an unwritten contract with the student body. Our part of the contract is to meet and exceed student's expectations," Raitz said, "and their side of the bargain is to purchase the Diners accounts so that we can continue to operate."

"\$675 may seem like a lot to students, but in fact UK has one of the cheapest meal plans available when compared to other benchmark universities," Raitz said.

According to a '97-'98 benchmark comparison of proposed dining rates compiled by Food Services, Ohio State University charges students \$1,599 and Purdue charges \$2,554.

At the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, meal plans are only mandatory in five out of nine dorms. The students in these dorms pay \$901 a semester.

"The students in the five newest dorms are required to buy the meal plans as part of a debt reduction program," said Jeff Maples, assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Staff. "This program is aimed

at reducing the debt incurred when building the dorms."

The dorms were built in the late 1960s, and the meal plan policy is expected to continue for 10 more years, Maples said.

In 1996 the University of Alabama began requiring every enrolled student to buy a \$200 meal plan. The students protested, because at the end of the semester the unused balance on the meal plan reverted back to the food service program.

Four months after the policy went into effect, the policy was reversed and the leftover balance became fully refundable at the end of the semester.

"At first the students were frustrated because they had no choice about whether or not they actually wanted to buy a meal plan," said Jan Logan, a payroll consultant in the Food Services office at Alabama.

"Now the students are seeing how convenient it is to have the money on their meal card," she said, "and there are few students who have money left on their cards at the end of the semester."

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Schools

'Unique' board tackles college plans

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ty colleges and technical schools."

Prior to consolidation under the system, the state's 26 postsecondary vocational and technical

schools were under the Workforce Development Cabinet. Lexington Community College and Glasgow Community College remain in the UK system because they are located on UK property.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Universities has approved the transition. The SACS, which handles college accreditation throughout the southeast, will revisit the issue next fall.

The system of community and technical colleges creates, in effect, one large, widespread, statewide university.

"Basically the board of regents of KCTCS has the same powers and responsibilities as the boards of regents for the six regional universities," said Ben Carr, former chancellor of the UK Community College System.

Like UK's Board of Regents, the system has 11 votes: Eight sitting members of the KCTCS board are appointed by the governor, four are recommended by the UK Board of Trustees.

Unlike UK's board, the system has 14 members. Because the two separate systems are under one governing body, six members get half a vote each. Whereas the UK board has one faculty, student and staff representative each, the system has two: one from the technical system and one from the Community College System.

"That is somewhat unique," Carr said.

Because the system is statewide, selecting these representatives is challenging. Each segment of the system works differently.

For instance the student body presidents of the 13 community colleges in the system select one president to be the student representative for the Community College System.

Faculty and staff representatives serve for three years, student representatives for one.

The faculty of the Community College System held a referendum through the Internet for the selection of their representative.

"The faculty pretty much know each other," Carr said.

The system's Board of Regents is now tasked with looking for a president for the organization.

In addition to searching for a new president, the system has to set policy for the system.

"They have to develop policies as to how that system is going to operate," Carr said.

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SPORTS

UK hopes a win is in the Cards

Women's hoops take on Louisville in game one of doubleheader

By **Dave Gorman**
Staff Writer

It doesn't matter who is hot and who is not. Throw out the wins, losses and all that jazz. To the average fan the UK vs. Louisville women's matchup tonight at Freedom Hall is one of the biggest rivalries in the state of Kentucky.

For the Cats, it's just another game. "We have to come ready to play just like any other team we come up against this season," UK head coach Bernadette Mattox said. "A lot of these girls have played against each other probably in all-star games. We cannot let our emotions get to us because that will drain you out totally and make you tired. We just really have to take the intensity up a notch."

Louisville first-year co-head coach Martin Clapp disagreed. "We don't need to pump up our players up when we play Kentucky," Clapp said. "I am glad we are playing Kentucky in an out-of-conference game before we play Memphis. So our players won't look past Kentucky toward the Memphis game. This game is also important to both teams' ability to recruit in the area."

His wife is his co-head coach, Sara White. The Cats enter the hyped-up rivalry sporting a 9-8 record. They have already surpassed last season's win total (8) and have been playing consistently aggressive despite losing tri-captain Nikki Hay to academic problems.

Also consider that the Southeastern Conference is home to some of the nation's best teams.

Mattox said she needs everybody to step it up.

"Our young people have taken their games to a whole new level," Mattox said. "With Nikki gone extra help has been needed from everyone."

That help has been pouring in from all sources.

Junior Jaye Barnes has upped her scoring average to 14.9 points per game as well as Laura Meadows, whose ppg has risen to 11.2.

The Wildcats will have to do their best to contain U of L's Sharon Bellamy, a 6-2 junior who is averaging 15.2 ppg who Mattox said can have a huge night in any given game.

If history holds true then it doesn't look good for the Cats. Last time the Cats and the



JAMES CRISP Kernel staff

DETERMINED DENKINS UK center Kim Denkins and the Cats will look for their 10th win of the season when they take on Louisville. Last year the Lady Cards beat UK 64-52.

Lady Cards met, the birds won 64-52.

"We learned a lot that game — it improved us a lot," UK point guard Natalie Martinez said. "We are trying not to think about the rivalry. Just like the Tennessee game we are going to stay focused and concentrate on being intense. It is just like any other game."

Mattox is also happy with the improvement of Katie Vieth, who replaced Kim Denkins as the team's starting center against Tennessee last week. "She is really playing hard," Mattox said. "I said we are going to need everybody to step it up, and she has been doing that. Katie is getting a lot better and going out there aggressive."

SPORTSbytes

Cats dump ECU from schedule

The UK football team has been released from its contract to play a football game at East Carolina on Sept. 12, announced Larry Ivy, UK Senior Associate Director of Athletics.

Ivy is in the process of arranging a replacement for East Carolina. The opponent has not been determined yet, but the game will be played in Commonwealth Stadium in order to achieve the goal of a six-game home schedule.

"We are making the change because it is very important, from a financial standpoint, for us to play six home football games," Ivy said. "We are talking with several schools about playing here but have nothing definite at this point."

Highlighting the 1998 Wildcat schedule is the season-opener at Louisville on Sept. 5. The Wildcats will also make road trips to Florida, Arkansas (Little Rock), Louisiana State and Tennessee.

Indiana, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi State, Vanderbilt and the yet to be determined team will make appearances in Lexington.

Track and field shine

The UK track and field teams completed the Kentucky Invitational with strong performances across the board on both the men's and women's teams this weekend at UK's E.J. Nutter Field House.

Highlighting the meet for the UK women's squad were strong performances from junior Rosshell Russell and freshman Ola Sesay, Valerie Williams and Heidi Quast.

Russell provisionally qualified for the NCAA National Indoor Championships with her first-place performance of 54.58 seconds in the women's 400-meter run. The provisional qualification

time is 54.90, while the automatic standard is 53.10. If Russell does not improve her time, she will only qualify for the NCAA Championships if there are enough spaces left over from runners not hitting the automatic time.

Sesay, who also qualified for the meet's 55-meter hurdles finals, won the women's long jump with her mark of 19 feet and 2.75 inches.

Williams won the women's triple jump with her leap of 40'09.00" while Quast finished third in the shot put with her mark of 44'09.75."

The UK women's squad made it a clean sweep in the 55-meter hurdles when Shonna Johnson, Michelle Williams and Latisha Shittu finished second, third and fourth, respectively.

Shandy Boyd-Pleasant, who was running unattached from a squad, won with her time 7.61. Boyd-Pleasant's time bettered runner-up Johnson by 0.31 seconds.

On the men's squad, Dwight Phillips was UK's top performer in both the men's 55-meter and 200-meter dash. Phillips won the 200-meter with his time of 21.72, but fell second to Casey Combest in the 55-meter dash. Combest, who was running unattached, edged out the Wildcat with his 6.34 time to Phillips' 6.35 seconds.

The Wildcats will see their next action in two weeks in the Rod McCray Memorial, hosted by UK.

Men's tennis eliminated

The UK men's tennis team was shut-out on day three of competition at the Southeastern Conference Indoor Championships this weekend.

UK's No. 3 Cedric Kauffmann, who advanced to the semifinals, fell to the tournament's second-seeded player Mississippi's Sebastian DeChauxac, 6-4, 7-5.

UK will host Miami (Ohio) and Morehead State in its home opener Jan. 31 at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center.

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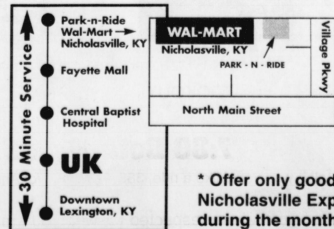


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- (2) At least two 300 (or higher) level courses outside the major department or principal area of concentration;
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- (5) Satisfactory completion of the lower division ("non-major") requirements for either the BA or BS degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (May graduates may be currently enrolled in one required course).

Should you know of an individual who may meet these requirements, please urge that person to come to Room 715 Patterson Office Tower (Mathematics) to pick up an application. In order to be considered, nominations (for an application to be mailed) must be received no later than Friday, January 30, 1998, with the application due back to the above named office by Friday, February 13, 1998.

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Richardson teaches more than basketball

Progress? Sure I understand progress. Wayne Turner is 7-for-8 from the free-throw line since the Mississippi State game.

Now that's what I call progress. Says he's not shooting across his body anymore. Changed his shooting motion. Took him a lot of time in the gym, I'll bet. Pays off, though.



Jay G. Tate
 Sports Columnist

Same thing for Nazr Mohammed. What was it that South Carolina coach Eddie Fogler was saying about him? Something about how he'll be endorsing scholarships in a few years?

I thought progress was a concept I understood. Progress means players get better. Teams improve. UK starts hitting its free-throws. Opponents' rebounding slows to a crawl.

That's what I called progress.

Until I heard Nolan Richardson after Saturday's game.

Sure, reporters heard the usual stuff for a little while. His team played well. They wanted the last shot. They got it, but couldn't hit it. Of course, there's no such thing as a moral victory — it's either a "W" or an "L." Sure he likes Tubby. But on the court, Richardson wants to beat his brains out.

Someone asked him about Tubby taking the UK job.

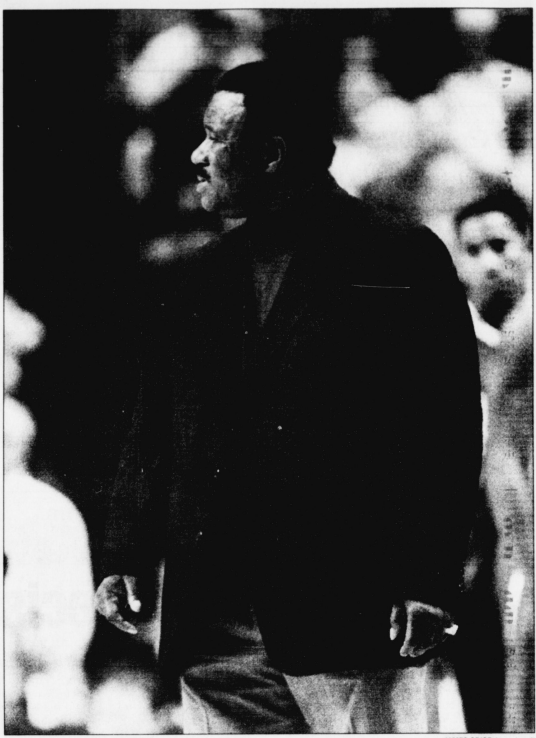
Then I started learning.

"The greatest feeling in the world is what happened here at Kentucky," Richardson said. "To know what it was like in the South and to know that I had gone to places like Centenary and was taken off the floor because they had (rules) allowing no blacks on the floor. And the hatred and bigotry that took place at that time."

"And to see (Smith's hiring) and to see Rick Pitino take a basically all-black basketball team and win a national championship with them — you've got to stop and think, 'Hey, I was here and I saw some things that weren't the same.'"

See, I never saw those things. I never went into a gym and had to leave my African-American teammates behind because they weren't permitted. Richardson was that teammate when his Texas Western (now called Texas-El Paso) team — a squad just a few years from beating UK for the national championship — traveled to Centenary in the early '60s.

"What was it like when you walk out on the floor and your college coach, who happens to be white, walks up to you and says, 'Hey, you can't play on the floor, Son. So we've got to send you back home,'" Richardson lamented.



HISTORY TEACHER Arkansas head coach Nolan Richardson knows the real definition of progress. He has seen progress in Kentucky when it comes to racism.

I never got sent home. I was never excluded from a basketball trip because of my race. The reason I wasn't on that bus was because I was a poor player. I couldn't run. I couldn't jump. I couldn't even think through the plays like I should have.

But Richardson could. And he wasn't allowed the chances.

"You think I don't want to skin my skin off? 'But it's changed. Thank God it's changed.'"

Yes, thankfully, things have changed since Richardson and hundreds like him were turned away from the chances they had earned decades ago.

Richardson was one of the first black coaches to rise to national prominence. Though Tubby Smith earned respect with his near-miraculous efforts at Tulsa, it was Richardson who put the program on the map in the early '80s.

The National Basketball Association, long dominated by white players like George Mikan, Bob Cousy, Billy Cunningham, Dolph Schayes, Bob Pettit and Paul Arizin,

now gives African-American players proper accommodation and accreditation among its ranks.

Of the 50 players selected by the NBA as the best ever in 1996, 32 are African-American. Modern-day black players have the game's older athletes — greats like Bill Russell and Wilt Chamberlain — to thank for their success.

For many of those older players, basketball wasn't a get-in-the-gym-and-go affair. It was an acceptance of African-American players was far from reality during the NBA's infancy.

Players like Russell and Chamberlain did more than their average Dennis Rodman — they instead championed the sport and the African-American cause before it was cool.

Somewhere along that road of equality upon which we travel today was a young Texas Western player who refused to back down on his dreams.

Perhaps no one out of the ordinary. Just one of a thousand others who withstood the taunts and the negativity and made it to that place he wanted to go.

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Sports Editor Jay G. Tate is a journalism senior.

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CAMPUS

SGA focuses on spring semester projects

Student Memorial Room to be dedicated in April

By Michael Overman
Staff Writer

Some funds from the Student Government Association, collected by this semester's tuition, will go toward providing a book rack connected with the UK website, a campus childcare program and several committees to make college life a little bit easier.

One way SGA will ease tension among students is by creating the LINKS program.

The service will connect students to scholars in their respective field and help them either find the right graduate school or

get a job.

"Alumni who have recently graduated as well as those who have become distinguished in their own fields, will serve as the primary networking connections for the students," said Melanie Cruz, SGA president.

SGA will also create three committees to deal with the effects of the move from Margaret I. King to the new W.T. Young Library, which opens in March.

Each committee will comprise of five to 10 students, said Cruz, who will nominate students for the committees and submit the list to President Charles Wethington.

Wethington will make the final decision on who the members will be.

These committees will also include faculty advisers and administrative assistants to ensure smooth operation.

Another committee will be made to design the titles and slogan to be engraved on the plaque placed outside of the student Memorial Room in the new library.

"It's huge," Cruz said, "and it will all be devoted to students who have died while at the same time attending UK."

The Memorial Room will be dedicated some time after the April 3 dedication of the whole library and will probably take place by the end of the semester.

A new committee is being formed to evaluate the student and need for campus childcare.

Jim Kuder, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, will head up the committee, which will meet with the administration over the course of the semester.

SGA said it wants the childcare program to receive state, federal and/or city government funding.

Administrators and SGA members Joe Schuler, executive director of Academic Affairs, and Tania Esposito will sit on the committee.

SGA hopes other community members might get involved in this endeavor.

Chancellor Elisabeth Zinser has said she wants the evaluation completed in a "fast and accurate" manner.

SGA is also working with Dean of Students David Stockham to devise a Diversity Workshop Study Circle. Produced by a national foundation, this workshop will

make a study circle out of 40 students. Stockham will choose the members based on academic standing, interests in diversity studies and other extracurricular activities.

While the workshop will last for two years, this semester's group will on a trial basis.

In the area of financial aid, SGA traditionally wants scholarships that have been awarded based on academic merit to also be given based on financial need. Officers plan to invite Gov. Paul Patton and Senators Tim Shaugnessy and David Karem to forums.

SGA officials will meet with the Council on Postsecondary Education on April 16, to discuss the current tuition policy.

"The policies of most other universities equivalent to UK do

not have formulas for raising tuition, let alone have their respective state governments regulate the tuition hikes," Cruz said. "Hopefully we can make some headway concerning the regulation of tuition."

To voice your concerns and make comments about tuition policies, the association is opening up an 800 number that should be running in the next few weeks.

SGA has also made plans to increase campus safety.

Cruz said officers have met with Chancellor Elisabeth Zinser and other administrators "to boost the escort program, make care packages for rape victims and expand the shuttle services to the weekends so that people don't have to worry about driving after they've been drinking."

Speak Out forum looks at Roe vs. Wade decision

By Brandy Carter
Staff Writer

The Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion, will be the subject of a Speak Out this week.

The forum honors the 25th anniversary of the verdict and will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Lexington Public Library on Main Street.

The speak out is sponsored by Planned Parenthood, the UK chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Organization for Women.

The evening will begin with speakers from UK's College of Law, politicians and doctors sharing their views on reproductive choice, followed by the film *If These Walls Could Talk*.

The goal of the event is to have people who support the right to choose share their opinions and learn about the new abortion legislation.

The impact of the Roe v. Wade decision is still affecting many lives today.

"The decision has changed things to the extent that it still exists 25 years later despite great opposition abortions are still legal," said Jennifer Segal, an

assistant political science professor.

"Since the decision was made many court cases have whittled away the power of the decision it continues to allow for a procedure that many disagree with," she said.

Among the topics to be discussed is state legislature Bill 214, which would extend the list of people to give parental consent to clergy, physicians, social workers, counselors and other relatives. Another bill would require a 24-hour waiting period before having an abortion.

"The proposed legislation is unnecessary because it's a decision that women think about for days and weeks prior to the procedure," said Lisa Smith-Peters, public affairs and legislative coordinator at Planned Parenthood of Lexington.

"The waiting period is unnecessary because women have already been thinking about it for five times longer than the proposed waiting period," Smith-Peters said.

Planned Parenthood counselors have witnessed firsthand the impact of the Roe v. Wade case on many women's lives.

"The decision is never made

easily. Women weigh their options very carefully," said Ri Gleason, education director of Planned Parenthood.

"Women are the most stressed prior to the procedure but we haven't seen adverse reactions to the procedure. For many women, their views change when they themselves are put into that position."

Event organizers said they expect to see anti-abortion advocates at the anniversary celebration.

"We hope that they will be peaceful and constructive not aggressive," said Eddy Thompson, president of UK ACLU. "We hope that people will become more educated on the underlying issues of the case so that they can make educated choices."

The upcoming anniversary of Roe v. Wade has prompted many students to reflect on their own views.

"I don't feel the decision will be overturned because I would fight for the right to do it," said Mary Himbaugh, an arts administration junior. "Women should have the right to decide what to do with their bodies, even though I don't support it."

LexTran offers free route for students

By Jennifer Metcalf
Staff Writer

You can avoid the pre-ride scramble for change on bus fares next month.

LexTran is offering free bus service during February on its new Nicholasville Express Route. The route loops through Lexington into Nicholasville, and includes stops at Central Baptist Hospital, Fayette Mall and Wal-Mart.

This deal mainly targets UK students and Nicholasville residents who work in Lexington who normally use other methods of transportation. LexTran hopes to hook new riders for future service and intends to draw attention to the "Park and Ride" feature, designated at the Nicholasville Wal-Mart. "Park and Ride" allows riders to park close to the Wal-Mart and then ride the bus for the remainder of their commute.

"I think it's an excellent idea," said Laura Schwei, an engineering senior. "It will be worthwhile for students."

"It would be great," said John Harris, a business junior. "A lot of college students don't have cars, so we have limited access to transportation."

Students may find the route convenient, especially if they hold a job or frequently commute for appointments or errands. The route covers areas commonly visited by students.

"That could be helpful for people like me who don't have a car because pretty much everything is on Nicholasville Road," said Annie Wallace, a family studies junior.

LexTran Marketing Director Jenny Williams said she is optimistic that the free service will attract long-term riders.

"Once people see how easy it is to use, they will be more likely to ride it," she said.

When choosing new routes, Williams said, "it depends what needs are."

Although the free service lasts only until the end of February, LexTran riders will still enjoy savings after that time.

LexTran's new route also has a less expensive monthly fare compared to its traditional routes.

After February, riders pay only \$50 for a 30-day ticket for unlimited bus service, a \$10 savings over bus fares for other routes. Daily prices are two dollars per trip, and weekly tickets cost \$15. LexTran provides reduced fares for seniors and disabled riders, and children always ride for free.

The Nicholasville Express Route runs on an hourly schedule during weekday and Saturday mornings and afternoons. For a bus schedule or more information, contact LexTran at 253-INF0.

Syracuse scientists unravel HIV strain

By Delana Peregrin
Daily Orange

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — One Syracuse University professor and his graduate assistant recently unlocked the mystery to the structure of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.


Philip Borer, an associate professor of chemistry, and Lucia Pappalardo, a fifth-year biophysics doctoral student, discovered the structure of the packaging complex of HIV, the section of the virus' genetic material that controls its reproduction, Borer said.

With this new knowledge, pharmaceutical companies will be able to develop a new line of drugs to combat AIDS, he said.

"(The companies) could design a new inhibitor drug," Borer said, explaining that in combination with other AIDS drugs, a new drug could stop the HIV virus from reproducing within the body.

Borer said he began his study for the packaging complex structure in the spring of 1995 after hearing a speech by Mike Summers, a professor at the University of Maryland.

"In order to really move drug design along, we really needed information on how the protein interacted with the (RNA)," Summers said. "We're on cloud nine."




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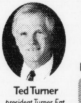
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Stoner movie leaves much to be desired

By Luke Saladin
Assistant Entertainment Editor

People often use the expression "The grass is greener on the other side." Never was this statement more true than in the case of *Half-Baked*. What's the other side? It doesn't matter because this film is a wasteland of corporate film making.

From a demographic standpoint, *Half-Baked* has two audiences: those who smoke marijuana, and those who don't. The critical flaw in *Half-Baked* lies in its determination to appease both demographics.

The film makes little effort to exploit the extensive catalogue of oddities associated with the popular, yet in many ways esoteric,

marijuana lifestyle.

At the same time *Half-Baked* placates the masses in hopes of making the film a viable commercial product. And unless your pants are like to give you a heart-to-heart over a nice fat dope stick, you remain under the assumption that smoking weed constitutes an underground activity.

Half-Baked brings us into the cloudy and surreal world of four friends who took their first tokes just before high school and as a result, they don't remember

graduating.

The friends, Thurgood, Brian, Kenny and Scarface, only like to do three things: smoke joints, smoke bowls and take hits from bonges with cute little names like Billy Bob. And when smoking weed, you expect the munchies.

One evening Kenny draws the all important and daunting job of ascertaining the munchies after a dogmatic weed smoking ceremony. All goes smoothly until he sees a lonely looking police horse and decides to feed it his entire stock of munchies. As luck would have it, the horse has a diabetic reaction and dies, giving Kenny the title of "Cop Killer."

Thurgood, Brian and Scarface are now faced with the problem of raising the funds to get Kenny out of jail before he becomes an unruly inmate personal "bitch."

The Solution: sell an experimen-

mental form of super-weed that Thurgood (Dave Chappelle) graciously liberates from the pharmaceutical company.

Throw in a conventional love story between Thurgood and the daughter of a drug dealer, and you have what amounts to nothing more than a few skits woven into a stock story-line, which are occasionally funny.

Jim Breuer, better known from his work on "Saturday Night Live", stands alone as the only marginally funny character in the film. He plays Brian, the classic stereotype for a life-long pot smoker, complete with a tie-dye shirt and a pouch of Jerry Garcia's ashes around his neck.

For a subject with such potential for satire, this one went up in smoke. A good Cheech-and-Chong film should be substituted for this salute to lower mediocrity.

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'heart' of darkness

Band sounds good on first LP

By Brian R. Gilbert
Senior Staff Critic

Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The answer to that question is found within 30 minutes of feature, genre expanding, bone crushing hardcore provided by South Florida's most promising act, Shai Hulud. This full-length follow-up to their debut album, *A Profound Hatred of Man*, is more proof that this band is quite intelligent, and knows exactly where the future of hard-core music lies.

Hearts Once Nourished With Hope and Compassion is extremely effective in showcasing the music writing talents of this band. Combining the best elements of old-school hard-core and the layered technical aspects of heavy metal, Shai Hulud offers a mature sound that is far more complex than that of other hard-core acts of today. In addition to the music, Chad Gilbert provides gut-wrenching vocals that convey the sincere and emotional tones of the band's lyrics.

The most effective and noticeable trait of Shai Hulud is present in the opening track "Solely Concentrating On the Negative Aspects of Life." Immediately one is immersed into a turbulent world of anger and pain. The heaviness of the music and the growing vocals inform the listener of the album's dreadful mood, but halfway through the song one is surprised to hear a break in the thickness and intensity as melodic guitar seems to shine through the sounds of despair.

It is this delightful deception that makes Shai Hulud stand out from the crowd. The ornate and refined combination of musical styles, in tandem with a concentrated emotional level, makes *Hearts Once Nourished* a special record.

Another track effectively demonstrating the band's ability is "Outside the Boundaries of a Friend." Filled with many tempo changes and guitars chords that seem to be doing battle with each other, this song works like an epic novel. There is a definite sense of an introduction, body, climax and resolution.

During the song, guitarists Matt Fox and Oliver Chapoy seem to be in opposition as one provides a thick crunch while the other adds a layered melody. Although the contrasting sounds seem to disagree, they fit perfectly in the song. It is the fervent struggle between heavy and melodic which brings to mind the battle of protagonist and antagonist in a novel. The incredibly tight rhythm section of drummer Steve Kleisath and bassist Dave Silber flawlessly hold the chaos in check throughout this song and the rest of the album.

The messages present in *Hearts Once Nourished* are not friendly. Shai Hulud lets one know time and again that it is not happy with the way the world works. The brutal *A Profound Hatred of Man* emphasizes the band's target: humanity. From "My Heart Bleeds the Darkest Blood" to "Beliefs and Obsessions" Shai Hulud lashes out at such social practices as religion and friendship, and questions concepts such as love,

conformity and acceptance.

Unlike most dissenters and pessimists, Shai Hulud does see a light through the darkness. Stating on the "Solely Concentrating On the Negative Aspects of Life" track that "Things will change, and I will be the catalyst to weed out the weak and beget strength of character."

Hearts Once Nourished With Hope and Compassion is the most original and entertaining hardcore album to be released in a while.

Shai Hulud has proven itself with a solid full-length that breaks boundaries and moves hard-core to a new level.

Superb engineering and mixing by Morrisound Studios and exceptional performances from each band member construct this quality release. The only negative is that the album is too short. Although this may have been intentional, as the band leaves audiences craving for more.



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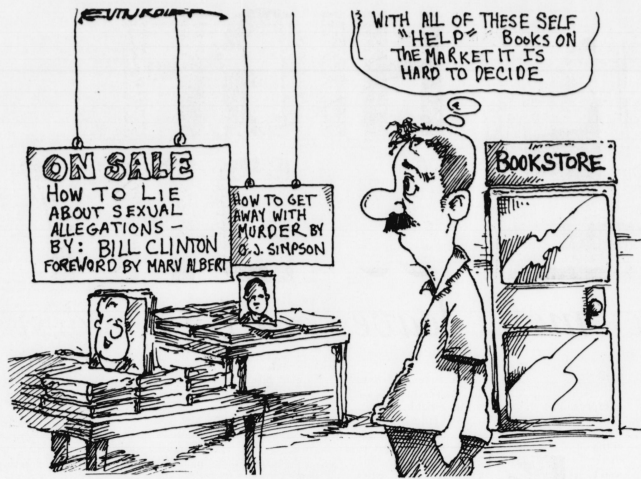
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Demon seed

We would love to have someone else do our work for us.

There are days when we are tired, too busy or frankly too lazy to go to our waiting job, to the car wash to scrub down someone's Pinto or to sit in a computer lab and listen to students who can't use a printer properly.

Getting someone to do it for us is not easy, so Richard Seed has someone in mind for everyone — yourself. Not so confusing is when you clone yourself to make sure all your work gets done.

But something screws up in the lab and when you believe you've just created your own best friend (who happens to be yourself), a thing resembling the elephant man looks back at you and cries "Hello Mommy."

Cloning isn't all bad, though. We see the medical positives in cloning-related research. The ability to grow replacement organs, mend spinal-cord injuries and better treat infertility are just a few of the many facts science could thank cloning for.

But there are those in both the political and scientific community that say an all-out ban is the proper step, not simply because of the moral issues

the process raises, but because of the medical catastrophes that could incur.

Dolly, the cute and lovable lamb clone from a year ago, was created after 277 tries. It is those 277 mistakes that have Congressmen and legislators in dozens of states quaking in their penny loafers, rushing to sign any piece of legislation that bans cloning completely.

This is bad and for one obvious and unavoidable reason. In haste, we worry about the broad wording that could be used to hinder the research already in progress or research that could be enhancing to the betterment of science.

Florida is a case where this has been proven to true. A bill was proposed making any cloning of human DNA a felony.

However, it is well-known that cloning human genetic material is standard practice in genetics research, the making of critical medicines and even police DNA fingerprinting.

We hope that strict federal regulation, not an all-out ban, will be the outcome of the debate between whether cloning is Frankenstein's monster or just human nature.

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READERS' forum

Arena funding would hurt other campus projects

To the editor:

UK's television news report had public relations frontmen soliciting funding for the much needed renovation of Guignol Theatre. Important University projects panhandle while the UK Athletic Association threatens taxpayers with enslavement to bonds due from Lexington's building Rupp Arena primarily for UK.

What kind of parking nightmare around UK did Rupp Arena relieve? And does UK remember the cost of housing and neighborhoods Rupp and Rupp's parking lots cost Lexington? Does UK remember Lexington's good faith (poor judgment) bonding of your library and "high profit" rezoning of your South Farm on Nicholasville Road or was that

"blackmail" too? What is the true cost to academics of \$93 million plus sports spending.

UK's new arena (or purchase of Rupp) pushes only corporate and political skyboxes for control of more money, as if their current millions are not enough while under-educating, manipulating and deceiving naive sports fans.

Giving scholarships is not enough support for excellence in education. Especially while threatening consumers with higher prices on corporate products to pay for corporate skyboxes and with buying politicians votes with special access to tickets and skyboxes.

Donors to any UK project should base their giving on the University and its Athletic Association's responsible and moral behavior. Or call President Wehington and C.M. Newton! UK needs to become a more intelligent and better neighbor.

Don B. Pratt
Lexington resident

AOL doesn't protect its users

To the editor:

As a user of the internet service America Online, I trust them to keep their promise that my confidential account information will be kept just that — CONFIDENTIAL.

Now I hear that AOL allegedly provided the Navy access to confidential customer information of a sailor and that the Navy is using that information to discharge the man, who they accuse of being gay.

AOL then added insult to injury by kicking the sailor off their service because he was e-mailing other members asking for their help. AOL called his messages chain letters that violates their terms of service. It sounds more like censorship to me. AOL wants to prevent knowledge of this incident from reaching their millions of members.

Alan L. Light
Iowa City, Iowa

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Madman tackles Mother Nature with a test tube

Richard Seed may yet create his own army of clones

Readers headlines can be a surreal experience. This month especially so. Not only was Sonny Bono canonized as the patron saint of skiing, but a notion most of us had previously presumed to be science fiction is now being discussed as science fact.

By now, everyone knows Richard Seed (or Dick Seed to his friends) is planning to clone a human being sometime in the next two years. Taking for granted that this is possible, I think we need to ask ourselves whether or not it is even desirable.

I mean, didn't anybody out there see *Gattaca*? The experiments Seed proposes carry with them horrible implications. One year ago, we were all entranced by the Macarena. Are we as a society really ready to unlock the secrets of life itself?

Unleashing that kind of knowledge on humanity is not unlike giving a 3-year-old a hand grenade for Christmas. Sure, it may seem like a good idea at first, but who wants to clean up the mess afterwards.

This already disturbing news becomes even more so when one hears Seed's philosophical rantings. I'm paraphrasing here, but the man says something to the effect that man would at last be one with God.

I can picture Seed standing beside his creation bellowing "It's alive!" as thunder claps in the background.

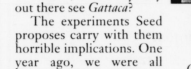
Perhaps most unnerving of all is Seed's motivation. He claims he's doing this to benefit infertile couples. But the world is already starving down a tremendous overpopulation problem as it is.

Do we really want to do provide another avenue for people too selfish to adopt?

I don't have any numbers before me at the moment (because that would mean doing research), but I know there are lots of children in the world who are not being cared for.

Doesn't it make more sense for prospective parents to take on some of these children rather than burdening the world with more mouths to feed?

With options such as fertility drugs and artificial insemination



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already available, it is hardly necessary to offer the possibility of exact genetic duplicates of an infertile person.

Why should science take it upon itself to perpetuate an already faulty gene pool?

Hey, if you can't procreate, maybe that's nature's way of telling you something!

What's more, of all the people I've ever known, I have yet to meet anyone so spectacular that the world would benefit from having an exact duplicate running around.

With the possible exception of Cameron Diaz, I think one copy of anyone is all the world can handle.

Rather than spending our resources finding ways to make more people, I think we should be looking for ways to get rid of all the worthless ones already here. I'm not suggesting anything inhumane, maybe just shooting them off into space where they can fend for themselves.

Now a lot of you may be wondering how we would nominate candidates for a one-way ticket into the great unknown. I think if we're all honest with ourselves, we can agree on a few clear-cut guidelines for gauging the uselessness of an individual.

Criminals seem like an obvious first choice. Prisons are overrun with repeat offenders. I say, three strikes and we launch you into space.

Other viable candidates include:

- Viewers of "The Nanny"
 - UK administrators
 - The Spice Girls
 - Anyone who knows Capt. Kirk's locker combination from episode no. 43
 - People who've spotted Elvis
 - Celebrities whose ex-wives have been killed out of love
- And this is really just the beginning. If we put our minds to it, I'm sure we could rid this planet of all its undesirables.
- If we get the population down low enough, we can clone to our heart's content. Soon the world could be completely populated by an elite gene pool of geniuses just like Seed.
- Just don't include my genes anywhere in that equation. One, I don't want to live in a world where everyone is the same. And two, I think the world has enough smartasses already.

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INFORMED SOURCES "THEY CAN go ahead and press charges against me. I have nothing to hide. If I had to do it over again, I'd do it. It's a matter of free speech."

Brenda Duncan, on charges of lewd conduct that may be brought against her for allegedly mooning a group of abortion protesters in front of her home.

Saddam has found our weakness and it's in our jeans

It is the age old question women ask men to find out what type of man they really are.

Now it is not what size shoe they wear, what their middle name is, if they are afraid of the dark or if they watch "Days of Our Lives."

Of course, the true test of one's masculinity is whether he wears boxers or briefs.

I myself, being the '90s guy I am, prefer boxers. Some might argue that if you wear boxers then you are hiding your package behind baggy underpants.

The fact is that if you have the good (a big package) then boxers are the way to go if you want to showcase man's best friend.

Briefs simply suppress the size of one's manhood. Sure they provide support when you're out playing ball, but it's almost like it shrinks everything together. Even

worse, briefs lower your sperm count and that's a fact!

When I wear boxers I feel like a free bird flying about in the bright sunny skies, instead of a caged bird in a cold, dark room.

I mean think about it. Who actually looks good in briefs?

No matter how perfect your body is, briefs just end up making you look more feminine than Richard Simmons.

Briefs make you more prone to wedgies and the only way to get out of a wedgie is to actually pick it out with your hand which is really embarrassing.

If you get one then just do that thing where you sit down in a chair and kind of give it a lap dance. You know what I mean.

Plus I wearing briefs is like a girl wearing grandma underwear. Guys wear box-

ers and girls wear thongs, simple as that. It's OK if women get wedgies.

That's sexy.

Most girls tell me I look good in boxers. I mean most girls say that guys look good in boxers. Yesterday practically every girl I asked said that they think guys look sexier in boxers.

It is a sign of true manhood. It shows you have moved on past the years of wearing those little skimpy firemen briefs your mommy gave you.

You remember when she used to tell you not to worry if you pee in your pants because you could always say the firemen were putting out a fire. Maybe that was just me.

If you are wearing boxers then you can cover up whatever kind of a farmer's tan you have.

Creating the illusion that your thighs and buttox are not white as snow. Or if you have chicken legs then the boxers dis-

guise the true you.

Of course, the economic implications cannot be forgotten. After all boxers are easier to make. So if you want to save all of those child laborers in the Kathy Lee Gifford sweatshops for K-mart then do yourself, your future wife and kids a favor and wear boxers.

Our briefs have more elastic than boxers for obvious reasons, including that oh-so-horrible-hugging feeling. Elastic is made from rubber and that is attained from overseas.

So if you purchase briefs then you are stepping on the necks of every American worker that makes boxers. You can no longer call yourself an American if you support the foreigners and their briefs.

What they are actually doing is trying to get the entire United States to wear briefs so that our sperm count will drop along with the population.

That is when they plan to attack us

because we will, of course, be outmanned.

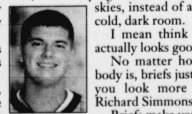
Did you know President Bill Clinton wears boxers? He is the one we should all look up to as our hero, rather than Michael Jordan, who wears briefs.

The only reason Jordan has become a traitor is because Saddam Hussein threatened his life. So now he is trying to steal the nation's spotlight from Clinton and get everybody to "Be Like Mike" so that he can't be found.

Saddam had this all planned out. "Be Like Mike, wear Hanes briefs and lower your sperm count, so the population will go down ... then I can slowly take over the world."

We American citizens can not give in to the evil pressures of the "Beast in the Middle East." Be strong, live long, wear boxers, not briefs.

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SPORTS



Every Wednesday the Kentucky Kernel sports department will provide an analysis of the week's news in and around the Southeastern Conference. Six teams will be featured as part of the SEC Close-Up.

Florida Gators (9-6)

Some may consider a home loss to Louisiana State inexcusable but the Gators had a legitimate excuse for a 62-59 loss last Saturday — ending the Bayou Bengals' 17-game Southeastern Conference road losing streak.

The Gators were without leading scorer Jason Williams who averages almost 16 points a game. Williams was suspended for the game because of "immature behavior."

"His conduct was a little bit detrimental to the team from the standpoint that he was thinking too much about himself and how he was performing instead of winning," said Florida head coach Billy Donovan.

"He needed to get away from our team a little bit."

Donovan added, "For the first time in his life expectations were so high on him and I don't think he handled that very well."

Donovan mentioned an instance where Williams refused to come to the Gators' huddle during a timeout in Florida's 89-84 loss at Arkansas' Bud Walton Arena last Wednesday.

Williams was reinstated Monday when he scored 15 points and dished out five assists in the Gators' 75-69 win against Jacksonville.



Donovan

Georgia Bulldogs (8-8)

It continues to get worse in Georgia where the Bulldogs are (0-4) in the SEC after a 68-60 loss to South Carolina on Sunday.

The Bulldogs haven't started (0-4) in the SEC since 1977. "I try to not to make very many changes in our program, especially with our style of play," Jirsa said.

"These kids won 24 games last year so we don't want to change many things."

The Bulldogs returned all five starters from last year's 24-9 team but a 24-win season this year is virtually impossible for the 8-8 Bulldogs.

Georgia has been competitive with top programs but the Bulldogs haven't been able to pull off key wins. Georgia lost to North Carolina in overtime, to Stanford by a bucket and lost in single digits to UK and South Carolina.

"Right now we have to have a little more continuity in our offense," Jirsa said.

"When we get a lead like we did against South Carolina, we have to take advantage of the lead."

A little defense wouldn't hurt Georgia either.

The Bulldogs are at the very bottom when it comes to defense, giving up an average of 78 points per game.



Jirsa

Vanderbilt Commodores (14-4)

The Commodores continue to be successful because of some terrific shooting. Four Vandy starters are shooting better than 50 percent from the field and the most impressive of those is Drew Maddux.

The senior sharpshooter leads the SEC with over 18 points per game and he lifted the Commodores in victories over Alabama and Mississippi State last week.

Against Alabama Maddux scored a career-high 33 points, including 6-of-9 from beyond the arc. He chipped in 22 points against Mississippi State.

For the week, he shot 63 percent from the field and 53 percent from three-point range, and was named SEC Player of the Week for his efforts.

"He's just a great kid and really leads this team well," said Vanderbilt head coach Jan Van Breda Kolff.

Although the Commodores have some terrific shooters, their defense isn't terrific. Vanderbilt is 10th in the SEC in defense and last in rebounding.

Despite the defensive struggles the Commodores are 14-4, their best start under Van Breda Kolff.

Vanderbilt has a few days rest before a Saturday battle at Florida.



Maddux

Auburn Tigers (11-4)

54-point wins are rarely associated with Auburn basketball but on Sunday the Tigers pulled off probably the most surprising result in the SEC this far.

It's no surprise Auburn beat rival Alabama but a 94-40 drubbing is very surprising. The win for the Tigers was the biggest SEC win for the Tigers in school history. It was also Auburn's largest win in Beard-Eaves Coliseum history.

"If you play like that everyday where everything goes right for you, you're probably going to have a pretty good game," said Auburn head coach Cliff Ellis.

"It's something that you so rarely see happen and it may not happen again. You can't explain those types of things."

Auburn has never seen that before and I don't know if we'll ever see that again."

Ellis added, "If I knew what happened I'd try and figure it out 30 years ago. But I really don't have any explanation as to what happened on Sunday."

Auburn had a terrific shooting day, hitting 66.7 percent from three-point range. The Tigers' 14 three-pointers was one short of the school record.

The Tigers get two big tests this week when they face Arkansas tonight and South Carolina on Saturday.

Tennessee Volunteers (11-3)

Before last Saturday, Tennessee really hadn't beaten any quality squads. But a 77-67 win over then-No. 11 Ole Miss gave the Vols some legitimacy.

Tennessee needed career nights from three Vols to pull off the upset. C.J. Black pulled down a career-high 13 rebounds, Isiah Victor scored a career-high 16 points and Rashard Lee scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for his first career double-double.

It was the Volunteers' first win over a ranked opponent in two years.

"We're capable of beating anybody, it's just a matter of actually doing it," said Tennessee head coach Jerry Green.

The Volunteers have been hampered by devastating injuries this season.

Both Charles Hathaway and Torrey Harris are gone for the season, two starters from last year. Despite the injuries Tennessee has won 7-of-10 games and are receiving votes in the various Top 25 polls.

It might be reality check time for the Volunteers this week. They travel to South Carolina tonight and take on UK Saturday.

No. 18 Arkansas Razorbacks (14-3)

After a solid performance against UK, the Razorbacks get the honor of traveling to Auburn tonight.

While Beard-Eaves Coliseum has never had the recognition of the "House of Doom," the Tigers pummeled Alabama by 54 points and that has Arkansas concerned.

"I watched the game on Sunday and what I saw was scary," said head coach Nolan Richardson.

"It was very impressive to watch. I don't think any team in the country would have gone into Auburn on Sunday and won. No one."

Richardson added, "I don't think there was any way. I just hope they're not like that when we go in there and I hope it's out of their system."

Arkansas has lost two of its last three trips to Auburn.

The Razorbacks' Pat Bradley continues to be impressive. Bradley scored 26 points against the Wildcats, including six three-pointers.

Bradley now has 225 career three-pointers, which puts him third on the school's list, one behind former Hog Todd Day.

Bradley became the 21st Arkansas player to reach the 1,000 milestone.



Richardson

Associated Press top 25

Rank	School (first-place votes)	Points	Last
1	Duke (50)	1,729	2
2	No. Carolina (14)	1,672	1
3	Kansas (3)	1,550	3
4	Utah	1,501	4
5	Stanford (1)	1,466	7
6	Arizona	1,447	5
7	Kentucky	1,391	6
8	Connecticut	1,235	10
9	UCLA	1,082	8
10	Iowa	1,028	13
11	Princeton	1,013	12
12	Purdue	976	9
13	Ole Miss	838	11
14	South Carolina	718	14
15	Syracuse	696	115
16	Michigan	681	19
17	New Mexico	627	115
18	Arkansas	478	22
19	Xavier, Ohio	399	18
20	Florida State	394	17
21	Cincinnati	344	--
22	Rhode Island	305	20
23	West Virginia	302	21
24	Hawaii	225	24
25	Clemson	120	--

Southeastern Conference statistics

SEC Leaders

Scoring*

1. Drew Maddux, (Vanderbilt), 18.2
2. BJ McKie (South Carolina), 17.9
3. Ansu Sesay (Ole Miss), 17.4
4. Horatio Webster (MSU), 17.3
5. Jason Williams (Florida), 15.8

Rebounds*

1. Nick Davis (Arkansas), 11.5
2. Tyrone Washington (MSU), 9.5
3. Bryant Smith (Auburn), 8.3
4. Demetrius Alexander (Ala.), 7.9
5. Nazr Mohammed (UK), 7.6
9. Scott Padgett (UK), 7.1

Assists*

1. Jason Williams (Florida), 6.5
2. Atiba Prater (Vanderbilt), 5.7
3. Detrick White (MSU), 5.5
4. Kareem Reid (Arkansas), 5.4
5. Doc Robinson (Auburn), 4.8
10. Wayne Turner (UK), 3.8
11. Allen Edwards (UK), 3.4
17. Jeff Sheppard (UK), 3.0

*per game averages

SEC Eastern division

	OFFENSE					DEFENSE						
	overall	SEC	last 10	Home	Away	PPG	SEC Rank	PPG	SEC Rank	Differential	High scorer	PPG
Kentucky	16-2	5-0	9-1	7-1	4-0	80.2	4th	65.7	5th	+14.6	Nazr Mohammed	12.2
South Carolina	11-3	3-2	7-3	7-0	1-3	70.6	10th	66.6	7th	+3.9	BJ McKie	17.9
Vanderbilt	14-4	3-2	7-3	9-0	3-3	79.3	5th	68.2	10th	+11.1	Drew Maddux	18.2
Florida	9-6	2-3	4-6	8-1	1-3	80.6	3rd	72.8	12th	+7.8	Jason Williams	15.9
Tennessee	11-3	1-3	7-3	9-1	2-2	75.2	7th	67.3	8th	+7.9	Brandon Wharton	13.2
Georgia	8-8	0-3	3-7	5-3	2-2	77.9	6th	72.3	11th	+5.7	Ray Harrison	13.7

SEC Western division

	OFFENSE					DEFENSE						
	overall	SEC	last 10	Home	last 5	PPG	SEC Rank	PPG	SEC Rank	Differential	High scorer	PPG
Ole Miss	12-2	3-1	8-2	8-0	3-2	84.1	1st	64.0	3rd	+20.1	Ansu Sesay	17.4
Arkansas	14-3	3-1	7-3	10-0	2-2	83.2	2nd	66.5	6th	+16.7	Pat Bradley	13.4
Auburn	11-4	3-1	7-3	8-0	2-1	71.7	8th	61.9	2nd	+9.8	Bryant Smith	15.3
LSU	9-6	2-3	6-4	8-2	1-4	65.7	12th	60.3	1st	+5.3	Willie Anderson	14.3
Mississippi State	12-5	1-3	6-4	5-1	4-2	70.7	9th	64.4	4th	+6.4	Horatio Webster	17.3
Alabama	9-9	1-4	3-7	4-4	3-2	68.6	11th	67.6	9th	+1.1	Brian Williams	14.3

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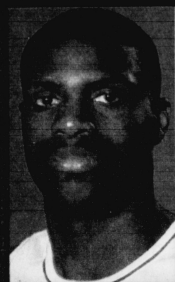
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NAZR Mohammed



Hometown

Chicago (Kenwood High)

Height

6-foot-10

Weight

240 pounds

He came to UK as an over-weight "project" player. Weighing more than 300 pounds upon his arrival in Lexington two seasons ago, Mohammed was to be UK's big-man insurance for the future.

But the future soon became the present as Mohammed blossomed into a serious contributor last season. Against Arizona in the NCAA Championship, Mohammed went 6-for-11 from the field and hauled in a team-high 11 rebounds.

He was named Southeastern Conference Player of the Week honors earlier this season after tallying career-highs point totals in consecutive games (19 points against Purdue and 21 versus Indiana).

As a result, he's gained the respect of his teammates, who now believe Mohammed could be the team's most valuable offensive threat.

"When Naz gets in the game, we have to get the ball inside to him because there aren't many people that can stop him down there," UK point guard Wayne Turner said. "Our team's strength is really down low."



Tide looks to Cats for team renewal

By Jay G. Tate
Sports Editor

Wayne Turner knows how hard it is to win consistently in the parity-laden Southeastern Conference.

"Any team in this conference can get hot on a given night and they can hit everything on the floor," Turner said. "When you're in that situation, you have to be prepared. But sometimes, there's really nothing you can do."

And when Alabama traveled to Auburn last weekend, someone got hot.

The Tigers shot 54 percent from the field. They hit 14-of-21 three-pointers. They outrebounded the Tide 48-29. They forced 20 Alabama turnovers. They held Alabama to 0-13 from the perimeter.

From the files of the blatantly obvious comes this nail-biter: Auburn 94, Alabama 40.

"Auburn beat them by 54?" UK forward Allen Edwards asked. "I didn't know that. That's pretty bad."

No. 7 UK travels to Louisville's Freedom Hall tonight to battle an Alabama squad coming off one of its worst losses in school history.

"In 13 years at Alabama, in six years at (Virginia Commonwealth), in eight years of high school, I can't remember a more pitiful effort," UA head coach David Hobbs said after the loss. "We've got to go back and examine ourselves. I hope there's some pride there. It's not talent, it's not ability, it's just having some pride to show better than that."

UK head coach Tubby Smith, who coached with Hobbs at VCU, watched the Auburn-Alabama game on tape and was impressed with Auburn's performance.

He added that the blowout wasn't the product of an Alabama personnel problem. Instead, Smith said Auburn enjoyed a rare performance that could have made a lot of teams look silly.

"I thought Auburn could beat anyone in the country that day," Smith said. "It was the best play I've seen of any single team on any tape all year long."

"I think it's a fluke the way they would beat a good Alabama team the way they did," Smith added. "It must have been the alignment of the stars or something."

Many of the UK players view the blowout with a similar eye, saying it may actually bode poorly for the Cats tonight. Alabama wants respect. And the highly-regarded Cats provide the Tide a one-step chance for redemption.

"They're a team like Arkansas because they have a lot of talent," forward Scott Padgett said of the Tide.

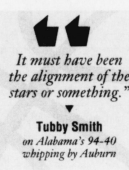
"If they put it together, they can be one of the best in the conference. After that loss, I know they're going to be ready."

Alabama relies heavily on its frontcourt to keep it afloat.

One of the Tide's bright spots has been its league-leading team rebounding effort, led by senior Demetrius Alexander. The 6-8 power forward is averaging 12.7 points and 7.9 rebounds per game.

"Alabama's frontcourt is tough," Padgett said. "They played us tight last year. They're big, they're hungry and they'll be ready to play."

The Associated Press contributed to this article.



Wildcat Team Statistics

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WILDCATS

Player	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	FG%	FT%	RPC*	A	TO	Blk	St	Pts	Avg
C Mohammed, N.	18	6	356	19.8	90	141	.638	.625	7.6	11	29	30	16	220	12.2
G Sheppard, J.	18	18	473	26.3	68	168	.405	.717	3.6	54	24	2	19	202	11.2
G/F Edwards, A.	18	18	505	28.1	69	158	.437	.603	3.5	62	33	5	26	191	10.6
G Turner, W.	18	18	492	27.3	70	138	.507	.611	3.2	88	43	11	28	183	10.2
F Padgett, S.	18	18	493	27.4	67	147	.456	.865	7.1	40	43	10	27	181	10.1
F Evans, H.	18	0	330	18.3	60	113	.531	.742	4.7	28	24	6	12	151	8.4
C Magloire, J.	18	12	295	16.4	47	90	.522	.649	5.4	3	19	30	4	118	6.6
G Mills, C.	18	0	177	9.8	21	52	.404	1.00	1.1	11	18	2	2	65	3.6
G Smith, S.	18	0	255	14.2	22	52	.423	.588	0.9	22	14	0	19	63	3.5
F Bradley, M.	14	0	90	6.4	13	17	.765	.368	1.4	4	8	8	2	33	2.4
F Anthony, M.	14	0	98	7.0	6	27	.222	.583	0.9	5	6	2	1	23	1.6
G Hogan, R.	9	0	44	4.9	4	14	.286	.500	0.9	6	6	0	1	12	1.3
G Masiello, S.	9	0	17	1.9	1	3	.333	---	0.1	2	4	0	2	2	0.2

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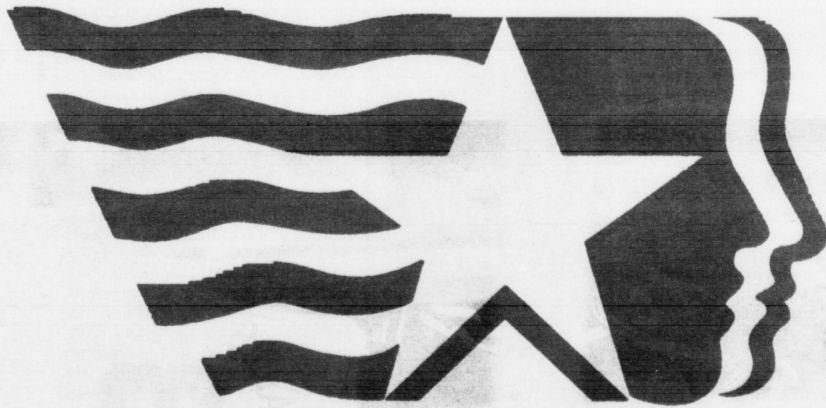
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The right of privacy, whether it be founded in the Fourteenth Amendment's concept of personal liberty and restrictions upon state action, as we feel it is or... in the Ninth Amendment's reservation of rights to the people, is broad enough to encompass 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. Maternity, or additional offspring may force upon the woman a distressful life and future. Psychological harm may be imminent. Mental and physical health may be taxed by child care. There is also distress, for all concerned, associated with the unwanted child, and there is the problem of bringing a child into a family already unable, psychologically and otherwise, to care for it. In other cases, as in this one, the additional difficulties and continuing stigma of unwed motherhood are involved. All these are factors the woman and her responsible physician necessarily will consider in consultation.

On the basis of elements such as these, appellants ... argue that the woman's right is absolute and that she

is entitled to terminate her pregnancy at whatever time, in whatever way, and for whatever reason she alone chooses. With this we do not agree... the Court's decision recognizing a right of privacy also acknowledges that some state regulation in areas protected by that right is appropriate... At some point in pregnancy, those 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 personal privacy includes the abortion decision, but that this right is not unqualified and must be considered against important state interests in regulation.

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Abortion: A Historical Timeline

Common-law in early post-Revolutionary America permitted abortion until "quickening," the time the first fetal movement is felt by the woman (usually around five months).

1821

Connecticut enacts the first statutory abortion regulation which prohibited the use of dangerous poisons to bring about "post-quickening" abortions. Early abortion statutes dealt primarily with post-quickening abortion.

1857

American Medical Association launches campaign to halt abortion. Historian James C. Mohr states that physicians were eager to halt the competition in abortion services from medical "irregulars" such as midwives, herbalists and apothecaries. In an 1871 AMA report, abortion is considered a threat to a woman's traditional role of wife and mother.

1900

Every state had restrictive laws on abortion, however, the rate of abortions remained the same as before being criminalized. Physicians were given the power to define what conditions made it necessary for a woman to obtain a therapeutic abortion.

1960s

The movement to repeal criminal abortion statutes was led by feminists, activists, lawyers (American Law Institute), religious institutions (Episcopalians, the United Church of Christ, the United Methodist Church, and the United Presbyterian Church, Church Women United and the YWCA), and physicians. The medical profession to which we owe most of America's laws against abortion mobilized in favor of easing restrictions on abortions on the basis of the belief by many doctors that abortion was less dangerous and in some instances less tragic than childbirth.

1966

Colorado legalizes elective abortion - the first state in the nation to do so.

1967

American Medical Association issued a statement to liberalize abortion laws and in 1970 it recognized the legitimacy of abortion, limited only by the sound clinical judgment of a physician.

California's Therapeutic Abortion Act was signed into law by Governor Ronald Reagan. Permitted abortion in a hospital setting only, for reported rape/incest, and if continuing the pregnancy would jeopardize the mental or physical health of the woman.

1970

Hawaii repeals its criminal abortion law, legalizing abortions performed before the

A Woman's Choice

By Patty Breeze

In February 1984, I gave birth to a very healthy male child. My husband and I had made the decision that we would like to have two children. So when our son, Hunt, was close to 2 years old, we actively started trying to get pregnant. I got pregnant toward the end of '85. I was 38 years old.

We had decided that if there was something wrong with the baby we would terminate the pregnancy. At 16 weeks, an amniocentesis showed beyond a shadow of a doubt that there was chromosomal malformation and that we would be having a Down Syndrome baby.

I felt like my world was just tumbling down. On that particular day, my husband was not reachable by phone, so the first person I called was my mother. Of course, she was just devastated and we were both on the phone crying. I also went to Versailles to see my Episcopal priest. We talked about it for about an hour, amidst tears and turmoil as I tried to resolve this issue in my mind and in my heart. He said, 'You have to think about your other son, who has his whole life ahead of him and of the consequences that might befall him when you and David are gone and someone has to take responsibility for this child.'

The bottom line was that I did not want to burden my first child with this responsibility for this child.' When my husband got home, I told him and we both cried. Of course we talked with my parents again on the phone. My father was even a little upset with me because I was remotely thinking about keeping this baby, and my father is from a very religious background. He was raised in the Catholic Church and when I was 12 years old he became an Episcopalian. He has strong faith. He quoted me certain passages from the Old Testament. He said, 'You are not a murderer.'

Since the abortion could not be done in Lexington we traveled to Louisville for the two-day procedure. Physically it was an easy recovery. But, about two weeks afterward, driving back alone from Louisville after a business trip, I thought to myself, 'You have never sat down and cried about that. You have never grieved for this baby. There was no body to bury. There was not that group of people who, when you do have a death in the family, stand around you and say goodbye to that person. Even though I had the support of my husband and my family and my priest at church, when it boiled down to it, I was the one who had to make the decision. I just felt so all alone.'

About a month after that abortion occurred, I felt really close to losing it emotionally. I stayed off from work for a month and my mother came and stayed with me part of that time. Yes, I think about that child, what he could have been. I still

grieve for him.

In mid-October of that same year, we started trying to have another baby and I got pregnant right away. On July 25, 1987, I gave birth to a little girl. I did have an amniocentesis with her. I was at my office when my husband called and said, 'You're going to have a normal female baby.' We were just ecstatic. Our daughter was born full-term. She was over 7 pounds. But she was born with a serious congenital heart defect - something that the amniocentesis could not detect. Right before her second big surgery at the Mayo Clinic in February '89, I suspected I was pregnant again.



Patty Breeze

I was very positive about this pregnancy. I was going through with it. If this baby was going to be a normal baby, we would just have a third baby and we would work things out. My husband didn't see it that way. I've never seen him so depressed in all my life as when I told him. My husband just couldn't see how we would have the physical or emotional strength to deal with another infant. He said, 'Let's face it, the odds are not in our favor. We had the one baby we terminated and we've had the problems with Morgen.' He said, 'My God, what's going to happen to this one?' But I was determined.

A week before we flew up to the Mayo Clinic for Morgen's second surgery, I started bleeding and getting cramps. That Monday I went in to see the doctor. The blood count was drastically declining. That meant that the fetus was dying.



At that point, I might have been at the borderline between the first and second trimester. My obstetrician does not perform voluntary abortions on fetuses that are fine. Be he did this one. We classified it as a D and C and that's basically what he did.

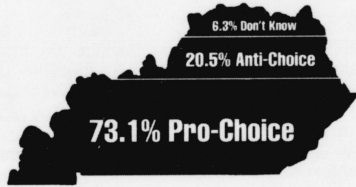
How painful it was. And how painful it still is. It's something I will live with for the rest of my life. And, I hope when I die, and when my spirit goes to wherever, that the higher being or power will understand why I made the decision I made.

I've done other things in my life that I have questioned, but, I truly believe that I made the right decision. I really have a very strong belief in fate and things working out for the best. Because if we had had that little boy, we would have never gone on for a third child and I would never have known my daughter. And that's the good I feel that has come out of that incident in my life.

I will someday share this with my children.

—Patty Breeze, 50, who grew up in Hodgenville has bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Kentucky. She taught visual arts at Bryan Station High School for 11 years and since 1981 has been an insurance agent. She and her husband, David, have been married since 1983.

Kentucky Still Pro-choice by an Overwhelming Margin!

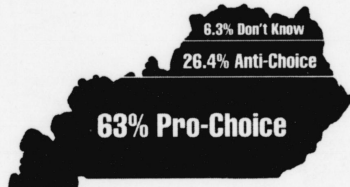


Question 1:

As you may know, the issue of abortion legislation has been in the news lately. Some people feel that state governments should be allowed to regulate whether or not a woman can have an abortion. Others feel state governments should not be involved.

What is your opinion?

Poll conducted by the University of Kentucky Survey Research Center in November 1995. & accuracy = +/- 4%



Question 2:

Suppose there are two equally qualified candidates for a seat in the General Assembly whose positions differ on only one issue. One favors a state law restricting access to abortions while the other feels that decisions related to abortions should be left up to the individual.

Which candidate would you vote for?

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Centerpiece of the Choice Movement

By Janice Harman



Janice Harman

The abortion debate rages on without much input from women whose lives have been changed - women that have terminated and women that have contemplated termination and made the decision to continue or place for adoption. It is estimated that one out of four American women has exercised her right to choose abortion. What political power American women would wield if one out of four exercised her right to vote!

I have had the opportunity to listen to women calling for help and observing women coming into the Center since 1969. Prior to the *Roe v. Wade* decision we were counseling women and offering all legal options which meant if termination was decided upon; they would need to travel to New York or Washington D.C.

This was certainly better than women seeking out illegal back alley abortions and risking their lives yet the mental anguish and additional financial cost was great to women that had never been out of the state, yet they went. What a sigh of relief we breathed when we heard the announcement from the U.S. Supreme Court on January 22, 1973.

Over 50% of pregnancies are unintended which is a grave concern for Planned Parenthood. Women have over 400 menstrual cycles during their reproductive years. Even with diligent use of birth control, odds are an unintended pregnancy will occur and abortion may be considered an option. Let's be honest and help women treat abortion as an acceptable alternative albeit a difficult one. Many times women and couples are making a sacrifice by termination of an unintended pregnancy, a sacrifice for the children they already have or are planning for a later date when they are prepared to love and support them. I have never talked with a woman that planned a pregnancy in order to terminate it, to "experience" an abortion. It just doesn't happen.

In addition, we should consider the overall picture for the betterment of society as we turn a critical eye to the issue of overpopulation. The U.S. is home to only five percent of the world

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Post-abortion Trauma Disputed

By Marilyn Elias, USA TODAY

Contrary to claims that there's a traumatic "post-abortion" syndrome, having one or more abortions doesn't affect women's mental health — for better or worse, suggests an eight year, USA-wide study.

Women with the poorest self-esteem are those who have unwanted births, not the ones who choose to have kids or seek abortions, says psychologist Nancy Felipe Russo of Arizona

State University, Tempe.

Russo tracked the emotional health and reproductive lives of 5,295 women of childbearing age over an eight-year span.

"This 'post-abortion syndrome' is just a myth," says Russo. Her major findings:

Getting one abortion was linked to higher self-esteem; women who never sought abortions, or underwent several had slightly lower

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Religious Coalition for Reproductive Rights

National denominations and faith groups compassionately support the right of women to choose abortion as one among a whole range of options, including childbirth and adoption.

The Coalition believes that the right of reproductive freedom is intrinsically tied to religious liberty. We oppose any attempts to enact into secular law restrictions on abortion based on one particular theological definition of when the fetus becomes a person. Those who do not share that theology would be denied the right to make decisions regarding abortion according to the teachings of their faith.

Because of the range of religions beliefs on this sensitive issue, the abortion decision must remain free from government interference. The decision must remain with the woman, to be made in accordance with her conscience and personal religious principles and in conjunction with her family, her clergy and her doctors.

from - We Affirm - Religious Coalition for Reproductive Rights

Statements from the following denominations (too lengthy to include in this publication) may be obtained by calling Lexington Planned Parenthood @ 255-0385.

American Baptist Churches, USA
American Ethical Union
American Ethical Union, National Service Conference

American Friends Service Committee
American Humanist Association
American Jewish Committee
American Jewish Congress
B'nai B'rith Women
Central Conference of American Rabbis
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Council of Jewish Federations
Episcopal Church
Episcopal Women's Caucus
Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot
Lutheran Women's Caucus
Moravian Church in America, Northern Province
NA'AMAT USA
National Council of Jewish Women
National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods
North American Federation of Temple Youth
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saint
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
Unitarian Universalist Association
Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation
United Church of Christ
United Methodist Church
United Synagogue of America
Women's American ORT
Women's League for Conservative Judaism
Young Women's Christian Association of the U.S.A.

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Why I am pro-choice

twentieth week of pregnancy. New York repealed its abortion law along with Alaska and the state of Washington. Washington's repealed its law in a citizen's vote.

1972

In *Roe v. Wade*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the constitutional right of privacy extends to a woman's decision, in consultation with her doctor, to have an abortion. After the viability, the state may regulate except where necessary to preserve the life or health of woman.

1976

Congress passes the "Hyde Amendment," which prohibits the use of federal Medicaid funds for the abortions of indigent women while continuing to allow these funds to be used for pregnancy, delivery and child care costs.

In *Planned Parenthood of Central Missouri v. Danforth*, the Supreme Court held that a husband's consent is not required for a woman's abortion.

1981

The U.S. Senate holds hearings on the "Human Life Statute," a bill that would overturn *Roe v. Wade* by declaring that human life begins at conception and would award full constitutional rights to fetuses. The statute, revised in the form of an amendment to an unrelated bill, was subsequently voted down by the Senate in 1982.

1984

The Reagan administration announces the "Mexico City policy," which would bar non-governmental foreign recipients of U.S. government family planning funds from using privately raised funds to support "abortion-related activities."

1986

Randall Terry organizes the militant anti-abortion group Operation Rescue, which uses sit-ins, blockades and invasions to shut down health clinics that provide abortion services.

The Supreme Court strikes down "informed consent," 24-hour waiting period, and reporting requirements imposed on doctors.

1987

The Reagan Administration proposes a federal regulation that would bar any abortion-related counseling at federally funded family planning clinics. Nicknamed the "gag rule," the regulation was enjoined pending a court challenge.

1988

France begins distribution of RU 486, a new drug developed by Dr. Etienne-Emile Baulieu as an alternative to early aspiration abortion.

1989

The U.S. Supreme Court on July 3 rules in *Webster v. Reproductive Health Services* that states may place increased restrictions on women's access to abortion.

By Dr. John W. Greene Jr.

I am pro-choice. The ability to practice modern medicine is the option to confer with women concerning termination of pregnancy. Advances in the last 20 years have produced methods to evaluate the fetus at all stages. Certain diagnosable conditions indicate that the delivery of a living or health infant will not occur. In these situations, I believe a pregnancy may be interrupted.

Social, medical and psychological conditions render situations in which I believe a pregnancy should be interrupted. I believe this is a basic freedom. Almost half of American women have terminated at least one pregnancy (When *Abortion Was a Crime* by Leslie J. Reagan, University of California Press).

In 1972 the Supreme Court ruled in *Roe v. Wade* that a constitutional right to privacy extends to the decision of a woman, in consultation with her physician, to terminate a pregnancy. During the first trimester of pregnancy, this decision may be made free of state interference except for a requirement that the abortion be performed by a licensed physician. In the same year, in *Eisenstadt v. Baird*, a Massachusetts court said: "If the right of privacy means anything — it is the right of the individual married or single to be free from unwanted government intrusion into matters so fundamentally affecting a person as the decision to bear a child."

As a member of the Maternal Mortality Study Committee of the Kentucky Medical

Association for over 30 years, I have seen a virtual disappearance of deaths due to criminal abortions. I believe this is attributable to the decriminalization of abortion and recognition of an individual's right to privacy as supported by the above court rulings.

As Carol Sanger writes in a recent *Lexington Herald Leader* article, "If anti-abortion activists have succeeded in anything in recent years, it has been to create a climate of condemnation and fear: Doctors are killers who deserve to be killed; embryos are children; mothers are murderers. Abortion also is stigmatized in more concrete ways: An increasing number of hospitals and doctors will not perform abortions; many states require teenagers to ask a judge for permission for an abortion; abortions for poor women are not covered under Medicaid; abortion clinics and their patients are picketed (not to mention bombed)" (January 4, 1998).

It is for these reasons and experience that I believe a woman and her physician should have a choice. It is far better for the woman to cry tears about a pregnancy that was interrupted than to bear an unwanted, uncared for and/or abused child.

—Dr. John W. Greene Jr. is a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. He is a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Kentucky Medical Association and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Greene is a member of numerous other associations and is the Medical Director for Lexington Planned Parenthood.



John W. Greene, Jr

Why are we still arguing about this?

By Tom E. Stickler

After 25 years of controversy, and abortion rights still in jeopardy, it may be helpful to review what *Roe v. Wade* was about.

The Court ruled, in brief, that laws allowing abortions only to save the life of the woman violate the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment — an Amendment which protects each citizen's right to privacy from state action — and that the right to privacy includes a woman's qualified right to terminate her pregnancy. Not an absolute right, the State may regulate who may perform abortions and, after the end of the first third of pregnancy, may regulate the abortion procedure itself in ways that are reasonably related to the woman's health. After the time the fetus is able to survive outside the woman, the state may prohibit all but medically necessary abortions.

Far from being an incident of "judicial activism," the Court was trying to responsibly set down guidelines of permissible State action, rather than striking down the laws and leaving fifty state legislatures in the dark.

The anti-abortion forces have not been willing to accept this compromise and have worked not just to reverse the Court's decision, but to go

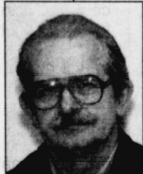
even so far as to make abortion the legal equivalent of murder.

States have made the claim that they have a "compelling state interest in potential human life" when they defend laws against abortion. Just what do they mean by "potential human life"?

Do they mean the human egg and sperm? Only these cells have the potential to create a new individual human life. If they mean the fertilized egg, Right to Life would argue that it is already a human life, not potential. If states are referring to fertilized eggs, zygotes, embryos or fetuses, the laws must apply to unborn human life in all aspects, not just in the context of abortion. Shall the unborn be counted in the census? Will the stillborn have an estate to be probated? Shall miscarriages result in inquests and trials for negligence?

The controversy endures because the pro-choice community has failed to argue the underlying issue. It is crucial to understand that abortion is not a fundamental right in and of itself, but a means of realizing a deeper, more important right, the right to control our own reproductive destiny.

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Tom E. Stickler

Counseling very important to LPPC

Scenario #1: The phone rings. A staff person answers the call, "Lexington Planned Parenthood. How can I help you?"

"I don't know, I have a 14 year old daughter who I think is having sex. I don't know for sure, but she sneaks out of the house at night and I know she has a boyfriend. Some of her friends have babies and she says she thinks it's cool, so I'm afraid that she'll go out and get herself pregnant. She won't talk to me. She tells me she's not doing anything and that I should just 'chill'. Do you have any information that might scare her and convince her not to have sex?"



Ri Gleason

Scenario #2: An 18 year old high schools senior has just received a positive result on a pregnancy test. She is very distraught. After giving her all of her options regarding this pregnancy (continue the pregnancy and keep the baby; continue and place for adoption or in foster care; or terminate the pregnancy by having a therapeutic abortion), she says that she doesn't believe in abortion and will not consider it as an option, but there is no way that she can keep the baby either. She has plans for college and she knows her parents will not allow her to stay at home with baby. She also does not have insurance that would cover pre-natal care or delivery. She cries continuously.

Scenario #3: "Hello, is this Ms. X?" "Yes." "This is Lexington Planned Parenthood calling. We have just received the results of your last pap smear and we're calling to tell you that it showed that you have abnormal cells on your cervix that indicate the possibility of the presence of HPV, Human Papilloma Virus or genital warts, a sexually transmitted virus. We would like you to come in and see our doctor and have a colposcopy so we can have a closer look at your cervix to make a more definite diagnosis and to treat the symptoms." "So, how did I get this?"

It is a little known fact that at Planned Parenthood, our staff provides more than good care and education related to contraception. It is our mission to make sure that each patient, each individual who accesses our services, is given confidential and non-judgmental counseling as it relates to the issues of their sexuality, their choices, their fears and their health. Not a day goes by that either one, or all, of the above scenarios is brought to our attention; and we meet the challenge day after day, offering as much as we can by way of information and affirmation. Unlike some other health or pregnancy information providers, we do so in an atmosphere of support and in total consideration of the client's own values, beliefs and needs. For instance, we have never allowed

ourselves to influence a patient's choice as it regards an unwanted pregnancy. We listen to her needs and attempt to meet them by giving her the information that will help her in whatever choice she makes. As in the second scenario; clearly the client would benefit from information about placing her baby for adoption. We would help her by giving her access to agencies and/or information that could lead to a private adoption situation. Our executive director works with lawyers and agencies that do provide help for women seeking a private or open adoption, and in the case stated above, this client could benefit greatly in being made aware of that option. We would help

her to feel positive about the choice she is making and allow her the opportunity to express her fears and concerns. Most of all, we work hard to make sure that she left with the feeling that she was not being judged harshly for her actions and with a sense that life can, indeed, move forward positively for her.

Information and education; it is the cornerstone of what we are about, but we are also about helping parents and children relate to each other. In the first scenario, the mother would be offered the opportunity to meet with me, or another staff member, and to bring her daughter in to talk as well. The daughter would be given time alone with me, as would the mother. I would allow the daughter the opportunity to talk confidentially and tell what IS (if anything) she has been doing and ask her to consider WHY she may be involved, at such a young age, in a sexual partnership. If she is not sexually active, I would offer her information that could help her to explore abstinence as a continued choice, and if she is determined to have sex, I would then make sure she understood the risks and offer her the opportunity to learn how to protect herself from STDs and pregnancy. Mom would be helped to learn how to better communicate with her adolescent daughter and then she would be given some references for seeking ongoing counseling to work on the issues of trust and parenting. Out of these parent-child sessions, has come some amazing changes in the dynamics of the home along with a positive outcome for both adolescent and parent. I am fortunate enough to hear from those I have counseled in this regard and am very pleased that they felt that that what they experienced was helpful.

Many women will receive pap smear results that they do not understand and are left to fear unnecessarily. We have people here whose main job is to follow up on women who have had abnormal paps and provide them with information and support.

—Ri Gleason is Educational Consultant and Trainer for Lexington Planned Parenthood.

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self-esteem. Those who had kids they didn't want felt the worst.

Most likely to have repeat abortions: poor women with little education; they also had more children and more unwanted births than those who never aborted or did it once.

No link between abortion and mental health; the more kids a woman has, the worse her men-

tal health.
But the findings were challenged by Helen Alvare of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C., which opposes abortion.

"It just doesn't square with the women who are coming to us by the thousands, mourning their lost babies," she argues. The church offers counseling through its "Project Rachel."

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population, but uses 25 percent of her commercial energy, produces more garbage and waste than any other country and generates 21 percent of all carbon dioxide emissions. More than one in five American children lives in poverty—twice the rate of any other industrialized nation. YET we add more people to our population every year than the other industrialized nations. It is time to demand that every child born in the U.S. be given the opportunity to develop to her or his fullest potential.

The next time you hear someone say it's shameful that so many women are having abortions, let's say, "What's shameful is the number of unintended children with no one to love or support them. What's shameful is the lack of methods of birth control and the lack of contraceptive research in our country." Safe, legal abortion is good for families and children.

It is time for health resource guides from federal, state and local governments to list abortion resources as it lists all of the other resources for pregnant and parenting women. Twenty-five years is long enough to wait for abortion to be considered an acceptable alternative to an unintended pregnancy!

Lexington Planned Parenthood supports women and couples regardless of the choice they make. This is the Centerpiece of the Choice Movement.

—Janice Harman is Executive Director of Lexington Planned Parenthood Center, Inc.

Breast Cancer and Abortion Linkage: Studies Inconclusive

By Lise Smith



Lise Smith

A public information campaign by anti-choice forces claims that women who have had an induced abortion are at an increased risk of developing breast cancer. Approximately 30 studies have examined this risk for women who have had abortions.

Cancer researchers at the National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, and major universities report that the most reliable studies show no increased risk between abortion and breast cancer. The National Cancer Institute has stated that

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At the urging of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 147 pro-choice leaders in the House and Senate introduce the Freedom of Choice Act to codify the rights enumerated by the Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade*.

1990

American Medical Association overwhelmingly supports testing and possible use of RU 486 in the United States.

1991

In *Rust v. Sullivan*, the Supreme Court upholds the constitutionality of the 1988 "gag rule" regulations first issued under President Reagan. The regulations prohibit doctors and counselors at clinics that receive Title X family planning funds from providing information or referrals for abortions.

1992

In *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey* a sharply divided Supreme Court reaffirms the "essential holdings" of *Roe*, but notes that states also have a "compelling" interest in potential human life throughout pregnancy. The Court also upholds a series of restrictions such as the 24-hour waiting period which makes it harder for poor and rural women to get even very early abortions due to prohibitive travel time and money.

1993

President Bill Clinton signs executive orders lifting Reagan-Bush prohibitions, including the gag rule, the ban on the use of fetal tissue for research, the Mexico City policy, and restrictions on bringing RU 486 into the country.

1994

In *Madsen v. Women's Health Center*, the Supreme Court held that a 36 foot buffer zone around abortion clinics was constitutional and does not infringe on the First Amendment rights of abortion opponents and that a ban on disruptive noise was also constitutional.

1997

In *Schenck v. Pro-Choice Network of Western New York*, the Supreme Court held that the government interest in ensuring public safety and protecting a woman's freedom to seek pregnancy-related services justify properly tailored injunctions to secure unimpeded physical access to clinics. The court upheld the "fixed" buffer zone as necessary to ensure safe access to the clinics in light of the demonstrators previous behavior. The court also upheld the "cease and desist" provision because it allows demonstrators to espouse their message outside of the zone.

President Clinton vetoed the ban on D&X abortions. Congress attempted to ban the procedure for pre- and post-viability abortions, except to save the life of the woman. Clinton vetoed the ban because it did not contain an exemption to preserve the woman's health, as required by previous Supreme Court decisions.



Roe v. Wade 1998

By Dr. Donald Edger

Each anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* brings forth a plethora of letters to the editor, editorials, speeches, marches, etc., regarding *R v. W* (which may well stand for Right v. Wrong). Could it be that there is no right or wrong? I doubt it! The issue of women's right to terminate a pregnancy can be considered medically, legally and philosophically.

Medically there is an abundance of evidence to prove that women are better off physically and mentally if they terminate an unintended and undesired pregnancy.

Legally there is no doubt that the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled and sustained on many occasions that the government has no right to substantially interfere in a woman's right to choose the disposition of her pregnancy prior to the time of fetal viability (i.e., 20 weeks at this point in time).

Philosophically there is an enormous amount of room to debate the right and wrong of this issue. One person's right is another person's wrong. However, this country was founded on and has continued to thrive on the basis of religious freedom so we should not let this aspect of the argument hold sway.

After 36 years in the practice of Obstetrics and Gynecology, including the termination of pregnancy prior to the eleventh week, I have been asked the following questions:

Do you think your practice was affected by you offering terminations?

"Probably a trade-off. I may have gained some patients while a few others sought care

elsewhere."

What will the American Medical Association and American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) have to do to encourage more young physicians to offer all options in their office?

"There are 35,000 ACOG members. I don't think they will do anything at all. ACOG is on record as being Pro-Choice."

Do you feel that women are using abortion as a method of birth control?

"No, in 36 years of practice, no woman I have ever seen has used abortion this way. No, it is the failure of birth control that forces women to have abortions."

Do you believe the political climate has shifted back to the right in the past several years?

"There is no way of knowing the philosophical or political climate. The anti-choice forces are religious fanatics. I have a lot of concern about the influence of the fundamentalists on the 24 hour waiting period. No woman terminates that hasn't thought about it. In fact, most women think about what they will do if they become pregnant on a regular basis."

—Dr. Donald Edger is a member of The College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and The Kentucky Medical Association. He is past President of Kentucky's Family Planning Council. He recently retired from private practice and is now conducting private research for the University of Kentucky's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is on staff at UKMC.



Lexington Planned Parenthood Center

Since 1936, Lexington Planned Parenthood Center (LPPC) has carried out its mission to provide quality and affordable reproductive health care, family planning services, community education, and to serve as an advocate for reproductive rights. LPPC's medical services include: full gynecological exams, including pap smears, breast and pelvic exams; sexually transmitted infections screening; pregnancy testing and counseling; and birth control method education. In 1997 LPPC served over 5,000 patients.

Our educational services are provided to a wide variety of groups (schools, agen-

cies, clubs, churches) on a request basis. Some of the program subjects are abstinence and comprehensive-sexuality education, sexually transmitted infections, birth control methods, and women's health issues.

LPPC is a private, non-profit service agency, dedicated to providing women's health care for Lexington and the surrounding counties. LPPC believes that all patients should have access to reproductive health care without regard to age, race, religion, income, marital status, sexual orientation or gender.

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"taken together, the inconsistencies and scarcity of research do not permit scientific conclusions." Other organizations that have concluded that a link between abortion and breast cancer has not been established include: the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Public Health and Science, the National Breast Cancer Coalition, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

The issue of a link between abortion and breast cancer has led to a burning debate nationally. Researchers themselves indicate that data showing a link between breast cancer and abortion may very well be the result of methodological flaws in study design due to inaccuracies of self-reporting. One study that considered the accuracy of reporting abortions indicated that women with breast cancer are more likely than healthy women to accurately report previous abortions. If women with cancer report their abortions more frequently, the data will show—inaccurately—that women who have had abortions are more likely to contract cancer. Other factors that have clouded study interpretations are "recall bias, choice of the referent group, limited power to evaluate the possibility of age-specific effects, and an inability to confirm the reports of possible subgroups of high-risk women" ("Abortion and the Risk of Breast Cancer: Is there a Believable Association?" *JAMA*, January 24/31, 1996).

Some anti-choice organizations have led the way in stirring up fears that having an abortion will result in breast cancer even though the scientific community does not recognize any such relationship. By publicly pronouncing these scientifically unwarranted conclusions as though they are undisputed fact, the intention is to frighten women who seek abortions from having them. Anti-choice activists' real interest in this debate is not in safeguarding women's health but in stopping women from exercising their legal right to choose abortion.

—Lise Smith is coordinator for Public and Legislative Affairs for Lexington Planned Parenthood Center.

Source: National Cancer Institute Fact Sheet, NARAL Fact Sheet and "Issue Paper: Abortion and Breast Cancer," National Abortion Federation, 1997.

Organizations that Promote the Right to Choose

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Bluegrass NOW Chapter
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Catholics For A Free Choice
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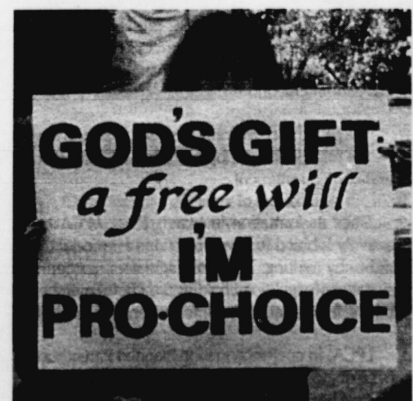
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Roe v Wade was decided in 1973, only nine years after *Griswold v Connecticut* ruled that states could not outlaw the use of contraceptives. In a free society, no individual may be forced to produce offspring or to donate their gametes to another. It is time to ask the important question which has not been discussed these past twenty-five years — who shall control the reproductive powers of the individual person? Shall it be the individual or the State? Whose DNA is it, anyway?

It is vital that we maintain this principle: only individuals can legally and morally make decisions regarding their own reproductive capabilities. This basic principle underlies not only the right of a woman to choose abortion, but her right to use contraceptives or to not engage in sexual activity at all, or to be free from coerced sterilization. It is no less a violation of a woman's reproductive rights to deny her access to abortion than it would be to forcibly impregnate her against her wishes. Every woman's personal autonomy is at stake.

Another reason the controversy endures is because the pro-choice community has failed to focus on the unholy alliance between churches and politicians. Churches need laws that reinforce their moral code and politicians make laws. It is important to remember that the National Conference of Catholic Bishops promulgated a Pro-Life Action Plan shortly after *Roe v Wade*.

It is no accident that the most active attorney in challenging state laws regulating campaign contributions is the chief counsel of the National Right to Life Committee, James Bopp. And it is no coincidence that Republican Party chairman Haley Barbour and Bob Dole's deputy campaign finance director, Jo-Anne Coe steered donors to make contributions to Right to Life, which then promoted Republican candidates.

For fear of being accused of religious bigotry, we are loath to openly examine the nasty truth that many religious denominations draw their power from creating and exploiting a sense of sexual guilt and shame. As far as the God of Nature is concerned, our only reason for living is to have sex and reproduce ourselves. It is the most powerful force in our lives. Religion strives

to overpower and supplant that central force in our lives. If humans can be persuaded that their sexual behavior or even their sexual thoughts are innately sinful and shameful and that sex can occur only in certain conditions approved by the church, and that forgiveness of sin comes only through the church, humans will be under the control of the church.

In order for churches to preserve their power over our sexual behavior, civil penalties must exist for deviations from their code of conduct, otherwise, it would be much harder to keep the faithful in church if the neighbors were getting away with it. Churches have lost the battle on masturbation. They have lost the battle on premarital and extramarital sex. They have lost the battle on homosexuality. They have lost the battle on divorce. They have lost the battle on contraception. If they lose the battle on abortion, they will have to fundamentally revise the way they relate to their members. That is why they are willing to make everyone in society suffer in order to preserve their power.

That is why the opponents of abortion have defined the terms and focus of the debate, directing our attention toward the fetus and on the abortion procedure itself, ignoring the woman in whom the fetus resides — the woman to whom the fetus belongs — and upon whom the abortion is to be performed.

The anti-abortionists wail for the millions of babies that were never born due to abortion. Where are their tears for the millions of unfertilized eggs that are selfishly sloughed off each month in this nation? Not to mention the countless sperm doomed to oblivion through neglect or abuse!

The anti-abortionists will claim that there is a difference after the egg has been fertilized and begins to grow into a unique individual. Each unique fetus is the result of the combination of one unique egg containing genetic material unique to the woman, and one unique sperm containing genetic material unique to the man, and as far as society's alleged interest in that unique fetus — potential genius or villain — is concerned, it can be no more nor less than society's interest in the individual egg and sperm that combined to create it.

Speaking at a National Right to Life con-

vention many years ago, black movie star Ethel Waters said that she had been conceived as a result of rape, and she was thankful that abortion had then been illegal, since her mother might have aborted her. No one asked her if she was equally glad that her father was a rapist. She cannot be glad that a hypothetical abortion did not happen without also being glad that an actual rape had occurred, because she could not have enriched our lives if her father had not indeed raped her mother.

At a Fayette County Right to Life Rally in January 1995, a former Mrs. Kentucky related that at age 16, she faced an important decision. She was pregnant and unmarried. She then gestured to a young boy to her right and said, "this is the child I chose." How would she feel if she had decided differently about an even earlier choice she had made? Would she be in agony today if she had told her boyfriend, "No. Let's wait for marriage!" Would she miss that little boy? Should we conclude that she approves of premarital fornication, perhaps even of statutory rape? If not, why should we accept the existence of her beloved son as an argument against abortion? She made her choices. Others may wish to make different ones.

Abortion remains controversial 25 years after *Roe v Wade* because we have failed to assert the rights of the individual to control their reproductive destiny, free from interference by any other individual or group. Society has no claim or interest in a woman's offspring until she presents it to society at birth. Until we can refocus the abortion debate away from the fetus and back to the woman and her absolute right to control her reproductive destiny, abortion rights remain in jeopardy.

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