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Forum explores abortion issue

by Roxane Harmont

More than 50% of all pregnancies each year are unintended, and nearly half of these pregnancies end in abortions. Most abortions are performed within eight weeks of conception.

The final community forum held at ACC's East Campus dealt with the abortion issue.

There were three main choices presented to the group assembled, answering the general question, "Should it be legal to have an abortion, and, if so, how long will the mother have to decide?"

Choice number one dealt with the moral claims and legal sanctions and stated that the unborn child has an inalienable right to life. In other words, as important as other values are, they must give way to the obligation to protect human life.

The second choice involved the personal choices and private lives of the people effected. The main question was, "Who decides?" A woman's freedom depends on her ability to control her reproductive process, so women must have the right to legal abortion. At the same time, the community's interest in potential life must be given the attention it deserves.

In 1973 the Supreme Court opened a new era in abortion controversy with its decision in Roe vs. Wade. The court held that a fetus isn't a person, in the legal sense, and that laws restricting abortion violate a woman's constitutional right to privacy.

The Supreme Court ruled that a woman has a right to terminate her pregnancy until the time of viability in the last three months

of pregnancy.

The decision sustained a woman's right to choose an abortion. Each year, three out of every 100 women between the ages of 15 - 44 seek out an abortion.

The number one reason for a woman to have an abortion is that she isn't ready for the way a baby would change her life. The least amount of abortions are sought by victims of rape or incest.

Since 1973 anti-abortion groups have worked to reverse the court's decision. These groups have proposed constitutional amendments that would guarantee the right to life of the fetus.

One amendment that has been proposed is the Human Life Amendment. The amendment would guarantee the rights of the unborn baby from the moment of fertilization without regard to age, health, or condition of dependency. If the bill passes, Congress will have the power to outlaw abortions.

Out of 17 people who were at the meeting, everyone agreed that abortion needs to be legal in cases such as rape or incest. People also agreed that when you call a baby a fetus, you are saying that it isn't actually a baby yet and, therefore, the fetus does not have the same rights as a person.

Phi Theta Kappa initiates members

by Larry Lisiecki

April 22, the Nu Omiron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an honorary fraternity, initiated thirty-six new members into its society at the Jesse Besser Museum.

The guest speaker, Mr. Chuck Wiesen, Director of Human Resources and Economic Development for Alpena Community College, informed inductees the higher standards of colleges and universities in the future will require students of their caliber.

Phi Theta Kappa has twenty chapters in Michigan located at various two-year colleges. It's big brother, Phi Beta Kappa is found at four-year institutions.

According to Dr. Richard Moreau, advisor for Phi Theta Kappa at Alpena Community

College since 1970, there are about thirty to forty new members inducted each year. To qualify, candidates must carry a 3.2 grade point average or better, demonstrate high academic scholastic abilities and distinguishable character traits. A list of possible inductees is submitted to instructors for their approval. Instructors have the option to vote yes, no or hold on a candidate.

Each year there are scholarships available to Phi Theta Kappa members, one to each chapter. Last years recipient from ACC was Kevin Doyle.

Like most organizations, Phi Theta Kappa has officers, these officers are appointed by the advisor. This year's officers include President Jeannie Londo, Vice President Nathan Vanderwyst and Secretary Frank Krist.

Lumberjack of the Month McGill scopes award

by Karen Belt

This May's Lumberjack of the Month has been a member of ACC's faculty for 25 years. After completing his education at Michigan State and Purdue, Mr. John McGill came to ACC and teaches in the science department.

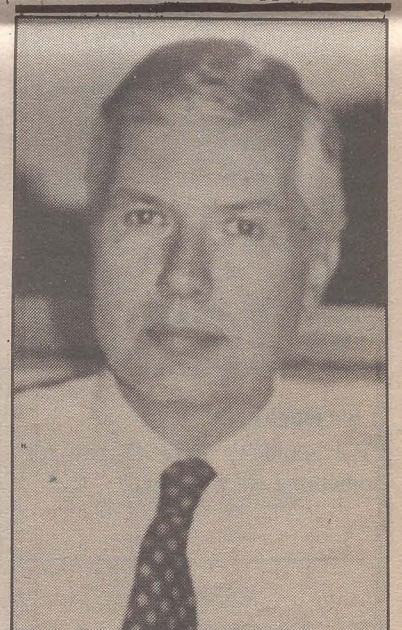
McGill says that he has always been interested in the health and medicine aspects of science and reflects this by teaching Anatomy, Physiology, and Micro-biology.

McGill sees an increasing number of science and especially health related careers opening up in today's workplace and feels that ACC is living up to the greater demand in those particular fields.

McGill travels and speaks to instructors at other colleges and universities. He believes ACC is competing well and has a good nursing and overall science department.

When asked about his particular teaching approach, McGill said that his classes are appropriately geared to a college student and are "very structured." Although the classes are very

academically oriented, McGill says that he would like to believe that he does have a rapport with



McGill

his students. McGill stated that he enjoys teaching on the college level because he knows that he is dealing with students who are interested in the subject, and who are there because they want to be.

Outside of the campus, McGill enjoys the sport of golf and also likes to work in his garden.

McGill thought it "neat" to be selected as a LBJ of the month because he was one of the committee members that started the Lumberjack of the month awards.

McGill is looking forward to the holiday weekend that he receives as part of the package for being May's LBJ winner.

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