

Woman regrets abortion

By Ron Hunt
Of the Emerald

Annie Hubbard was 17 or 18 and unmarried when she had an abortion.

"At the time I did not have guilt. It never really bothered me that much."

Then she saw pictures of aborted babies, Hubbard says. "It shocked me." Her position changed to "I wouldn't have another abortion, but it's every woman's choice."

Now, after reading and arguing about the issue, she is firmly against abortion.

"It is wrong," she told Friday's audience at a Mars Hill Forum Christian anti-abortion panel discussion. "There's no such thing as a life not worthy to be lived," she said, adding that no one has the right to say when another's life should end.

Christians opposed to abortion, however, should provide financial and emotional support to unwed mothers. "We really need to search our hearts on this one," she said.

Compassion and mercy also should be shown to pro-choice adherents, Hubbard said. "They care about people. They're wrong — dead wrong — but they

have compassion," she said.

Children's education, child abuse, nuclear weapons, care for the elderly and the poor — all are areas of concern, she said. "I don't think we can say we're pro-life if we don't think about these other issues."

Pragmatism is the primary enemy of the pro-life movement, Hubbard said. She cited Bertrand Russell's analogy: Pragmatism is like drawing a hot bath. The water gets warmer by degrees, so you don't realize when you're being boiled alive.

Other panelists spoke on abortion from medical, legal and theological perspectives.

Alfred Ianora, a Eugene doctor with a general practice, said abortion was considered a criminal act more than a decade ago but is now seen as therapeutic, he said.

It's an undeniable biological fact that life begins at conception, he said. "Genetically, you have a new individual," unlike any other person, Ianora said. "We are all masterpieces."

But the U.S. Supreme Court decided in the 1973 Roe vs. Wade case, "the unborn is not a person for the purposes of the Constitution," Eugene attorney Tom Alderman said.

He compared abortion to slavery. "One class of individuals was exploited by the stronger by the simple device of defining the exploited class as sub-human," he said. If the Supreme Court was wrong in the Dred Scott case, then the Court could have been wrong in 1973, Alderman said.

Every human being is special because he is created in God's image, said Doug Groothuis of the McKenzie Study Center. Even accidental abortions were penalized according to the Old Testament, he said, adding that the Bible also has strong words against sacrificing children to idols.

"Abortion sacrifices children on the altar of convenience, choice and mother's rights."

Secular humanism — unlike Christianity — doesn't recognize the intrinsic worth of man, but merely socio-economic worth, Groothuis said. Because of this, "the doors are open to the society saying anything on who's to live or die."

More than 10 million abortions since 1973 in America shows a collective will to suicide, Groothuis said. "If you turn against God, you turn against yourself."

Architectural designs on display, feature cost, energy efficient models

More than 35 projects designed by University architecture students will be presented for public review Tuesday through Thursday at the University.

Architectural designs for affordable housing, urban "rooftops" and an energy efficient office building are just a sampling of the work to be presented.

Instructors, potential clients and various community members will be on hand along with the general public, which has been invited to view the work. The reviews, conducted during morning, afternoon and evening sessions, will be held in Lawrence Hall, using drawings, models, diagrams and other illustrations. There will also be opportunities to talk with the students.

Highlights of the review schedule include:

- Two major studio projects that focus on

inexpensive, yet decent housing. The students attempted to look into the future and speculate on housing opportunities that may be available during economic hard times. The reviews will be held on June 2 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

- An energy efficient office building design which is entered in a national competition sponsored by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. That review will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

- A project that uses the roof space on a downtown parking lot for more than just parking cars. The review will be held at 7:30 Tuesday.

For further information, including a full listing of review session topics, times and room locations, contact Mary Christoferson, architecture department administrative assistant, at 686-3656.

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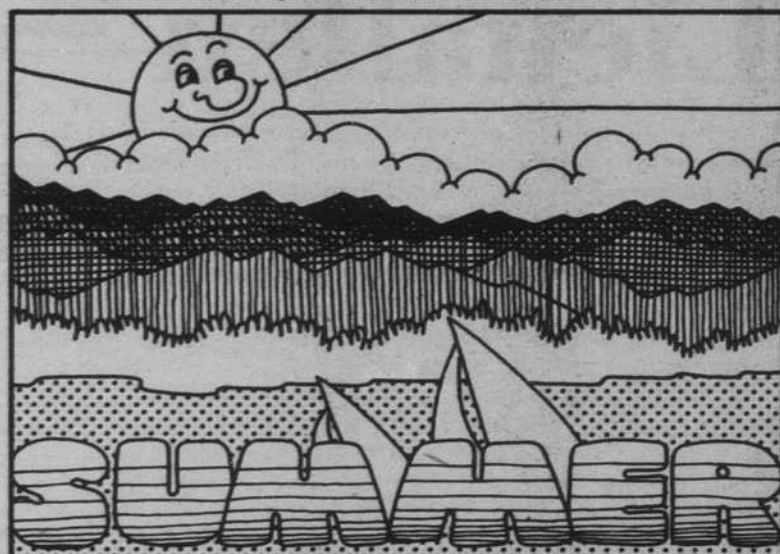
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