

Letters

Decisions

I'd like to respond to Michael Cross' letter (ODE, April 14). First, it is sad that people like Cross must manipulate words and situations to persuade others into believing his viewpoint.

Secondly, situations where abortions are an option tend to be a great deal more complicated than the five situations briefly explained in his letter.

At 16, I decided to have an abortion and the emotions I felt were more complex and more

extreme than whether or not my career was in jeopardy or how it would affect my "model family." My decision was not made as easily as Cross seems to think these decisions are made.

I never "wanted" to have an abortion or give up my baby. According to the pro-life organization I wouldn't have been able to have my abortion. Today, I would be draining the country of welfare with a starving two-year old struggling to survive. (Adoption wasn't an option for me.)

I wouldn't have been able to give my child the financial or emotional support he would have needed in order to grow up healthy. So, when I had my abortion I wasn't concentrating on my interests but those of my baby and the kind of life he would have had (or not had).

You see, Mr. Cross, some of us aren't as cold and heartless as you would choose to portray.

Andrea Eighmey
Business

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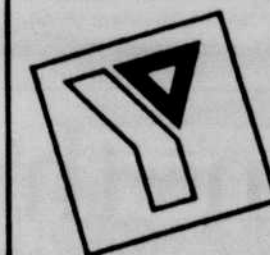
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