

## RULING

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- Women seeking abortions must be told about fetal development and other available options.
- Women must postpone the abortion at least 24 hours after receiving that information.
- Doctors must keep records on each abortion performed. Those records are subject to public disclosure.
- Unmarried girls under 18 must get parental consent or state court permission before having an abortion.

The court ruled against a provision of the Pennsylvania law that required married women to inform their husbands of their plans for an abortion.

Fidanque said that such regulations will effectively eliminate abortion as a viable option for many women. He pointed to the judicial bypass clause of the parental consent regulation as an example of an unreasonable requirement.

"The process of going to a judge to get permission to have an abortion is so intimidating and so humiliating for most women," Fidanque said, "we fear that many will try to induce abortions themselves or turn to back alleys."

However, Rahm said the restrictions included in the Pennsylvania law are supported by the majority of Americans.

"Groups like NARAL and Planned Parenthood present themselves as being pro-women, but at the same time reject giving women and unborn children any protection," Rahm said. "They take a very extreme position and are unwilling to consider anything that protects women or unborn children."

Co-authoring the court's opinion, conservative justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony M. Ken-

edy and David H. Souter adopted an "undue burden" standard for judging abortion regulations. The test demands strict judicial scrutiny of regulation that imposes an "absolute obstacle or severe limitation on the abortion decision."

Fidanque said the undue burden test will initiate a surge of regulations at the state level.

"By adopting an undue burden standard the court has opened the door to all sorts of restrictions," Fidanque said.

In Oregon, the abortion issue will figure into the November elections as abortion activists vie to shift the voting balance in the state legislature. In its current form, the state house of representatives is virtually split down the middle on the issue, although anti-abortion forces have a strong ally in House Speaker Larry Campbell, R-Eugene.

Whatever it eventually assumes, next year's legislature will likely become a battleground for the abortion issue.

"Our expectations," Rahm said, "are that in the 1993 session there will be some legislation introduced along the lines of the Pennsylvania statute."

Fidanque said Oregon's history as a pro-choice state will make the going tough for any abortion restrictions.

"Oregon has a history of being pro-choice and we don't expect that to change anytime soon," he said.

Meanwhile, Congress is prepping for debate on the Federal Freedom of Choice Act. The act would block states from enacting restrictions on abortions during the first stages of pregnancy.

The act could reach the house floor by next week. But pro-choice forces do not have the need to overturn an expected presidential veto.

## BYRNE

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Byrne said it was tough to come back to Eugene after interviewing in Lincoln and realize that he was really leaving.

"I have a lot of friends here, and I love this state," Byrne said. "I just spent three days fly-fishing on the Deschutes River. They don't have that (in Nebraska)."

Byrne wasn't the only one getting a little sentimental about his tenure at the University. Dan Williams, University vice president for administration, said he has mixed feelings about Byrne's departure.

"He was the first person I

hired when I took this job," Williams said. "So it's a personal and a professional loss."

Williams said he wasn't surprised when he heard the news about Byrne's new job. "Bill's a young man," he said. "There was no reason to think he'd retire here."

The process to find a successor for Byrne won't get under full steam until September when many faculty and staff return, Williams said. He said the University will begin advertising and recruiting for prospects. A selection committee chaired by Williams will reduce the candidates to a field

that will be invited to Eugene for interviews.

Williams said the search will expand beyond the college environment, adding that the best person for the job will be hired regardless of gender.

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