

## Women's right to abortion at risk

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Women are losing control of their own bodies. They're being told the right to safe, legal abortions, a right our generation has grown up with, may no longer exist.

People who believe abortion should be a legal option, even though it may never be their choice, need to make their beliefs known. If they don't, in the days to come the right of a woman to have an abortion may be revoked. This means you, your girlfriend, your sister may be forced to carry an unwanted pregnancy.

It was 1973 when women quit dying in back alleys and their homes from the effects of illegal abortions. Coat hangers and knitting needles were no longer viewed as the only legal methods available to terminate unwanted pregnancies. It was the year the Supreme Court made the landmark Roe-vs-Wade decision giving women the right to exercise control over their unique ability to bear children. Abortion was made legal.

Now this right is being whittled away. Last July, the Supreme Court upheld a Missouri act which places severe limitations on the availability of abortions in that state. This action to rally for the abolition of

abortion on demand everywhere.

College students are among those who will be affected the most if the abortion laws in Oregon change. Already activists are proposing in Oregon abortions be limited to cases of rape, incest and when the mother's life is in jeopardy.

We cannot let this happen. Women must retain the right to choose whether or not to terminate a pregnancy regardless of their reason. We can no longer depend on the Constitution to insure this right is protected. We must make our beliefs known at the state and federal levels.

Let us never return to the times our mothers and grandmothers grew up with... women died trying to rid themselves of an unwanted pregnancy.

## Jokes don't need to be crude; clever finish makes comedy

I like to tell jokes and, more importantly, to hear new jokes of any character, naughty or suitable for mixed company. Nowadays, there is greater latitude in humor. Watching prime-time Cable, one can hear Robin Williams of "Dead Poets Society" mix it up with Eddie Murphy, and a host of other comedians whose language can be pretty raunchy. I collect some of those if they are well constructed and offer a really clever punchline. Herewith, I offer some jokes I have put onto a floppy disc under the retrieval name: PRISTINE.

One day an Italian bricklayer entered the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican, Rome, Italy. He sat in a pew and bowed his head in rever-

ent prayer. The sun's rays shone through the stained glass windows onto the face of the man.

A young priest came down the aisle and saw the bricklayer surrounded by sunlight. He gasped, and ran to get the monsignor. The monsignor said, "We must tell the bishop." The bishop crossed himself and said, "The Archbishop must see this."

The Archbishop sent the young priest for the Cardinal, who said "Il Papa will want to know."

When the Pope came, he went over to the man and said, "Could I see the palms of your hands?" Sure enough, they bore the scars of stigmata. "May I see your bare feet." Again stigmata.

With that His Holiness turned

to the Clergymen and said, "Look busy."

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A small group of church elders were pondering the problem of calling in the congregation since the clapper had been stolen from the bell in the steeple.

A stranger surmised their dilemma and offered to ring the bell. He climbed into the belfry and took a run at the bell and rang it with his head. On the return swing the bell hit him and knocked him out of the steeple. The elders looked down on the now dead stranger and one asked, "Who is he?" Another elder said, "His face doesn't ring a bell."

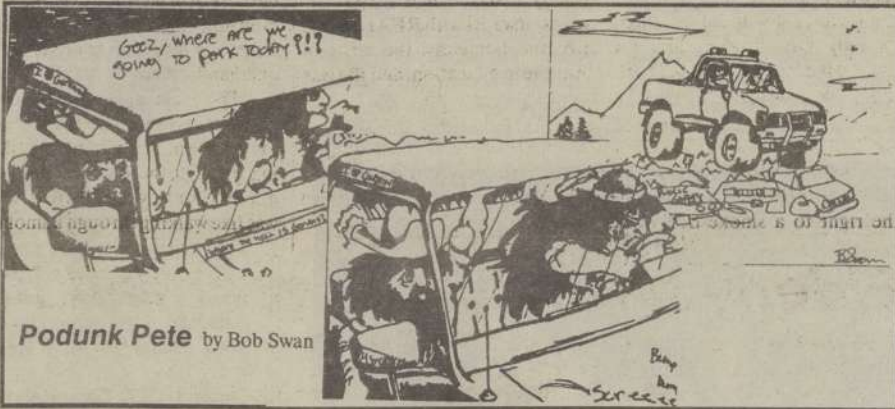
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Later, the elders were faced with the same problem and another stranger, the twin of the first stranger, offered to ring the bell. He climbed into the belfry and rang the bell as his twin had done with the same results.

The elders looked down on his body and one asked, "Who is he?" Another elder said, "I don't know but he sure is a dead ringer for that other bell-ringer."

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Birth control for people over forty: huddy.

### The Laugh Clinic

Joseph Patrick Lee



Podunk Pete by Bob Swan

## Campus Views

"The CCC Associated Student Government is planning a blood drive for Oct. 25. Are you going to give blood?"



**Eric Wiseman:** Yes, I do plan to give blood. I heard on the radio that there is a blood shortage.



**Kristen Olson:** No, I didn't even know about it. I guess I should because it would be nice but I probably won't remember anyway.

**Tara Powers:** No, I don't plan to give blood. I didn't even realize there was a blood drive going on. It should be publicized more. I do think the blood drive is a good cause, although I feel it's not right for me personally to do it.



**Cory Hansen:** No, I'm not giving blood because I get more money for giving sperm.



**Catherine Bailey:** Yes, I am trying to do my share in helping people who need it.

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