OPINION Violence strikes U.S. abortion clinics

By BARRY PARKINSON
Bruns Staff

Early Christmas morning, 3 abortion clinics in Florida were bombed. About a week later, another clinic in the States were also bombed, bringing the number of these attackes to 30. While there has been no such violence over abortion in Canada (unless one considers abortion itself to be violent), things have been heating up. Recently, there was a fairly tense confrontation between "pro-lifers" and advocates of free choice in Calgary (Alberta is the next province in which Dr. Henry Morgantaller hopes to open abortion clinics.)

The abortion situation in the US is much different from that in this country. Abortions have been legal in America since a Supreme Court ruling 12 years ago. During these past 12 years, there have been approximately 15 million abortions performed; today about 1 in 4 pregnancies in the US ends in abortion. Many Canadian women go to the States to have abortions because of the difficulties in getting one in our own country. Perhaps Dr. Morgantaller's recent aquittal in Toronto will change this situation; maybe the charges recently laid against him will leave things as they stand.

Abortion, perhaps more than any other current issue, brings out the tension between personal and public morality. The issue of personal freedom enters in the picture, of course. A resolution of the problem of abortion (and looked at from any angle, abortion would seem to be a tragedy of family planning, if nothing else) seems far off, perhaps untenable.

The pro-life side is concerned with, above all, the fetus. Conception means that a human being has been created and it is the responsibility of the women to carry the fetus/child through to birth. No shirking of this responsibility is admitted. There are various degrees to this approach: there are those who would allow abortions in the case of rape or incest, or where the woman's life is endangered.

The pro-choice people claim that since the woman is the only person whose freedom is limited should the pregnancy be allowed to continue, only the woman should have a say in the issue. The aspects of quality of life and of utilitarity are often stressed.

In either case, aborted pregnancies must be seen, as I have said, as a tragedy. First, there is the potential which is destroyed. Second, and perhaps most important, from a social standpoint, abortion represents the failure of this society to come to terms with sex. Insufficient and awkward attempts at sex-education, either by parents of the schools is too often the rule, when such education exist at all. There is still a certain amount of stigma attached to the unwed mother, instead of needed support. Fathers are often allowed to leave mother and child without any means of support. All in all, this society would seem to have alot of ground to make up in the way of its mores and its regulation.

And what of those who go around bombing clinics, or harassing patients and doctors? Despite the emotive nature of the issue, they must try to approach others involved in the problem in a sane, cooperative manner so that the need for abortion can eventually be eliminated.

UNB Board of Governors has new members

During its fall session of meetings, the Board of Governors at UNB elected a new executive and seated several new members.

Dr. D.C. Campbell, president and general manager of a Fredericton firm was elected to a one-year term as chairman. Campbell has been a member of the UNB Board since 1959.

G.R.W. Bliss, vice-president, engineering, for McCain Foods, Ltd., of Florenceville has served on the board since 1973, was elected vice-chairman for a two-year term.

New members seated during the fall term include:

James A. Coombs, vice-president (finance) of NBTel in Saint John, Knut Grotterod, president and chief operating officer of Fraser Inc. in Edmundston; David T. Hashey, Q.C. of Hanson, Hashey in Fredericton; Suzanne Irving of Saint John; and Billie McCain of Florenceville.

New alumni representatives elected to the Board are Fredericton City Councillor Peter Snowball and Marion Leaman, president of the Associated Alumnae.

Second-year law student Mary Abraham of Fredericton was re-elected to a second term on the board, while third-year computer science student Timothy Lethbridge of Bathurst was elected to his first term.

Education Week Schedule

February 11-16

Monday:
Pub, Opening Ceremonies, D'Avray Caf., 3:30-6:30 $1.00 non-members.

Tuesday:
Hat'n Tie Day, Variety Show, D'Avray Auditorium

Wednesday:
Ugly Day, Jello-eating contest - 3:30 D'Avray Caf., Burger 'n Stien at the Arms $1.99 5:00, Lady's night 7:30-8:30

Thursday:
Red Day, Toboggan Races, Skating at Mactaquac 7:00-10:30 $3.00 Transportation provided

Friday:
Puck Day

Saturday:
Formal, Keddy's featuring Luxury $25 per couple
7:00-9:00 buffet
9:00-1:00 Dance

Tickets will go on sale **February 1, for the skating, Formal and Burger 'n Stien at D'Avray Lobby.**

Fredericton Volunteer Bureau Involve yourself!

By SUZANNE E. MELANSON

Across the desk sits your interviewer. On the wall hangs certificates of application from Big Brother - Big Sister, United Way, CNIB, and a local amateur sports team. The interview goes on and at the end you shake hands, thinking to yourself that you did well.

A few days later, you learn that you didn't get the job; one of your faculty friends got it. Over three cups of coffee how he did it because he never studied as you did. He was always involved in other things.

"That's it" says your friend, "I got involved in community volunteer work, and that is what employers look for. Didn't you notice the plaques and certificates on your interviewer's wall? She's not a big shot or anything but she does like to get involved. It's not too late for you to involve yourself. It always helps when it comes to getting jobs."

This is only a short story but it could be true. People who qualify academically for a job may not get it for lack of community involvement. What is the key to success when looking for a job? Volunteering!

There is a volunteer bureau (perhaps in your home town) that can help you find volunteer work suitable for you. The Fredericton Volunteer Bureau, headed by Lou Jones, is located in the Old Victorian Hospital, 65 Brunswick Street, phone 457-2493. Ms. Jones, who incidently got her job through volunteerism, will be able to convince you in seconds that community non-profit organizations not only want you, but need you.

Ms. Jones recalls, with a certain amount of pride, a young man she was able to help. This person had taken a course in word processing but could not find a job because of the classic "No Experience" syndrome. He went to see Lou hoping she could help. It just so happened that a non-profit organization had enough funds to purchase a word processor but not enough money to get someone to program it. The recent graduate was able to help the organization and they, in turn, were able to help him. The rest is fait accompli as he was hired by a company shortly after.

Investing your spare time into volunteer work will surely pay off. Call the Fredericton Volunteer Bureau, you'll see!


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For further nformation, contact
Ian Burgess at 474-0733

The St. Thomas Religious Studies Dept. presents
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a lecture with slides and dance
Starring Anjol:
Monday, January. 28, 11:30 am
Edmund Casey Hall Auditorium

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Date: Tuesday, January 29, 1985
Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Place: Room 204, Tilley Hall

Anyone Interested in Discussing The Western MBA Program is Invited to Attend.