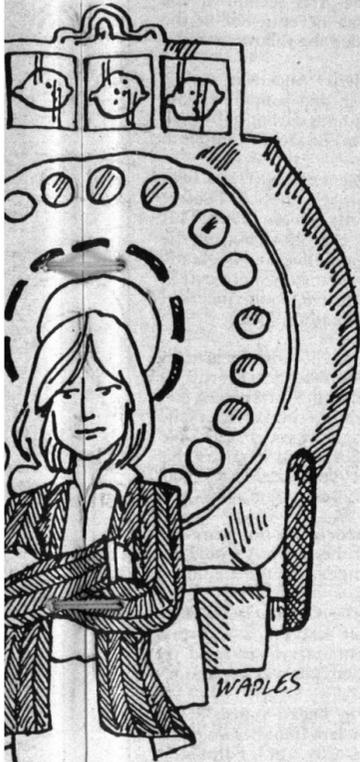


# the neglected aspects of the problem



sexual relations. A lot know about birth control, but don't use it. If you're on the Pill, you're thinking about going out and having sex, they like the idea of spontaneity so they rationalize their behaviour."

In 1979, there were "7036 legal abortions. Of those, three hospitals did approximately 70 per cent of them. The Royal Alexandra did about 80 per cent of the abortions in Northern Alberta," Devine says.

"How can we make the male more responsible? Maybe give him a macho image; get him to carry condoms in his back pocket. We need to tie back up the risks and the actions," he adds.

Karen, 17, was raped. It was what is termed a social rape; she knows the man who did it. Although the supposed chances of getting pregnant from being raped are low, around eight per cent, Karen (not her real name) was one of the select few.

She was relieved when she found out for sure. She had suspected she was pregnant "but didn't want to admit it. She knew

mother, she didn't believe her at first, then treated her as if it was her fault. Her father felt she was protecting the rapist by not saying where he lived!

It took a week between the time she went to see the second doctor and the date of the operation. At that time she was 16.

The operation cost her \$35, the rest is covered by Alberta Health Care - \$75 to the surgeon, and \$46 to the anaesthetist. The surgeon told her he wouldn't do another abortion for her. She was told to go back to the doctor for counselling on birth control.

Joanne was 18 when she had her abortion, so she didn't have to tell her parents. She had been using the Pill, but even though it is 99 per cent effective, it is still one per cent ineffective.

She is currently living with her boyfriend, and thinks some day they will get married. If she could have kept the baby she would have because she loves kids, but it just wasn't the right time.

Joanne still feels guilty about

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right away she was going to have an abortion - "There were no two ways about it."

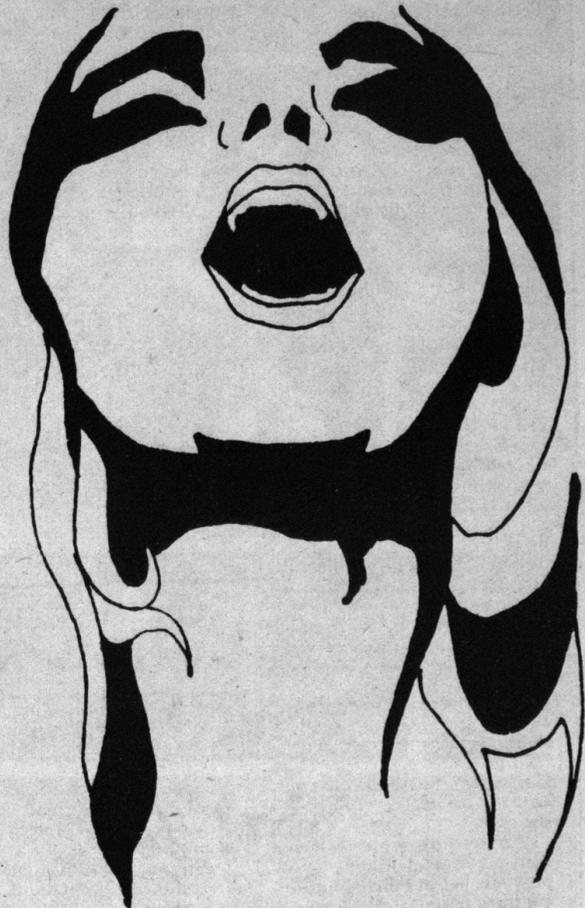
The Rape Crisis Centre helped her get appointments with a doctor, and gave her support throughout. The doctor offered to help her tell her parents, which had to be done because the law requires women under 18 having abortions to have parental consent.

When Karen told her

her decision, and often thinks about the fact she could have been a mother now. "I'd like to get married and have kids in a few years."

Her operation experience wasn't pleasant. "It felt terrible," before and afterwards as she was under general anaesthetic, and out cold.

For Joanne, the abortion cost \$150. The doctor can extra-bill up to about \$200.



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4 students-at-large members

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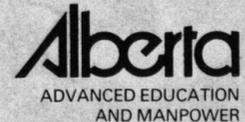
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