

ABORTION INTERVIEW

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BRUNS: Would you advise other girls who are in trouble to do the same thing?

DORIS: No, I would never advise anyone in this decision. I would explain the procedure and my reaction to it and emphasize that it was my own reaction. It is a personal decision and if anyone should advise in anyway it should be the partner and I think there could be a great many complications if a girl were convinced to have an abortion and later regretted it. It has to be something you decide for yourself and decide you are going to carry out and you aren't going to regret.

BRUNS: Now you say your on the pill, but we'll say by some accident you did get pregnant again, would you have another abortion?

DORIS: No, because now I feel I am at least financially capable of supporting a child, and would have no qualms of having a child, being not married. I would never give a child up. The circumstances are the deciding factors.

BRUNS: What do you think of the Canadian laws dealing with abortion?

DORIS: I think there the same as they were before they changed them (laughter). You can have an abortion now if you can go to the board, but how many people would want to go to the board. Particularly in the Maritimes you have no large centres and there are several doctors on the board and you are bound to know at least one of them personally, or your family is bound to know one of them personally.

BRUNS: Do you think that anything can be really done that is concrete about how the abortion laws stand now?

DORIS: I don't know if anything will be done or not. I don't think the answer is particularly the abortion laws, I think the answer lies more in sex education and the prevention of pregnancy. As I said

before it can be a great emotional and mental strain to have an abortion if you don't really feel right about it, or have some qualms about it. So it isn't in the abortion laws that the change has to be made. It's in education and in provincial birth control methods.

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BRUNS: I don't really know how to put this next question but we are living in a small metropolitan area and I'm fairly curious about what you can tell us about the so called "abortion scene" in Fredericton.

DORIS: This answer is obviously here-say and only what I myself have heard. Abortions are available in the Maritimes. They are available in Fredericton if you were born and brought up here and your family is known and you have the right family doctor, however this is rare. Abortions are performed in Moncton and as far as I know it is by a butcher. Again abortions are performed in Halifax. I have had two friends who have gone to Halifax for abortions. This is again is

bad; however there is a place in Montreal and connections can be made easily. There is a doctor in Fredericton and I don't know how common knowledge this is but I guess for his sake I won't say his name but he does have a list and it is arranged price wise so that how much you want to pay and how good a job you want done, he can tell you and make the appointment for you.

BRUNS: Did you ever think you might die during or as a result of the operation.

DORIS: To me, there are two kinds of death - emotional and physical, and physical death has always seemed the easier of the two.

BRUNS: Now just in finishing this I want to kind of recap the whole thing and give us your views on the whole thing in general.

DORIS: An abortion is a decision that can't be taken lightly and as I said before it has to be a personal decision, and I think if the male partner is against the abortion then the decision remains with the female partner. If they can't agree then the decision must come from the female.

BRUNS: Thank you.

The interview that you have just read would not have been possible if Doris had not consented to the interview. The questions which have been raised and answered have hopefully helped to educate students. Interviews of this nature could be come a regular part of your paper. Tentative plans for an interview with a homosexual and / or a lesbian. We would prefer that the person be a student though this is not a necessity. Complete discretion is assured and the individual is under no obligation. The interview will be turned over to the person involved and he / she may edit it and decide if it should be printed.

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"I believe the basic obligation we have to a new human being is that it be wanted. We will neverall be created equal, but we will be able to come closest to that ideal when we are all born wanted. It is therefore logical that I accept abortion. The only ethical and moral position I can take is to allow any woman who does not want to be pregnant to be aborted with dignity, by the physician of her choice, and at a price compatible with other medical services."

Dr. Selig Neubardt, American obstetrician, in his book, *Concept of Contraception*.

very poor. It's cheap and it's a nurse, and all she does is you go to her apartment and she initiates the abortion and then you leave to have the miscarriage the best way

you know how, alone, which is very

Viewpoint

DO YOU FEEL THERE'S TOO STRONG AN EMPHASIS ON DRINKING AT MOST OF THE WINTER CARNIVAL EVENTS? WHY?



Catherine Etheleston, B.T. 3 - Yes, that is because the only thing I can think of where there is not drinking is the fashion show.



Tom Hotchkiss, Arts 2-- Yes, there is more to having fun than drinking.



Joclaine Durant, Bus. Ad. 2-- No, you have to have something to do to have fun, don't you?



Thomas Brown, Arts 4-- No more than at other carnivals. There's more emphasis on free booze this year.



Mrs. Logue, Book Store Manager - Yes, a little more than ample.



Dan Mazerolle, Arts 1 - Yes, a Hell of a lot of events are limited to those over 21.

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