

Guest column

# Abortion Rip-off

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A frantic, small-town female student gets a positive result on a pregnancy test. She knows she wants an abortion (legal—not from one of the local butchers) and she knows abortions are legal in New York with no restrictions—and that is all she knows. So she picks up the phone and dials the number of one of the various referral agencies listed in any number of magazines. Ideally the story should happily end here with the girl's problem being terminated in the safest, cheapest, most reliable manner possible due to expert care, procedures and concern of the personnel who are truly interested in the girl's welfare. Unfortunately—that is, for all practical purposes, NEVER the ending to the story.

The disgusting truth is that there are many agencies, organizations, etc. whose sole purpose is to fraudulently take advantage of women in this situation. For example, many of the numbers called are answered by kind and concerned sounding voices who agree to help but only after a fee of from \$75 to \$200 is sent in. The money is sent, and after a while the person begins to worry. A brief phone call to one of the hospitals mentioned by the agency will confirm the fact that no one has ever heard of them and they are in no way connected with legitimate referrals. Forget ever recovering the deposit—and for those who have no more money, forget solving the problem in the way they would have desired.

You can find any kind of agency (many illegal). There is one, which for the nominal fee of \$600, will meet the couple at the airport in a limousine, drive them to the hotel and provide theater tickets—the next morning the chauffeur will cheerfully arrive to drive the girl to the clinic. It sounds a bit barbaric, but it is the truth. There are factories who shove girls in and out, some with unlicensed physicians (?) and in short many poor facilities. Butchers are not unique to South Carolina.

There are, however many reliable clinics and hospitals. Prices generally range from \$150 to \$200 (for under 12 weeks). There are clinics who adjust the cost to what the patient can afford and no one is sent away because they don't have money.

DON'T go to Women's Pavillion, DON'T call

New York agencies at random and above all DON'T HAVE AN ILLEGAL S.C. (or any other) ABORTION. An alarming number of women are having butcher abortions in this state—these are well educated, good, intelligent women, and they are suffering for it. A desperate girl will do anything.

**HOTLINE ESTABLISHED**

**DON'T GET DESPERATE.** Student Government recognizes that there are a lot of problems which are unique to women students - - and student government is concerned with the welfare of these students. A hotline is being set up and should go into operation within the next week or 10 days. The purpose of this service is not to force decisions on anyone, but to provide safe, inexpensive, legal answers to any questions asked: questions can range from job discrimination to birth control to physicians, and names of clergymen. Information is being given by doctors, nurses, clergy, adoption agencies, etc. Girls who have had experiences similar to those about to be experienced by others will offer comments upon request. If someone has had an illegal (or legal for that matter) operation and is suffering we will find you a doctor. Everything is confidential as these matters concern only the individual seeking information and not her parents, schoolmates, professors etc. Your name and financial situation is not important - only your safety and welfare.

This service will be in operation 5 nights a week from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 at two phone numbers: 777-5104 and 777-4258. Operation is expected to continue through the summer and for the rest of next year. There is a need for people who would like to help in some capacity with the hotline (girls and guys). People desiring to help (without pay) must undergo a short learning experience concerning certain types of problems. The only amount of time required is that which you wish to give. If you are interested in helping (now, during the summer, or next year) please come by the Student Government Office or leave your name and phone number in the box of Secretary of Co-ed Affairs. A short interview is necessary and more details will be given. You won't get money but maybe you can give someone peace of mind.

**FRANKLY SPEAKING**

by Phil Frank



## Monetary crisis

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and one or two other currencies. This means the mark will not be pegged within 1 percent of its present 27 cents, but its value will be determined by supply and demand in the foreign exchange market.

Folks said that this floating period may last a month or more and that it will probably be followed by a revaluation of the mark perhaps to as much as 32 cents.

He said that the United States' response to the situation will probably be a "tremendous effort" to activate and use existing international lines of credit. "The U.S. will probably also issue long-term debts to Germany in exchange for some of the surplus dollars," Folks said.

The professor sees the monetary crisis as having no immediate effect on the American public.

But of course if several European currencies are permanently revaluated, then products from those countries will be more expensive in America," he said.

Folks added that it is possible that short term interest rates will rise as a result of the crisis to reduce the U.S. balance of payments deficit.

The crisis, Folks said, was inevitable with the emergence of a strong European economy and the beginning of European financial integration.

But no one American administration is to blame," he said, "and no act of any administration could have prevented an eventual change in the dollar's international role."

## Gutenberg experiment

# "New war" and hams

BY HARRY HOPE

Columnist

Right now, I'm trying to start a war between Argentina and Scotland. They don't really need a reason to fight—just for someone to tell them that each country is trying to encroach on the other's right to mass produce steam-powered radios.

And since the United States is ally to both, they can hold the war right here. We won't mind. After all, all our soldiers are using someone else's land to tear up.

And while they are fighting a ground combat war, we can still have a war on. Not only that, we can get a filthy rich off the black market, just like the South Vietnamese government.

But to parallel Vietnam, Scotland would aid the northern United States while Argentina would help the south to rise again. Then, we could receive foreign aid from Russia—millions of rubles and lots and lots of vodka.

Then, we should get either a Scottish or Argentine lieutenant to level Podunk, S. C., and get himself in trouble. Then watch the man's country jump to his defense

while condoning mass violence in America.

The possibilities are practically endless. At least, the supporters of the war here would get a taste of what the Vietnamese people are going through.

Someone in the cast of *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, which is to be presented starting tomorrow by the University Theatre, has been trying to convince the Gamecock that someone other than our regular reviewer do the review of R and G."

It seems that they don't have too much confidence in themselves—or maybe at least, this one person doesn't—to bring off a good performance of the Tom Stoppard play.

Is it that a group of people—or again, this one person in the cast—think that they are above criticism even if they do perform in public? This kind of attempt at coercion leads to preconceptions which are dangerous to the review of any performance.

Verily, these hams are not kosher.

## Summer job in Europe from SOS

Several thousand summer jobs in Europe are still available on a first come, first served basis. If you can beg, borrow, or some way dig up the round trip air fare to Europe, this could well be the summer to spend in Europe.

Let's face it, summer jobs are scarce in the U. S. but there are thousands of summer jobs in Europe looking for takers. And working side by side with Europeans in Switzerland, France, Germany, Spain or England can be a rich experience in more ways than one. The air fare aside, a paying job in Europe means you

are actually making money while living the European life. Your wages will more than finance independent travel around Europe.

Most available jobs fall in the category of resort, restaurant, hotel, office, factory, construction and camp counseling work. The Student Overseas Services places you in a job of your choice and obtains your work permit, visa and other necessary papers before you leave for Europe. SOS also arranges your room and board in advance with the job.

Students for summer jobs in Europe may obtain job application

forms, job listings and descriptions and the SOS handbook on earning a summer in Europe by sending their name, address and \$1 (for handling and air mail return of some of the materials from Europe) to SOS - Student Overseas Services, P.O. Box 5173, Santa Barbara, California 93103. Students may also telephone Santa Barbara (805) 969-1176 between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

**Julian**

**Bond**

**Campus Room**

**Capstone**

**tomorrow night**

**7:30**

## Muhammed Ali

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flashes of intelligence that rang truly independent of the rhetoric that he has become so well schooled in.

In particular he seemed sincere and appeared to have insight into the problem of the black man's attempt to find equality in America. He stressed finding a black heritage, language etc. Ali's earnest appeal for coming to grips

with where you've been in order to prepare for where you're going was especially good.

Overall, the Ali lecture was entertaining. If you sat through the verbal footwork, mediocre poetry and goofing on his audience, one may well have come away from last night's event feeling somewhat more knowledgeable of what Muhammad Ali, one of the time's most influential and controversial figures really believes.