

letter to the editor

Life with neurotic tom . . .

The week of January 21-25 has been declared Respect Life week by Gov. Charles Thone. Respect life. Do we? More than 1 million abortions are performed each year. If the life inside the mother's womb is a human life — a tiny, tiny boy or girl, then millions of babies are being killed each year. Biologically, there is no question that this life is human. The First International Conference on Abortion held in October 1967, composed of authorities in the fields of biochemistry, obstetrics and gynecology, and genetics, concluded "Our group could find no point in time between conception and the birth of the infant at

which point that we could say this was not a human life." No other more qualified body of scientists has come to a different conclusion. Since we know this is human life, can anyone justify killing it? Only a society that values convenience over the dignity of human life could allow this. Only we can change this attitude by standing up for those innocent babies who cannot speak for themselves.

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matter of fact, he was probably a little neurotic on top of all his other problems. It didn't matter. I loved him.

There was no way I could afford to pay his doctor bills, and there was no way I was ready to make the decision to put him to sleep. When he wanted to go outside again, I decided just to let him.

I sulked around the house for a while, completely forgetting a date. When she arrived, wide-eyed, with a bottle of wine, dinner in a bag and glad tidings, I responded with a barely audible, "The cat's dead."

I mistook her look for empathy. She said, "If this isn't typical, I don't know what is. I come all set for a romantic even-

ing and you tell me that the cat's dead . . ."

He wasn't. I saw him a few days ago, seemingly very strong. He'll be back for dinner tonight. Several friends tell me that it's just a matter of time before he gets torn up again and possibly killed over a mating or territorial dispute. Tom cats can cause a lot of grief that way. They tell me that his only chance for survival is to have him neutered. I have a feeling that if I had him neutered he'd probably jump me in a dark alley and neuter me.

There is not really much to do. I suppose the relationship will remain one of distance. I have a lot of those. But from now on it's going to be difficult to fool myself about it when I'm fighting down an impending sense of loss.

CFA to make salary cuts

The tentative ASUN student fee allocation for 1980-81 is \$38,908, a cut from its 1979-80 allocation of \$39,502.

The Committee for Fees Allocation approved the new budget late Tuesday night. Specific cuts were made to first and second ASUN vice-presidents' salaries. Currently both vice presidents receive \$140 per month, or \$1,120 per year. The salary

for the first vice-president was decreased to \$110 per month, or \$880 per year. The second vice-president will receive \$95 per month, or \$760 for the year.

The committee also moved that \$500 should be deleted from the ASUN budget request for a new photocopier. This portion of the total cost of \$3,147 for the photocopier will now come from one of ASUN's non-student fee accounts.

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