

# Pro-choice disputed, abortion condemned

## Pro-choice means woman takes life of an unborn human

Scott Keeler recently wrote that "pro-choice" is not the same as "pro-abortion" (letter to the editor, DN, Oct. 24). He says pro-choice means "pro-let the woman make her own decision." Decision about what?

You forgot one thing, Scott — to fill in the black left dangling by the phrase "right to choose." Abortion is choosing to take the life of the living human being in the womb.

We don't allow people to choose to assault, murder, or steal from others. We don't allow employers to choose to discriminate against others on the basis of race, religion, or gender. And we ought to prohibit mothers from choosing to take the lives of their unborn children.

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## Woman's choice should be made before pregnancy

In reference to Scott Keeler's letter (letter to the editor, DN, Oct. 24), I would like to comment on the "re-education" he feels is necessary concerning the use of the word "pro-choice."

Let's get down to brass tacks. "Pro-choice" is a euphemism. It's a lot easier to gain support for the pro-abortion stance if you tell people that it's a matter of individual choice. "Pro-choice" doesn't sound as much like you're killing a human being as "pro-abortion" does.

A woman's choice as to whether or not to have a baby should be made

before she is pregnant.

Now, you can call me "pro-life" or you can call me "anti-abortion." It doesn't matter to me. I don't feel the need to "sugar-coat" my stand on a life and death issue.

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## Reader says abortion personal decision; leave politics out

I am sick and tired of hearing and reading about abortion!!! It is everywhere you go. This issue is tearing our country apart. You have the "pro-choice" activist on one side of the street and the "pro-life" activist on the other. What the hell is happening here?

Don't get me wrong, it is not that I don't care, I do very much. I look around at what is happening and it downright depresses me. Abortion, in my eyes, is a very private and personal decision, but look what has happened here, it has turned out to be a political war. Ask yourself, where are the politics in this issue? I sure cannot find any.

All I see are a bunch of people running around trying to make decisions for others. That's not right. I just wish people would wake up and see that abortion always has been here and it will be here until the end of time. It is either going to happen in a clean, safe clinic or in a dirty back alley.

I am not saying that you should abandon what you believe. I respect what you believe, but you should respect what I believe. I may not believe that abortion is right, but I do think that the choice should be there. I know that many of you are sitting there in total disgust of what I just stated, but then again I am sure there

are a lot of things that I believe are right that you don't. That's life! Everyone has separate set of values. For some reason, though, everyone seems to think that on the subject of abortion everybody should agree. That goes for both sides of the issue. Let's meet each other half way — that is the only way we are going to resolve this problem.

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## No woman should have legal right to kill her baby

To re-educate Scott W. Keeler (letter to the editor, DN, Oct. 24) and others who are confused about the "pro-choice" misnomer, read on.

One would think that "pro-choicers" would attempt to protect the rights to choose of all those involved, namely the mother, the father and the baby. One could even argue that society also should have the right to choose, in that it would be affected by the influence of another human being, positively or negatively. However, we see that the "pro-choicers" are actually "anti-choice" to the baby trying to be born, "anti-choice" to a society that needs all the help it can get and even most regrettable is that the so-called "pro-choicers" even deny God the choice — who has already made his choice, creating a new life for a purpose.

So, we see that the "pro-choice" label is a misnomer. People who support a woman's choice to kill her baby rather than help her choose responsible and loving alternatives are simply misguided sociopaths. So you see that the more fitting term "pro-abortion" is gentle compared to what

"pro-choicers" could be called.

Just as people, living in a civilized society, do not have the legitimate choice to murder another human being, no matter how unwanted they are, neither should a woman have the legal choice to murder her own baby. The cold-blooded murder of an abortion makes me wonder about the legitimacy of the hot passionate "love" in the bedroom. Let's stop killing.

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## Pocketbook power makes businesses stand, take notice

"Protests are us?"

Mr. Hansen, really, if you want to be able to be taken as a credible source of critical thought as far as the environment movement on this campus goes, you really should find out more about what you're talking about before you start making unfounded statements that will show you up for some kind of poltroon. As it is, your comments (letter to the editor, DN, Oct. 25) do a rather thorough job of exposing your brash ignorance of Ecology Now to anyone with even a passing understanding of the organization.

In the first place, your attitude toward publicity is really rather juvenile. It is truly inane to put forth the idea that publicity-generating events are not worthwhile. Our society runs on publicity. Today, careers and ideas and even people themselves are at the mercy of the "make 'em or break 'em" world of public relations.

Protests and demonstrations are effective ways of making the polluters like Mr. Coors know that they have to face up to past records and

make improvements such as the ones he outlined for you. It is also one way to show consumers that there are problems out there.

You have a lot of gaul, Mr. Hansen, but without a doubt you do the best job of showing your ignorance when you accuse Ecology Now of being afraid of "getting their hands dirty." You obviously were not on hand when we held a recycling drive in concert with R.E.M. last year, no pun intended. We collected more than 1,300 pounds of aluminum, and raised more than \$650 for the planting of trees at Pioneers Park. Is that worthwhile enough for you? Sorry, but we got a lot of publicity too, oops.

You obviously don't know anything about the cleanups we have done for Clean Community Systems. You make a pretty loud noise about our not planting any trees "for kids to enjoy." I guess that that is due to the fact that you weren't with us when we went up to Fort Robinson State Park on two different occasions to help in the replanting of some 10,000 seedlings to help repair the damage from the fire that ravaged the park in 1988.

It is truly disappointing that your letter has such a feel of an apology to it. First of all, it seems to be an apology for Mr. Coors — the prodigal son made good. And secondly, it seems like an apology to Mr. Coors for the "Protests are us."

Don't sell the rest of us, and yourself as well, so short. To say that we must go to the corporations because "... they have money, power, and political support, and they can do just about anything they want to" is to cave in to the same impotent reliance on a spoon-fed world that has led us to the brink of ecological disaster that we are now looking over. We are the ones with the power of the pocketbook that can make them stand up and take notice.

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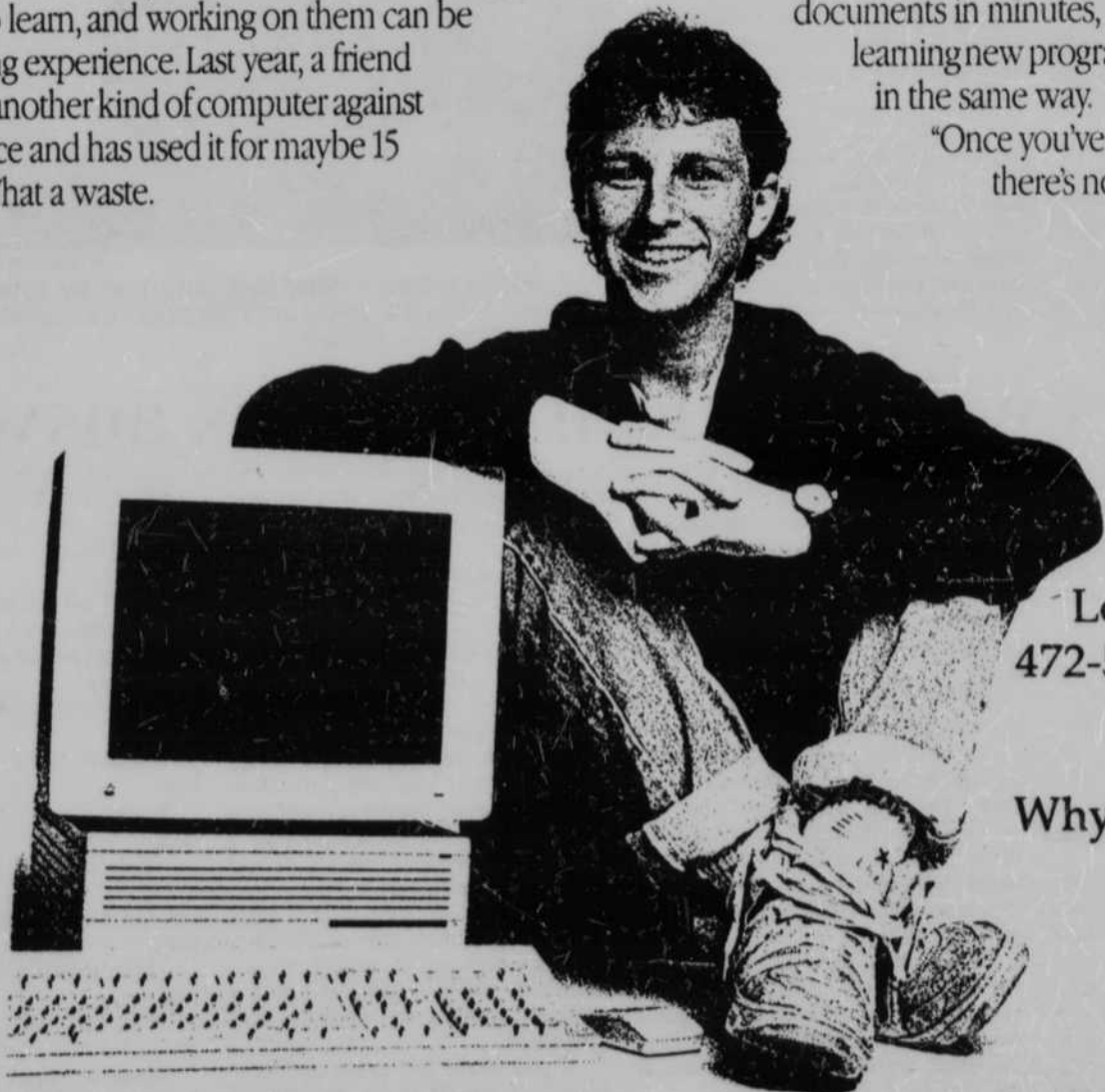
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