

"Convocation" from pg.2

Danielle Welch: I think that if people want to go to convocation that is fine, but it should not be a requirement. If we had convocation once a month, students would be much more considerate and it would not be such a bother to them.

Kaloni N. Paleologos: My studying was interrupted when it was announced that we could no longer study during convocation.... The students should have a voice in what we should have to listen to so that convocation can be enjoyed and not dreaded!

Andy Parthet: I agree with having chapel/convocation.... I believe that if the speakers would pick topics that would be of interest to the students, that more students would show up to chapel/convocation for exactly what it should be; a time of learning about oneself and his or her relationship with God.

Brian Webb: The final decision is not in my hands. It is up to the college. It should be the students choice on who they want to have speak at convocation. The students know what they want to hear, let them decide.

Jodi Whiteside, Freshman: "I felt that anyone that is under the age of 18 and not married should have permission from their parents before getting an abortion."

Bettina Long, Junior: "I believe that pregnant girls under the age of 18 seeking abortions should be required to obtain permission from one parent. Otherwise, serious legal complications could arise from an abortion, resulting in death or injury of the mother; i.e. law suits against the doctor, (who would be considered the only consenting adult."

Robyn Lindsay, Sophomore: "I think that the parents should be notified, but I don't think the parents should have full control either way-in either forcing the girl to have an abortion or in making her have the baby. It really depends on the age and maturity of the girl, and if she can handle the responsibility of her decision."

Matt Gash, Freshman: "I think it is right because your parents should know what their kids are doing and why."

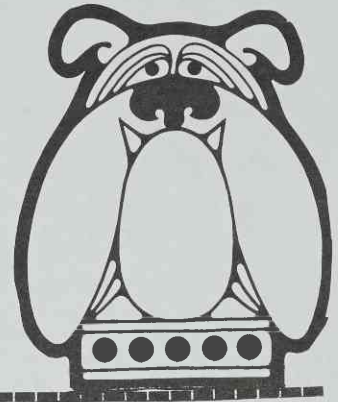
Wendy Guthrie, Junior: "Yes, but I am totally against abortion. If you're going to get pregnant you have to take responsibility."

Ian Ginther, Freshman: "Yes, teenagers should have their parents permission to have an abortion."

Andy Panther, Freshman: "I don't think that she should tell them because it was her fault and not the parents'."

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Should Teenage Girls Be Required To Have Parental Consent To Have An Abortion?



Debbie Neal, Freshman: "I think parents have a right to know. It may be the girl's fault, but the girl goes through emotional problems and she needs her family's support. I believe abortion is wrong but if we can't stop it, the law should be strict on the subject."

William Conyers, Freshman: "I do not believe in abortion in any way, shape or manner."

Sam Fincher, Freshman: "I feel abortion is a sin. Then, the question is asking how I feel about teenage girls having to have parental permission to commit a sin. In this case I feel that parental consent is needed."

Regina Whitaker, Junior: "I feel that teenage girls should have their parents permission to have an abortion. Teenage girls are not mature enough to think logically about the lasting effects that an abortion could have on their lives. I think the parents should have a say in the performance of an abortion. The parents and the daughter should talk things over and seek the best decision for all

involved. The parents should have the opportunity to make the decision, because the daughter is their responsibility. Personally, I feel abortion is wrong and if more parents could make the decision, I feel a number of abortions would decrease."

Alesia Painter, Junior: "In my opinion, a teenager needs to learn how to handle responsibility on her own, but not at the expense of another's life. A teenager should have to ask her parents for an abortion. If not, our family ties will begin to diminish more and more as time goes on. We begin to become responsible to no one but ourselves. To me, that is wrong!"

Dr. Joyce Brown, Professor of English: "I would like to think that all relationships between parents and their daughters would allow discussion of such a life-changing decision, but I do not feel that there should be a legal requirement for their parents to be notified."

Robbie Morgan, Junior: "I feel as if teenagers have the choice of abortion in some cases, but in others they must talk to their parents. Teenagers today, ages 13-16, should get their parents' permission. But teenagers between 17 and 18 have the choice of talking to their parents. Now, teenagers have their own minds and don't care what their parents think or say. Also teenagers don't think about what they are getting themselves into. If they don't get an abortion, they usually don't take care of the baby and leave it someplace, like a trash can, the woods, or somebody's doorstep. Teenagers of today just don't care."

Lydia Grainger, Sophomore: "I feel that pregnant girls under the age of 18 should be required to get their parents' permission to have an abortion. First of all, because an abortion can be a very traumatic experience. Secondly, what if something were to happen to the young girl? Who would be legally responsible?"



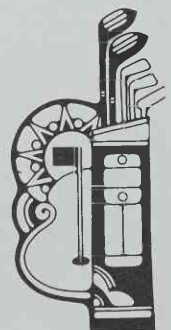
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