Byrn: Abortions Are Illegal

By ALLEN P. KAREN

Professor Robert M. Byrn, a long time foe of the right of women to have abortions, is currently a central figure in a test case which challenges the constitutionality of liberal abortion laws.

Professor Byrn, a Catholic and forty years old, is the Director of the Metropolitan Right-to-Life Committee, an umbrella organization that coordinates the activities of the anti-abortion groups in the metropolitan area.

Prof. Byrn told the Advocate that this lawsuit is one of the anti-abortion actions that are being filed by the New York Defense and Education Fund for the Unborn, the legal arm of the anti-abortion forces. Though he is Catholic and unmarried, he said he is not representing any particular religious viewpoint, but is taking a civic position which has broad-based support from all segments of society.

Wins one, Loses one

The initial step of the current action took place in Queens Supreme Court two weeks ago, where Prof. Byrn was appointed guardian ad litem of all human fetuses until the case is decided, was denied by Supreme Court. Prof. Byrn was appointed as a guardian ad litem of all human fetuses until the case is decided, was denied by Supreme Court. Prof. Byrn said that he would not. He said that the right to life attaches upon conception and any compromise in the law would be an admission that abortion is permissible for a specified period, such action being antibacterial to his views.

Pro. Byrn said that he would only permit an abortion where it is necessary to save the life of the mother.

SBA Notes

At an SBA meeting held on Dec. 13 the body considered a proposal to change our grading to one with broader categories (i.e., High Pass, Pass/Fail) and soundly defeated it. Also rejected was a constitutional amendment that would have permitted eleven Board of Governor Delegates to mandate an SBA Board of Governors meeting upon tendering of a petition to that effect.

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Schwartz Resigns From Law Forum

On November 17, Michael A. Schwartz, Chairman of the Law Forum, the Law School's speakers' bureau, tendered his resignation, effective December 7. Dan Keenagh, the Deputy Chairman, announced that he had joined Mr. Schwartz in resigning from the Law Forum.

A Matter of Honor

Mr. Schwartz, who is a member of Section 3-A and is the Business Manager of the Ad­vocate, indicated that his resignation was a matter of personal honor. "I cannot continue to in­vite distinguished speakers to ad­dress empty rows in the Most Court Room" he said, alluding to the poor attendance at Law Forum functions. Speakers this year, in­cluding Senator Jacob Javits, Cong­ressman Edward Koch, and Is­raeli Ambassador General Yitzhak Rabin, have addressed sparse gatherings of students, though the events were widely publicized.

It was reported that the Law Forum program is in no admin­istrative jeopardy, as speakers have been programmed through the duration of the academic year. Professor Joseph Pognell, of Section 3-A, Co-Chairman of the Law Forum, will assume the position vacated by Mr. Schwartz.

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Stillman Memorial Prize Announced

Second-year evening students at Fordham's School of Law have established an annual award in memory of Andrew M. Stillman, whose 90.78 scholastic average in 1970-71 was highest of any law student in Fordham history.

In October, Mr. Stillman was stricken with a paralytic disease of the spinal cord. He died Nov. 16 in Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx. He was 24 years old.

The Andrew M. Stillman Memorial Award was announced by Section 22 classmates on Dec. 5. It will take the form of an annual book award presented to the top-ranking first year student in Ford­ham's evening law school. The award fund will be administered by Fordham.

Funds begun

John J. Kochana, class pres­i­dent, and David M. Trager, a close friend of Mr. Stillman, head the collection for the fund. They said tax-deductible contributions should be made payable to the Fordham University School of Law (Andrew M. Stillman Memorial Award). Contributions are being accepted at the Fordham School of Law, ad­min­istration office and the SBA office.

"Andy was an extraordinary student and an extraordinary per­son," Mr. Trager said. "His death was a shock to everyone. It was not a change in the law that would be in­flu­enced by a memorial seemed to come spontaneously." Hard work

Mr. Stillman was born Sept. 4, 1947, the son of Morris and Rose Stillman. He attended Bronx High School of Science and the City College of New York, where he was graduated in June 1969 with a degree in chemical en­gineering. He worked briefly for the Burdick Corp., a Connecticut firm, before joining Aetna Life and Casualty Inc. in January as a structural engineer.

Law study was a turning point for him. He told friends it was like discovering a new world. From a rarely distinguished aca­demic record in college, he quickly emerged as the top student in all of his law courses. In his first examination in Contracts, he passed the only perfect score.

To do it, he studied intensely, exploiting ramifications of the law that took him far beyond assigned work. After classes, he grilled his professors. Every Saturday he met a friend, NYU law student Peter Bienstock, out of Columbia Uni­versity law library to do legal research.

He hadn't decided where law would take him. He was interested in problems of poverty, and he spoke of spending time after gradu­ation in a neighborhood law cen­ter. A month before his death he told friends that constitutional law fascinated him and he was considering specialization in that field.

With all his dedication, Mr. Stillman found time for other in­terests. He was an avid sports fan, attending basketball or hockey games regularly. He had an un­usual memory for sports statistics, and he was a member of the NBC sportscaster Bill Mazza and catcher in errors. He was active also in the North East Reform Democratic Club in the Bronx, and he assisted in the campaign of Assemblyman Anthony J. Stella (86-AD).

An avid reader

Mr. Stillman made it a point to pick one book a week that was unrelated to the law, and during the summer he took a poetry class. He must have been able to read more. He and Sheila Krikov, a graduate student in math at Fordham, were planning to announce their engagement soon.

He admitted to being supersti­tious, but he called it "being care­ful." A friend recalled that be­cause Mr. Stillman had eaten pancakes and had been dressed in a white suit, he would have to read more. He wore the same black pants. And when some­one offered him a sandwich, he de­clined. "Today's pancake day," he said.

Friends say goodbye

"Andy had a sense of humor and compassion," said one mem­ber of a study group to which Mr. Stillman, 12 at the Hirsch op­en­door turing to help some­one understand a difficult concept. We'd all get involved and shout at each other for awhile. Then we'd go out and have a couple of beers!" More than 300 friends, includ­ing classmates and faculty mem­bers, attended services for Mr. Stillman, Nov. 12 at the Hirsch Brothers Funeral Home in the Bronx, in addition to the other guests. Mr. Stillman was survived by a brother, Harold, 21, an art major at City College.
Byrn v. Women's Rights

Professor Robert M. Byrn, in his continuous attack on the New York abortion law, is spearheading a legal attack which challenges the constitutionality of New York's so-called "liberal" abortion law. This attempt by Professor Byrn to impose certain moral precepts upon the laws of the states and nation, and to harass and subvert the right of all women to self-determination and equal protection of the laws, is both an arbitrary and a sexist affront to the dignity of women and to the concept of individual liberty.

We are confident that the courts will reject Professor Byrn's arguments and will not return the state's abortion law to the dark ages.

A Free Press?

A funny thing happened to the Advocate on its way to press last issue. Someone dropped the third paragraph of an editorial concerning the existence of a secret five-year plan for the law school. The howfear's of this deletion are still a mystery, but the whyfear's are discernible. It seems that the SBA's leadership thought that this report should be given to the faculty for their action without the benefit of a public airing. As Thomas Jefferson wrote: "To seek out the best through the whole Union, we must resort to the information which from the best of men, acting disinterestedly and with the purest motives, is sometimes incorrect."

Not that we think that the SBA's five-year plan is incorrect, but we do think that the report could have benefited from a public airing of its content instead of having the contents of the report presented to the students as a fait accompli. The five-year plan is a most comprehensive report and the writers should be commended upon their great energy in drafting it.

Recently in the New York Times decision, a due process right to know what its government is doing was asserted and it seems that the Advocate's office, Room 216, either in person, by proxy, or by mail.

Group Formed

It was announced today that there has been formed by students of the Law School an organization, the United Students for Freedom From Academic Irresponsibility. The goals of United Students for Freedom From Academic Irresponsibility are the promotion of traditional moral and ethical values, and by vigorous opposition to the irresponsible use of funds, to demand that the student body of the Law School receive a free press.

Oren de-Roote

Oren Root Jr. resigned his position as News Editor (Day) of The Advocate last month following a dispute about the content of a news story.

The Editor-in-Chief of The Advocate has indicated that there have been some shifts in the structure of the newspaper. Underqualified and inexperienced staffs have indicated that several members of the editorial board have left the Advocate. Whether this will cause the newspaper to cease functioning or not is uncertain, but the Advocate's office, Room 216, either in person, by proxy, or by mail.
By JOHN N. MITCHELL
General Attorney of the United States

Young people have played a primary role in focusing the attention of the Nation on the quality of life in our cities. The need for the importance of ensuring that clean air and water are available for future generations.

During the past two and one-half years, the Department of Justice has been dedicated to the protection of our environment and the preservation of the 135,000,000 acres owned by the Federal Government.

The Nixon Administration has been to chill the First Amendment. The 1899 Refuse Act, which is a generation's duration.

In Vietnam, the Indochina conflict, a 150-mile strip of land stretching from the South China Sea to the Red River delta, has been the major conflict of the past decade. The United States and its allies, including the United Kingdom, have been involved in this conflict for over twenty years.

The Nixon Administration, in its continuing attempt to control and reduce crime, has taken on the role of chief executive and is determined to effectuate the purposes of the laws relating to crime.

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SBA's Five-Year Plan
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Justice and the Environment

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We have achieved a similar solution to the disposal of edible waste in Washington State with the agreement of the large ITT­

Rayonier paper companies to install up to $30 million of pollution control equipment.

We have also vigorously en­

forced the Refuse Act against companies that discharge toxic and hazardous substances such as cyanide, phenols, chrome and dyes into our rivers and stream. The first case to go to trial involving such discharges was against the Arcon Steel Corporation on the Houston Ship Channel in Texas. In that case, the company was held in September, 1971, that the Com­

mission's toxic discharge rules should be stopped forthwith.

Injunctive Relief

Therefore, in March 1970, we adopted a second approach to stop pollution by going into federal court and sue­

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