

# Republicans Hold Abortion Debate In South Hall

by Martin Furman

After a month of planning and two cancellations, the college Republicans finally had their first event last week, "The Abortion Debate" With a large showing from both the Pro-Life and Pro-Choice sides, the debate was a great success.

Dr. Frank Schell of The Pennsylvanians for Human Life of Scranton and Denise Laskos of The Pennsylvanians for Human Life of Hazleton were the speakers for Pro - Life

and Elizabeth Volz from Philadelphia was the speaker for Pro - Choice.

Approximately 50 people showed up for the debate in the South Hall Lobby. The questions that were asked were great from both sides and the speakers responded extremely well.

With Joe Spado as the moderator, the discussion was kept under control thanks to

the crowd staying calm. Things got graphic toward the end when Dr. Schell showed gruesome pictures of aborted fetuses however, things still stayed calm.

Keep your eyes out in the near future for more events by the College Republicans. Meetings are Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in South Hall Lobby. Come and see what we're all about!

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"The problem with the current academic advising system boils down to poor communication, lack of motivation, and consequently lack of interest," says Rob Venema, chairperson of the Academic Advising Committee. Students often times find the advising system confusing with all of the different forms of supplemental material (ie: blue books, degree audit forms, etc.) none of which is clear about what a student should and should not do. As a result of this, combined with the differing advice received from fellow students and teachers, as well as the apparently poor advice of their advisors, many students have found themselves dealing with at least one problem in transferring to university park and/or declaring a major in their fourth semester. "However," Rob goes on to explain, "the problem does not lie entirely with the system. Many times an enthusiastic advisor becomes discouraged when, students don't come to them for advice.

Over a period of time, this leads advisors to believe that students just don't care - when in fact, most students are just too confused with all the conflicting information they receive, especially about "apathetic" advisors."

However the academic advising committee as well as Joe Spado, SGA President, and Janice D. Hayes, Head of Senate, don't feel that the current advising system should be completely abandoned. "We are currently speaking with members of the administration and are planning on a meeting with the faculty and the academic advising center, and have circulated a student poll, in hopes of getting everyone's input into the various problems," says Rob Venema. The committee hopes that with the information gathered from the student poll, as well as the guidance of concerned faculty and administrators, the SGA Senate will be able to present a proposal detailing

effective and efficient solutions that administration will have no problems putting into effect. "We firmly believe that these problems are ones that can be corrected. Our main concern lies in getting the support of the faculty and the administration - we want them to know that we are interested in their input, and in getting the cooperation of the administration on passing our proposal," say Joe Spado, SGA President. "However, we also want every student to know that whether or not we accomplish those goals, we will fight for their right to a better academic advising system and the appropriate changes will be made one way or the other."

For those interested in finding out more about the problem and what is being done, or for those who want to get involved feel free to contact Rob Venema, Academic Advising Chairman, at 450-3312 or the SGA office at 454-5785.

# Planned Parenthood Celebrates Condom Week

by Kristen Beam

Planned Parenthood has designated February 13 - 19, the week of Valentine's Day, National Condom Week.

According to Brenda Long, the center Manager of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Planned Parenthood, national Condom Week has been going on for about five years.

Long described National Condom Week as "a time to think about and discuss condoms with your partner." She went on to say that it is a light-hearted way to initiate discussion on such an important topic as condom use.

Planned Parenthood is celebrating this week by giving out free condoms and instruction sheets on ways to initiate conversation with your partner. There are also pamphlets available, that outline the benefits of using condoms, such as for birth control, or defense against the HIV - virus.

Long remarked on the large amount of response and community support the center

has received. A wide variety of people have stepped into the Planned Parenthood offices for condoms. For example, Long noted an

elderly gentleman went in and picked up condoms for his grandson

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