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ELLIOTT INVESTIGATES LEGAL SIDE OF TEST TUBE BABIES

The Supreme Court has voiced its opinion on when the life of a newly-conceived child begins.

The Right-to-Life people have always been reasonably sure, of course, and much of the scientific community had its mind pretty well made up by the mid-Seventies.

But now there's a new twist, and it's thrown everyone off course in determining when human life begins: babies that are conceived in places other than the mother's body.

"Test tube babies present a sort of legal problem as well as a moral one," says Dr. William G. Elliott, professor of business law at SVSC, "because there are no legal precedents for what happens to a life which begins in a test tube."

Elliott explored the various legal definitions of life in a recent paper titled "Law and the Beginning of Life", which he presented at the 55th Annual Convention of the National Business Law Association.

In the paper, he pointed out that there is no single definition of "life" as it concerns an unborn child. Each branch of law, be it abortion, descent, tort, or constitutional, has its own definition of when life begins. Therefore, if a lawsuit should occur concerning some aspect of the stage before the fertilized ovum is replaced in the mother's

body, what definition of life would apply?

"I tried to make a projection of sorts as to what the law might be if something went wrong," says Elliott. "What if there was improper removal of the embryo, what if it died in the test tube? This is a whole new area of law, and there's no precedent for a lawsuit."

"In fact," he continued, "there has been only one case having to do with test tube fertilization up to now, and that was in Del Zio v. Columbia Presbyterian, et. al when a Mrs. Doris Del Zio sued a physician and a hospital for mental anguish because of the destruction of one of her test tube fertilized eggs. She won the case, but that didn't resolve the problem of the eggs itself."

Elliott feels that the only way the question will be solved is by actual precedent-setting cases. Without that, he feels that existing laws on abortion, where the beginning of life is defined by viability; and tort, where some jurisdictions accept conception and others live birth; will have to be applied loosely to fit the cases involved.

"It's interesting to examine the various aspects of law as it relates to the beginning of life," concludes Elliott, "and to compare the rights of a test tube baby to a normal baby under the law. Who knows, maybe we'll have to open up an entirely new arm of the law just for test tube cases?"

FIVE WIN TOP SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD

Students from Applegate, Cass City, Kawkawlin, Marlette and Saginaw have won Hallmark Awards for submitting the top entries in the 1979 Scholastic Art Awards competition at Hampton Square Mall, Essexville. Sponsored by the Mall in cooperation with SVSC and Scholastic Magazines, Inc., the contest drew more than 200 entries from 31 schools across the Saginaw Valley and Thumb areas. Gold achievement keys have been awarded to other top entries, some of which have also been selected as "Blue Ribbon" Finalists. These will be forwarded after the Hampton Square

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Mall show to Scholastic Magazines in New York, where they will be judged with finalists from other regions for the 52nd Annual National Exhibition.

The top local winners were: Bay City Western High School -- Amy Ebel, 1715 Wetters Road, Kawkawlin, for a pencil drawing; Cass City High School -- Kari Witherspoon, 4615 Oak St., Cass City, for mixed media; Croswell-Lexington High School -- Irene Biskey, 6476 Townsend Rd., Applegate, for an oil painting; Marlette High School -- Michael Bailey, 6031 Lynd Road, Marlette, for a pencil drawing; and Saginaw South Intermediate School -- Darrie Quast, 1329 Bay Road, Saginaw, for a tempera work.

The exhibit will be at Hampton Square Mall from Thursday, January 18 through Sunday, January 28, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Included are paintings, drawing, photographs, and three-dimensional artwork.

Entries were selected by teachers, who submitted the best work from their classes, and judged by Dr. Barron Hirsch, SVSC art department chairman. Chairman of the Regional Art Awards advisory committee is Matthew Zivich, assistant professor of art at SVSC.

SNOW CURTAILS COFFEE

Recent inclement weather and deep snow accumulations on campus have caused the ARA food service to restrict coffee deliveries to Doan Center until further notice. Hazardous walking conditions and an inability to make cartons roll on snow have necessitated this move, according to Director of Business Services, Bob Becker.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT FEATURED IN NATIONAL MAGAZINE

Change and progress made in the Department of Public Safety at SVSC in recent years is highlighted in an article which appeared last month in the Campus Law Enforcement Journal, a professional magazine for campus law enforcement administrators. The article describes how Public Safety Director Zane Rybkowski has changed the role and the scope of his department since joining the College in January 1976. Three photos were

also published, which show Rybkowski and his staff at work.

The article concludes by saying that "in reviewing the development and maturation of this department, the Director experiences a sense of accomplishment and is optimistic that the department will continue to improve and upgrade its services to the College and community."

REFRESHER COURSE OFFERED

Campus persons with questions or problems concerning the new Dimension telephone system are being offered a refresher course by Mrs. Michele Dyer, Business Services. Assistance for any particular problem you are experiencing can be obtained by calling Michele at ext. 4102.

WINTER LIBRARY HOURS ANNOUNCED

Regular operating hours for the SVSC Library/Learning Resources Center for winter semester are as follows:

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Saturday: 12 noon - 5 p.m.
Sunday: 12 noon - 9 p.m.

During Spring Break from Sunday, February 25 through Saturday, March 3, the Library will close on Friday, February 23 at 4:30 p.m. and will be open only from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Monday, February 26 - Friday, March 2. Regular hours will resume on Monday, March 5.

Easter Sunday falls on April 15 this year, and the Library will close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 13, in observance. Regular hours resume Monday, April 16.

Winter semester examination days are April 20-26. The Library will close Thursday, April 26 at 10:30 p.m. and will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the recess and will be closed on Saturday and Sunday. Spring session classes begin on Tuesday, May 8, and regular Library hours will be resumed on that date.

ZIVICH TO JUDGE SNOW ART

Matthew Zivich, assistant professor of art,

has been named judge of the Midland Public Schools Ice and Snow Sculpture Contest slated for January 29. The contest will take place at the Midland Farmer's Market, with submissions from students at Midland's public schools being judged. Supervisor for the contest is Jim Hofenspdrger, art supervisor for the Midland Public Schools.

CARDINAL ATHLETES BUSY THIS WEEKEND

SVSC's men's and women's basketball teams have a busy weekend ahead of them as they spend Saturday on the road to Oakland University, and then Monday on to Ferris State College for two key GLIAC match-ups.

The Cardinal track team will head to Eastern Michigan University for its first non-scoring indoor track meet for the season. SVSC will be gearing up for the 1979 track season, which will officially begin January 27 with the first scoring meet against the University of Michigan.

PERSONNEL --

-- Secretary; Vice President for Business Affairs, FT-P, \$4.25/hour.

-- Senior Secretary; Engineering & Technology, FT-P, \$3.70/hour.

-- Senior Secretary; Registrar, FT-P, \$3.70/hour.

These positions will be open to members of the College community for one week. Interested individuals should contact the Personnel Office at ext. 4108.

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