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The clinic’s first doctor was **Richard Litt**, a graduate of the University of Florida Medical School who had done his residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital and was board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology. He got involved because a childhood friend, Steve Fisher, was the Easons’ administrator.

Litt performed abortions there two days a week. “When I worked there, I ran the medical part and I wouldn’t let them near me. I did many procedures, and had no real complications.” But by 1981, Litt was disgusted with the place. Outside the procedure rooms, it was dirty, with cigarette ashes scattered about the pale linoleum. Litt says the Easons were asking him to do too many abortions a day, on women too far along in their pregnancy.

And Hoffman, who at that point had had several confrontations with the law, often acted unprofessionally at the office. “She would kick doors in and have loud drunken arguments,” says another former employee.

The final indignity, Litt says, was when someone at the clinic started stealing his prescription forms, forging his signature to get narcotics in bulk. He found out after a state computer noticed an unusual number of orders for such drugs as Demerol under his name. The state Department of Professional Regulation investigated. Litt says it was proved his signature was forged, but the state reprimanded him for allowing his prescription forms to fall into the wrong hands. (The state’s files from 1983 have been destroyed, says Pat Robinson, public information specialist.)

So, Litt left the clinic.

“Dr. Litt was the last mainstream gynecologist they had,” says Lynn Rosenthal, a Tallahassee clinic administrator who used to work in Miami.

And he left with bitterness: “The place is a scum hole. I wouldn’t send a dog there . . . They should be put in jail.”

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