



Sunny afternoon can't melt slurping ice cream mania

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The line outside the shop was about 10 persons deep. Another 10 stood inside the shop patiently waiting to be served.

Also inside the shop, a weary brown-haired woman dressed in a pink uniform hustled behind the service counter filling orders.

"Butterscotch Ribbon, Rainbow Sherbert, Toasted Almond, Pralines 'n Cream, Jamoca Almond Fudge" — all the orders melted into one, as she rushed to scoop another ball of ice cream.

For Lorna Edwards, the manager of the Baskin and Robbins 31 Ice Cream stores in the EMU breeze-way, the line of customers seemed endless.

In fact, with the arrival of that unidentified golden orb in the sky, the campus area ice cream business has been red hot.

Even with the prolonged rainy season, some local ice cream shops are reporting business has increased about 30-70 percent. Compared with the last year's spring, during part of the infamous Oregon drought, ice cream sales are booming.

Ken Larson, manager of Gantsy's Ice Cream, 1605 E. 19th Ave. says even with the poor weather he is doing 30 percent better business than last year. The last couple of days, he has been averaging about 500 customers per day.

Larson credited the overall better business to a growing reputation, good service, a variety of ice cream flavors and large scoops of ice cream. His fastest selling flavor now is caramel pralines.

The recent poor weather hasn't really dampened Larson's business because most of his trade is with students, who patronize his shop regardless of the weather, he says.

The sunny weather has also helped Baskin and Robbins. Edwards says rainy days could mean as few as 130 customers per day with an average of about 220 per day. But Wednesday, the number of customers doubled to more than 400.

Prince Puckler's Gourmet Ice Cream and Frozen Yogurt also has scooped out some good business this spring. Jim Robertson, part-owner of Prince Puckler's estimated 2,500 customers have dropped by his two ice cream shops in the past few days. Business for those two shops, 1473 E. 19th and 99 W. 10th, is up 70 percent over last spring.

Like at Gantsy's, Robertson believes the better business is due in part to more people knowing about his ice cream shops — mostly from word of mouth. He rarely advertised because "We've done well enough without a lot of advertising," he says.

In the last few days, he has gone through about 350 gallons of ice cream, with a high demand for any flavor prefaced with "banana."

Groups gearup for abortion fight

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Nearly five years since the United State's Supreme Court legalized abortion and two years since Congress limited federal funding for medicaid abortions, proponents of abortion in Oregon are now gearing up for a state-wide fight over two proposed ballot measures that could end abortion in the state.

According to Polly Davis of the University's Woman's Referral and Resource Center, pro-

abortion groups all over the state are beginning to organize a campaign to combat the proposed measures that may appear on the November 7 ballot.

The measures, filed with the Secretary of State's office in April, would end all state funding for abortions for poor women, and would make it illegal for a state employee to refer a woman seeking an abortion to the appropriate agency.

Although the measures were filed with the state, they may not

make it past the state Supreme Court, Davis says. Because of exceptionally vague wording, the proposals are being challenged by the state's American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

The measures, one proposed by three Portland residents and another proposed by three Jackson County residents, would not only limit state-funded abortions for medical purposes, but would also end the use of state monies for abortions due to rape or incest, or if the fetus is judged abnormal

by a doctor.

State employees would also be in violation of one of the proposed measures if they gave a woman seeking an abortion advice about what organization to contact, Davis says.

The challenge by the ACLU is focused on the two measures' wording and not their intent, says Jetta Siegel, of the Eugene ACLU office.

"What we've asked is that some ballot titles be changed," Siegel says. "We're upset by the wording of a couple of ballot titles."

The first measure, which was proposed by Kenneth Schiedel, Robert De Koning and Chris Kowitz, all of Portland, would end state funding of abortion and make it illegal for the state to present abortion as a legal alternative.

The second measure, proposed April 10 by Peter Applegate, Bruce Seymour and C.A. Sheldon, all of Jackson County, would be an amendment to the state constitution to forbid the killing of a "human form."

The wording of both measures is very vague, Siegel says. The ACLU, by challenging the measures before the state Supreme Court, is trying to make the proposals more specific.

"What we're objecting to is the vagueness of the measures," she says. "The way these are worded people may not know what the consequences of passing them would be."

While the measures themselves have yet to come under attack, Siegel says the ACLU would rather not see them on the November ballot.

"We'd just as soon not like to see these on the ballot," she says. "But people have a right to vote on things like this. That's the way our system works."

Arguments before the State Supreme Court on the measures are set for Tuesday afternoon. A decision on the wording is expected by the end of that week.

If the measures are approved, Davis says, several pro-abortion organizations around the state will be needed to combat the proposals' intent. Right now only one full-time pro-abortion organization, the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), is working to insure poor women have the right to obtain an abortion with federal or state money.

Davis and six other women met this week to organize a Willamette Valley pro-abortion group to fight the proposals in Eugene.

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