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Salem residents Tawana Bedortha (left), Dianne Blair and Pat Gest joined 250 others at Wednesday night's rally to support abortion rights and celebrate the 19th and possibly last anniversary of Roe vs. Wade.

Advocates mark Roe's 19th year

Supporters of abortion rights believe this could be the last year to celebrate Roe vs. Wade's anniversary

By Carrie Dennett
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S A L E M — More than 250 men, women and children turned out Wednesday night to celebrate what might be the last anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the 1973 landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

"Illegal Abortion? Not!" read one handmade sign above the heads of the candleholding supporters.

"The Reagan/Bush administration has set the timeline to the back alley for women," said Diane Linn, director of the Oregon chapter of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

Linn blasted the Pennsylvania abortion case that the Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to hear in April.

"They are forcing women to listen to a state-designed lecture designed to discourage them from having an abortion, after they already made the

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Before the rally, pro-choice supporters filled a banner with their names, drawings and messages, including "Keep Abortion Safe and Legal Forever."

IFC's Vilches quits two-year position

A three-year stint comes to an end because of an increased academic workload

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Freddy Vilches, a member of the Incidental Fee Committee for three-and-a-half years, has resigned because added commitments this year left him inadequate time to serve on the IFC.

Vilches, who began graduate school in the fall and also has a graduate teaching fellowship, formally resigned last week from the committee that allocates student fees.

"I was just overwhelmed with work, so I decided I was better off devoting my time to my graduate studies," Vilches said.

Vilches was in the second year of his second two-year term as an IFC member.

IFC member Sara Dodge said Vilches will be missed, but his announcement didn't come as a surprise.

"I know he has a lot going on this year," Dodge said. "He's been on the committee a long time, so he's been a real valuable member and had a lot of experience. We'll miss him. But I know that if he was going to be on the committee, he wanted to give it 100 percent, and he couldn't to do that this year. So he thought the best thing to do was resign."

The ASUO is accepting applications until 5 p.m. today to fill the vacancy.

Budget hearings for 1992-93



Freddy Vilches

will be under way next week. This year, they will take place Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

At Wednesday's meeting, the committee voted unanimously to allow the subgroups of the Student Bar Association to submit budgets that will be separate from SBA. Previous IFC allocations to the subgroups have all been made in one lump sum to the SBA, although the subgroups are autonomous. The change was made at the request of SBA.

At the previous meeting, Jan. 8, the IFC voted unanimously to give a special request of \$428 to the ASUO to provide airfare for President Jennifer Bills, who will be lobbying in Washington, D.C., next week with University President Myles Brand.

The purpose of the trip is to lobby non-Oregon congressional members and members of the Defense Department to end discrimination of gays and lesbians in the military.

County may force hot dog cart closure

Vendor faces losing her license after officials catch up on her lack of kitchen facilities

By Rene DeCair
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On a sunny Wednesday afternoon, Cookie is busy exchanging hot dogs for money and serving up conversation to people, including a parking meter attendant and a police officer.

On this winter day, Judy "Cookie" Szakacs, 50, who has sold hot dogs from her cart on the corner of 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street for 12 years, can be seen doing what she always does.

But she may be put out of business soon if she can't come up with a new kitchen.

Oregon law requires that vendors operate out of a kitchen with a bathroom, a three-part sink and floor drainage. She now operates out of

her garage-turned-kitchen with a one-part sink, one refrigerator and two freezers.

Lane County's environmental health department has given her 120 days to come up with the rest of the facilities. But Cookie said with the money she makes, she can't afford to.

"Everybody knows business isn't that good," Cookie said. "C'mon, Halley's is gone."

In the meantime, while she figures out how to stay in business, Cookie is garnering support from loyal customers who are angered over what they see as a stupid law.

"Cookie and I have had nice, long chats. She's a decent woman," said Roger Freeman, a four-year customer and University student. "Don't we all kind of bend the rules a little bit?"

"She's not cooking filet mignon. The customer knows what they're expecting."

Cookie's troubles began in 1986 when she lost her license because

health officials found out she was not operating out of a local restaurant's kitchen as she claimed.

Cookie promised officials she would operate out of the restaurant's kitchen on a regular basis, and they restored her license. This year, when the county called to check up on her, they found she was not using the restaurant's facilities.

"They hadn't seen her in months," said Rich Coots, county sanitarian.

"I was operating," Cookie said. "I just wasn't real consistent."

She has an attorney helping her challenge the law to allow her to operate out of her converted garage.

But her only option if she wants to keep selling, Coots said, is to change state law, which would require the Oregon Legislature's approval.

And now, although the University Physical Plant has volunteered to

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BIAS

Panelists believe deadlines and space constraints affect biases in the media.

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LOOKIN' FOR A WIN

The Oregon men's basketball team returns to Mac Court this weekend to face Washington State on Thursday and Washington on Saturday.

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SLOPES

Oregon's club ski team brought home a mixed bag of results.

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