

ABORTION

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choice," she said. "Is this freedom?" "No!" shouted the crowd, raising their candles into the air.

"The rights of women do hang by a thread, but we won't sit back," Linn said. "Oregon NARAL is on the move and you people are the key players to retain our rights."

President Bush was criticized by several speakers for his anti-abortion stance.

"(Bush) does not trust the women of America to make decisions about their own lives," Linn said. "We don't trust him to run our country."

The event's featured speaker was Betty Roberts, former associate justice of the Oregon Supreme Court and former state senator.

"I join this rally tonight with mixed emotions," she said. "I am happy that for 19 years women have had the freedom to choose."

Roberts was one of the lawyers who argued in court before Roe that Oregon's restrictive abortion laws were unconstitutional. A decision was still pending on her case when the Roe ruling was handed down.

"I shall never forget that January day in 1973, as I was sitting in the Ways and Means committee, when someone told me the U.S. Supreme Court had handed down a major decision on abortion," she said.

Roberts immediately went to a phone to find out details.

"You won," she was told.

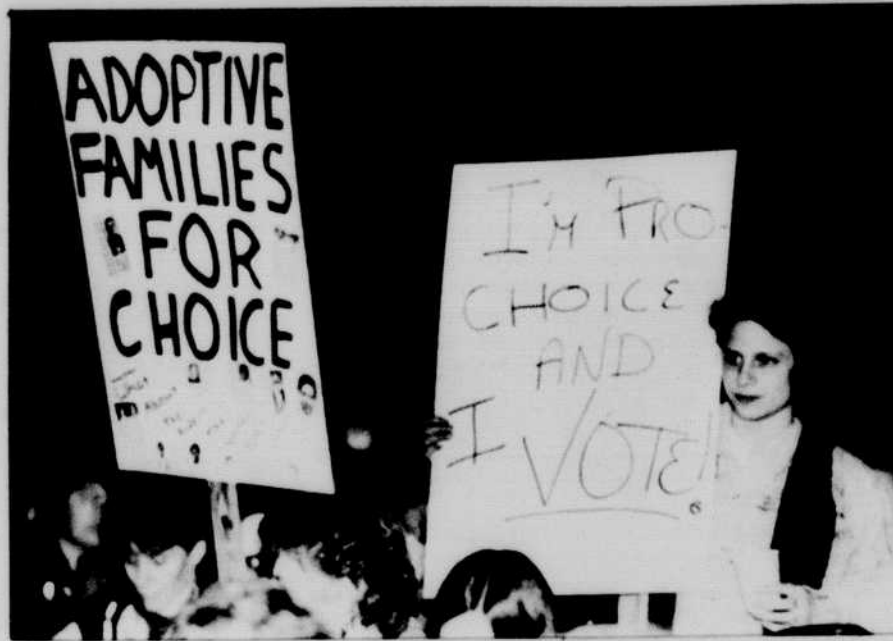
"How much did we win?" she asked.

"You won everything."

"Tonight," she said to the crowd, "I am proud about all the pro-choice advocates who have for 19 years fought back every attempt to dilute Roe vs. Wade."

Roberts said that the conservative Supreme Court majority is likely to make abortion illegal again.

"I am angry that the person who holds the highest office in the land has stacked the Supreme Court for that purpose," she said.



A sign held by Oregon State student Greta Lamuso reflected the advice of rally speakers to vote for pro-choice political candidates.

The fight for freedom of choice, she said, will have to take new avenues.

"It is clear to me we will have to do it without the United States Supreme Court," she said. "In fact, it is clear that we will have to do it in spite of that court."

Roberts said that attention should be turned to the lower courts, and asked the crowd to pledge that they will ask every presidential candidate who they will appoint to the federal judiciary, and ask every candidate for governor who they will appoint to the state judiciary.

"We have lost the Supreme Court for now, but we must act to reclaim it in the future," she said.

Because it is likely that each state will decide its own abortion laws, Roberts said every elected official, from school board representative to president of the United States, must be questioned about their stand on abortion.

"Don't be afraid of being accused of single-issue politics," she said. "Being for liberty and being for freedom is not a single issue."

Roberts said the right to choose an abortion affects a woman's access to equal education, equal jobs and the right to have healthy children.

"Roe vs. Wade is much like the Emancipation Proclamation," she said. "It set us free."

"It is time to pick up the challenge the U.S. Supreme Court has handed us, and turn it to our advantage," she said. "We must win the battle for all time."

State Sen. Tricia Smith, D-Salem, accused the anti-abortion movement of clouding the abortion issue, and dividing women against themselves.

"This isn't an issue about unborn babies," she said. "This is an issue about power."

"If we don't control our bodies, we don't control anything."

To represent each year of Roe, 19 pro-choice supporters each lit a candle, and said what it symbolized to them.

"We may not be here lighting 20 next year," Smith said. "But we will be doing something else, like electing pro-choice officials."

Anti-abortion force 'optimistic'

ROE vs. WADE



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WASHINGTON (AP) — The 70,000 abortion-rights foes who gathered on the 19th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion expressed optimism that it won't be legal much longer.

Mary Ellen Fattori of Havertown, Pa., said she was "very optimistic" about the prospects for making abortion illegal, and not just because the Supreme Court has become more conservative since its landmark 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision.

A day earlier, the court had agreed to review a restrictive Pennsylvania abortion law. Activists on both sides have said the justices may well use that case to undermine Roe vs. Wade.

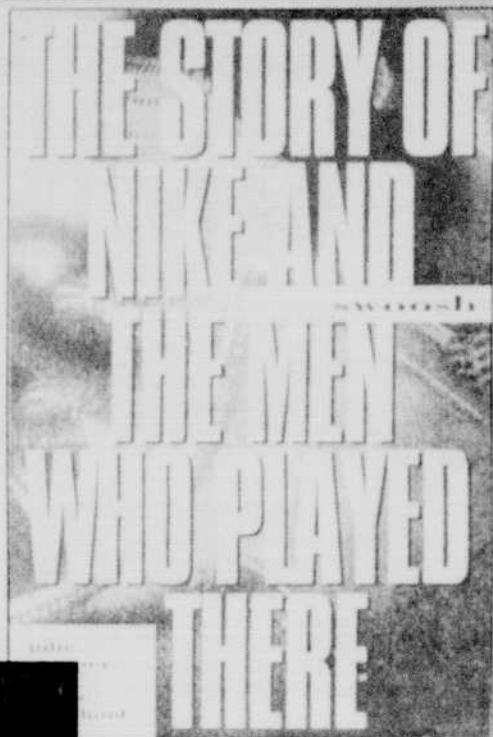
"There's a change in attitudes, especially the attitudes of young people," said Fattori, an English literature professor at Villanova University. "They have a conscience like they haven't had for 15 years. The apathy has gone away."

Anti-abortion activists rallied in dozens of other cities Wednesday, including 5,000 in Atlanta who heard Roman Catholic Bishop James Lyke declare that America has been "torn asunder over a law ... which makes life cheap."

Most of the marches were accompanied by smaller groups of counter-demonstrators.

In Washington, counter-demonstrators lined a block of Constitution Avenue, exchanging chants, taunts and finger-pointing with the abortion foes.

Despite some bitter arguments no arrests were reported.



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