Groups intensify efforts over abortion

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that it looked like the fire had been started from the second-floor balcony because the flames were pouring from the middle. Pro-Life proposed an investigation of the incident to the Campus Police and Pro-Life vice president Juan Lataza of the Campus Police Chief Anne P. Glavin. Lataza said the college is under an order of the Special Services Division of the Campus Police. Pro-Life qualified the action as irresponsible and dangerous, according to Lataza. Michelle Bush '91, president of the MIT Association for Women Students, urged the burning of the poster. "I found it very upsetting. I feel it reflects poorly on the pro-choice movement," she said. Bush said that people should have access to both sides of an issue like abortion.

Pro-Life forum

Four representatives of pro-life regional movements spoke last Thursday at a forum sponsored by MIT Pro-Life: Kelly Jefferson of the National Right To Life; Dr. Mildred Jefferson, co-founder of National Right To Life; and Cheryl Augustine of Women Exploited by Abortion. Pakaluk stressed that the pro-choice position represents a "system consistent with Judeo-Christian tradition. It regards the fetus as alive and human, therefore possessing the inalienable right to life. Another school of thought regards human life as not sufficiently defined by biological terms and requires other qualities to have value, she said. However, "there are no real biological changes when the baby comes out of the uterus," she added.

There is also a widespread misconception that abortions are practiced early in pregnancy when the fetus is small, Pakaluk said. In fact, ten percent of the 1.5 million annual abortions in the United States happen after the 13th week after conception — in some cases, if born prematurely, the baby could be kept alive. Abortions in the first six weeks after conception are very rare, she added.

Pakaluk questioned why women seek abortion. According to a study, she said, abortions resulting from rape, incest, and threat to a woman's life represent only three percent of the total number of abortions. The study says that a woman's main motivations for abortion are that having a baby will change her life, inability to afford taking care of a baby, or already having all the children she wants.

Kelly Jefferson spoke about feminism and the pro-life movement. She holds the view that abortion, and the perceived need for it, validate the patriarchal view that women are inferior to men. She believes that abortion liberates men, not women, because it surrenders single women to pregnancy discrimination, and allows men to escape responsibility for their sexual behavior. By setting for abortion rather than working for the social changes that would allow a woman to simultaneously support children and care, pro-abortion feminism has agreed to participate in a man's world on male terms, she said. Thus the pro-choice position is inconsistent, she added, because it tries to secure rights by oppression.

Dr. Mildred Jefferson asserted that abortion leads to alienation. "If a woman can carry in her something that is not human, then she must not be human," she said. Abortion cuts the human connection between the woman and the child, she added; if a woman negates the bonds to her child, she denies the connection to the larger human family. Augustine from WEEBA said that many young women have to face the psychological consequences of an abortion when they do have their first child, usually five to seven years later. In Augustiner's case, she began to feel a deep remorse a few years after her own abortion and became prone to drinking.

Dr. Jefferson also said that the debate on choice has nothing to do with abortion; "choice" is merely a word that sells as a right to abortion. The notion that abortion equals freedom from dom leads to confused women, she claimed. However, society should not be concerned with confused women, but "with women willing to confuse others and induce people to make decisions with consequences they will not pay," she added. Finally, she said that abortion is an acquiresd right, and that the majority of society will not tolerate.

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