Local NOW President Speaks to New Pro-Choice Group

By Karen Kaplan

In South Dakota, the state’s only abortion services clinic was blown up. In Massachusetts, women leaving health centers after routine Pap smear tests for pre-cancerous, cells of uterine lining are pressured to travel to England so she could receive an abortion.

That’s not true that different from the road the Space Grant, the Bush Administration, and Congress are aiming at, said Ellen Zucker, president of the Boston chapter of the National Organization for Women. “We’re going to Washington, D.C., to say, ‘We’re not going to put up with that.’”

Zucker addressed the first meeting of a new campus group, MIT Students for Choice, on Tuesday night in an effort to persuade students to participate in the March for Women’s Lives in April in Washington. In this election year, many organizations hope to “send a message” to President Bush, to Congress, and to the Supreme Court, which is scheduled to rule on a state abortion law before November.

“We’ve got some real chances here to change things....Let’s send a message to the Bush Administration, the Supreme Court, and Congress that womencount, and they’ll change things,” she said. And by “we” she meant the Washington march in April, Zucker encouraged students to distribute leaflets and posters, make phone calls, discuss the issue “around the office and in the supermarket checkout line,” and promote general awareness about the march and about reproductive freedom in general.

Burden of proof shifted

“We’ve already lost the essence of Roe v. Wade,” the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized most abortions throughout the country, Zucker said. Now, she said, the court has changed the burden of proof in abortion cases, revising Roe.

When Roe v. Wade was handed down, the Court recognized a woman’s “fundamental right” to have an abortion in most circumstances. Zucker said. According to this standard, it would be very difficult for governments to pass laws restricting this right. But over the past two decades, a series of Supreme Court decisions on federal funding, parental notification, and information distribution has narrowed that standard, Zucker said. Now the judicial standard allows legislators to restrict access to abortions if the law is “not unduly burdensome,” the continued.

Federal protection and the funda- damental right to abortion is almost laughable,” Zucker said. “It’s so easy for states to regulate reproductive rights.”

Blame more Bush

Although the Supreme Court could potentially overturn Roe v. Wade this year, Zucker placed the blame for the erosion of reproductive freedom rights on Congress, Bush, former president Ronald Reagan, and an unconcerned electorate.

“Indeed, it’s the fault of all those men and women who persisted in confirming anti-choice advocates like Bush to elected office,” she said. “It’s so laughable.”

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