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Pink power on the march

Fortified with pink armbands and a determination to free womankind, nearly 250 men, women and children marched on the state Capitol Tuesday evening with demands for



legalized abortion and birth control freedom.

Mothers with children in strollers led the parade of women's liberationists who say that America will not be totally free until women have the right to determine the destiny of their own bodies.

"We want to make a world where there are no unwanted children," said Joyce Wike, a Nebraska Wesleyan University anthropology teacher.

Mrs. Wike, who addressed the liberationists on the capitol steps, charged that existing abortion laws are "cruel and discriminatory."

She pointed out that different churches have different stands on abortion, but "morality should be left up to each individual conscience."

Stephen Hilliard, assistant professor of English, remarked that the women's liberation issue is not merely a female issue. "It's every man's issue," Hilliard said.

"I support legalized abortion also because I am interested in Zero Population Growth," Hilliard commented. He explained that this group maintains that population growth should remain stable with the death rate.

Another marcher, Joyce Ware, said she attended the march because she believes in a woman's right "to decide her own sexuality. A woman should be able to enjoy sex through birth control and abortion if necessary," she continued.

A group, who called themselves "four concerned human beings" stood near the Capitol with signs opposing abortion.

James Healey, an English

instructor, said he believed a living organism is formed at conception. "This fetus should have the unalienable right of existence," he said, and the fetus' existence should be more

important than the quality of its life.

Healey stipulated that he did not wish to legislate morals. "Whether it is legal or not, I simply oppose abortion."

Faculty Senate drops A-plus, expands p-f

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The Faculty Senate went into extra innings Tuesday to okay proposals dropping the A-plus, expanding the pass-fail system and supporting the idea — if not the plan — for ending first semester classes before Christmas.

The A-plus repeal proposal was quickly passed. A grade of A-plus for 'outstanding performance will remain on a student's record but will count only 4.0 points. The new system retains the B-plus, C-plus and D-plus.

The slimly passed pass-fail proposal extends the number of p-f hours a student can take from 12 to 24 and allows all students to participate, not just juniors and seniors. However, the colleges and departments get the last say on which courses can be offered p-f.

One objection to extending pass-fail was that graduate schools snub undergraduate applicants who have many p-f hours. Since grad schools don't support the trend toward p-f grading, the Senate would be unfair to the students by expanding the p-f system, according to objecting professors.

Graduate schools are most interested in grades obtained in an applicant's major field, and courses in one's major can't be taken p-f under the proposal, argued Robert Knoll, professor of English. Knoll said he was "piqued at grad schools dictating to undergrads."

"That's the way it is whether we like it or not," countered John Davis, dean of engineering and architecture.

The number of hours a student takes p-f "should be the student's responsibility," said John Link, professor of English. He added that the possible number of p-f hours should be expanded to 125.

C. Peter Magrath, dean of faculties, spoke in favor of the proposal suggesting that the

change from 12 to 24 p-f hours with p-f courses controlled by the colleges is "quite limited."

The Senate passed a motion supporting the idea of ending first semester classes before Christmas but didn't approve the calendar committee's proposed way of doing it. The main objection to the proposal was that it shortened the number of teaching days. The University is the only Big Eight School without pre-Christmas finals, Jansen said.

Calendar Committee Chairman Udo Jansen, professor of secondary education, conceded that his plan would slice a week from the classroom and examination period. But he suggested that the nine-day exam period could be cut. The calendar committee's proposal also would have moved up the summer school schedule reducing the time between sessions.

After the motion was tabled, Knoll suggested the committee consult with the UNO calendar committee to correlate the vacation periods.

Knoll also suggested the committee not consider "the sacredness of Thanksgiving" because lost days could be made up during Thanksgiving week with only Thanksgiving Thursday off. The idea "is not as eccentric as it sounds," Knoll continued. He gave the University of Minnesota as an example of a school that has shortened the Thanksgiving week.

The Senate rejected a committee report on the restructuring of the Senate that advocated a change to a representative body.

Currently the Faculty Senate includes all teachers above and including the rank of assistant professor. The defeated plan called for election of representatives by the colleges and an alternative plan included representation of all full-time professional staffs including ROTC, the University Health Service and the library.

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Eat and hum at Pioneers

The Farm Security Administration and The Bald Eagle will headline at the "unorganized picnic" at Pioneers Park to demonstrate the alternative to war.

The picnic, held in the main picnic area of Pioneers Park,

will be Wednesday from about 1-7 p.m., according to Mike Shonsey, who is helping organize the event.

"Everybody should come and bring their friends, enemies, games, things and food," Shonsey said.

