

Vigil remains silent

The silent vigil in front of Lincoln's Selective Service headquarters Wednesday morning remained relatively silent throughout, although one NU graduate student was taken into custody for a while by the Lincoln Police.

About 90 people, most of them students, began the vigil in front of the Terminal Building downtown at 10:30 a.m., and 20 minutes later Ron Kurtenbach, a graduate student in English, arrived and tried to go into the building.

Lincoln Police Inspector Robert Sawdon, in charge of the six other officers keeping the sidewalk open for pedestrian traffic, told Kurtenbach the building was closed to anybody who didn't work there.

Kurtenbach said "all I want to do is talk to the secretary. I'm not threatening the

building. This is a lunch in my back pack, not a bomb."

But when Sawdon told him to move on, Kurtenbach said, "I'm not going to be forced to move unless I'm arrested."

Sawdon turned to two of his men and said "alright, then, arrest him."

Some of the other protesters became less than silent as Kurtenbach was led away, but the police kept them to the outside of the sidewalk, and many of their own comrades hushed them down.

Sawdon later explained that Kurtenbach had not really been arrested, but rather "removed from the area to prevent a disturbance."

The rest of the demonstration was conducted without incident. Six people in black hoods and cloaks, calling themselves Veterans, Reservists, and Students for Peace, sat around a plywood coffin, while the protesters sang "give peace a chance" and chanted "peace now" periodically before marching back to the campus.

One of the policemen extensively photographed the whole proceeding, to the annoyance of some of the demonstrators. "We take pictures whenever there's a crowd," Inspector Sawdon explained.

Students get ball rolling in Koepke fund drive

A group of students from Harper Hall are planning to dribble a basketball across the state May 6 through May 9 to raise donations to defray the medical expenses of Gary Koepke, a former NU student who is being treated for Hodgkin's disease.

Koepke was a University freshman and a Harper Hall resident until he was forced to drop out of school at mid-semester with the disease, a cancer of the lymph system.

The 18-year-old is being treated at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha. His spleen has been removed and he has undergone cobalt treatment. His family lacks health insurance sufficient to cover the treatments and operations which are expected to cost \$30,000.

A group of students have set up a fund to help raise money for the treatments. Several projects, including a car wash and a voluntary food strike at Harper-Schramm-Smith netted about \$900. In addition, the student group, headed by Bill

Bradbury and Dave Johns, has received many donations.

More than students will participate in the dribble across the state in an attempt to raise further donations. The dribblers will ask donations from individuals and businesses and are setting a goal of \$50 a mile, which, if successful, will result in \$25,000.

Basketballs for the venture, food for the dribblers, and vehicles and gasoline for transportation have been provided by various firms.

The students will start on the western border of the state near Scottsbluff and proceed across the state to Omaha. The duration of the trip is expected to be 3 days, 12 hours.

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DeCamp proposal sparks ASUN debate

A bitter argument erupted in Wednesday's ASUN meeting over the nature of support for State Senator John DeCamp's Resolution 32-which calls for withdrawal of American forces from Vietnam.

Sen. Steve Gustafson of Business College questioned the extent of ASUN's expertise and qualifications to pass judgment on the war. He also expressed concern about possible outstate reaction to the endorsement of DeCamp's resolution.

Most Senators, however, were split on whether to support the Resolution as written or to call for immediate removal of all troops.

Speaking from the audience, Joe Olson told the Senate that the DeCamp Resolution gave President Richard Nixon too many options on troop withdrawal and support to Saigon. Sen. Tom Krepel tried to introduce an amendment demanding immediate and total withdrawal.

However, most Senators seemed to agree with Sen. Doug Beckwith that "it's questionable whether our endorsement is going to be worth anything anyway so there is no reason to make it stronger."

Finally the Senate decided to support Sen. Kirk Sayre's original motion. Sayre cited the student support from the victory of the People's Peace Treaty on the ASUN election ballot and the turnout of 2,000 students at Wednesday's open hearing on Resolution 32 as a "mandate" from the student body. Sayre's motion put ASUN's endorsement behind DeCamp's Resolution and indicated "support of the University for a fixed date for withdrawal from Indochina."

Doctor calls for youth action to curb Lincoln drug abuse

Positive action by young people could be effective in combating the rise of heroin use in Lincoln, according to Dr. David Smith, medical director of the Haight-Ashbury Clinic.

Smith, speaking Wednesday in a panel discussion on community involvement in the drug abuse problem, told the audience that the effects of heroin use have already begun in Omaha. If Lincoln is to avoid the problem, young people must make sure that heroin use doesn't become an "in" thing, he said.

He told how excessive heroin use in the Haight-Ashbury area caused many of the first residents to leave for Boulder, Colo. When the same type of problem started in Boulder the young people formed street vigilante groups to force heroin dealers out of town. The dealers' names were posted publicly and they were given a week to get out of town.

"I'm not advocating the formation of street vigilantes here in Lincoln," Smith said, "but that incident shows how effective peer group pressure can be."

HE SAID the big question is whether local law enforcement will be sophisticated enough to know they should go after the pusher instead of the students and people on the street.

When asked if Lincoln is over or under-reacting to the drug problem Smith replied, "I'm impressed with the students I've met in this area for their concern. However, I think Lincoln has a lack of treatment facilities and you don't have the ability to expand if the drug problem should grow quickly. I think

maybe there's too much drug education and not enough service here."

Dr. Henry Bruyn, director of the University of California Health Services, added, "Lincoln's got time, now you need action."

JONETTE BEAVER, NU student and chairman of the Student Council on Health, said that the University Health Center is offering a student-staffed crisis aid line for people with drug-related problems.

"One of the biggest problems is the student's mistrust of the Health Center," she said. "We want students to understand that nobody's going to turn their name over to the police if they call or come in. They don't have to doubt the Center's confidentiality."

Smith pointed to free clinics such as his in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco as one method of treatment. People should realize that spending money to finance a treatment center may be the cheapest solution, he said.

"YOU'RE GOING to pay for drug abuse in one of two ways," Smith said, "through taxation for drug education and clinics or through crimes that result from the addict's need for money to support his habit."

According to Smith the main problem is expanding drug treatment programs fast enough.

"In the San Francisco area right now there are thousands of addicts who are on the waiting list for the methadone maintenance treatment. These are people who have said they want to stop stealing and stop using heroin but we don't have facilities to help them."

The Student Guest's Rights Policy proposal, which was recently approved by the Council on Student Life and endorsed by Interfraternity Council, received the unanimous endorsement of ASUN. The Policy will probably go to the Board of Regents for final approval.

Sen. Barry Pilger's motion to change the composition of the Housing Policy Committee received approval. The Committee will consist of the Presidents (or their personal representatives) of Inter Co-op Council, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic, Residence Halls Association, one at large dormitory resident, an apartment dweller, and a married student.

Another Pilger motion, which called for a coordinator of an ASUN married student housing project, was tabled one week for further consideration. Also tabled were resolutions to form a Student Health Board, and a committee on student grievances, and a resolution commending the anti-racist activities of the Human Relations Insight League and urging University organizations and individuals to boycott the Lincoln Elks.

ASUN also voted to allow students to speak to the Senate during a half hour period before the consideration of old business.

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