Curtis: draft should be temporary

by Roxann Rogers

Sen. Carl Curtis, R-Nebr., Friday said the military draft "should not become a permanent fixture in our national life."

But Curtis said he supported the extension of the draft act in the Senate recently, and hoped it would be the last time. "I voted for the draft extension because I felt that the needs of our country demanded it," Curtis told students at a Union College convocation.

Curtis described his feeling on the President's trip to China as "a middle-of-the-road attitude." Curtis stated, "I do not believe that it indicates a change in character for the Red Chinese. I do not think this one trip, or several trips, will solve the major causes of war."

On the other hand, Curtis felt the President's visit to China will in a sense force the Communist leaders out in the open. And Curtis said he hopes the trip can lead to talks "which will permit our Christian missionaries once more not only to enter China but also to carry on their mission unmolested."

On the political scene Sen, Curtis told the Seventh Day Adventist students he welcomes the constitutional amendment permitting young men and women who are 18 years of age to vote.

"I believe in young people. I believe this change will be good for our country. It will bring to our country a new perspective, new thoughts, and new ideas," stated Sen, Curtis.

Asked about busing, he told the students he opposes federally-imposed school busing to achieve racial balance.

Curtis said Pres. Nixon's economic program has "overwhelming public support," but he expects its second phase to be more difficult than the initial

"Whatever is done must be tough enough to restrain the major increases in wages and prices which really do have a forceful inflationary impact," commented Sen. Curtis.

Speaking on the matter of welfare reform, Curtis said he does not support the welfare reform bill approved by the House.

"In my opinion, the legislative proposal that was worked out by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, with the participation of White House staffers and which was passed by the House of Representatives, does not constitute welfare reform. It is welfare expansion." Sen. Curtis told the Union College students.

Speaking on the Administrations' handling of the problems in the Middle East, Curtis said without the leadership of the United States the shift from fighting to talking could never have happened.

"The efforts that have been put forth to maintain the peace in the Middle East have been an accomplishment which merits our gratitude," expressed Curtis.

In predicting the outcome of the President's recommendation to reinstate the investment credit as part of the economic program, Curtis commented that it will be successful and that he will support it.

Sen. Curtis presented the students with the idea that America is the greatest place on earth and that there will be great days ahead. "The greatest disservice that responsible people could render to our country would be to so dwell on the problems that beset us that they arrive at the conclusion that America is not worth saving," said Sen. Curtis.

University community cites need for arts council

In an open meeting last Thursday night, students, administrators and faculty members agreed on the initial steps to be taken in the establishing of a UNL Council of the Arts.

An arts council as an information exchange emerged as a recurrent topic in the discussion. Faculty members in the arts wanted some centralized source of information that would help them know what other departments were doing.

One administrator said a centralized council could draw information from all art departments on concerts, plays, and art related happenings taking place on campus.

The council would then send out a memo to the art departments of this compiled information or post it on a central bulletin board.

It was brought up that a council could serve as a sort of focus to find out where things are happening without "looking on telephone poles" for it.

One faculty member pointed out that students are welcome in lab theaters but that student try-outs are over a lot of times before most students are aware of it. He said notices of lab theatres don't usually get past the Temple Building.

All agreed that the arts are not getting enough publicity, but Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences John Robinson pointed out that publicizing gets down to money.

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Potter said, "Money is going to be useful but a lot can be done without too much money," He proposed that they communicate with the Lincoln Community Arts Council of which he is a member. He said the Lincoln council has huge computerized mailing lists of concert and play goers the UNL council might find useful.

Methods of interesting students in the Arts were brought up, from taking performing artists to the dorms to lowering prices or giving away free tickets to plays and

concerts.

Some said the larger part of the University community is not interested in the Arts and that somehow people have to induced in to taking advantage of these things.

David Levine, chairman of the psychology department, suggested the formation of an arts council analogous to the UNL Research Council and the Teachers Council in that it

Chicano students asked to report

Mexican-American students at UNL are asked to contact Joe Renteria, 108 Administration as soon as possible. The University is trying to compile an accurate list of Mexican-American students.

would be a recognized part of the University and supported by University funds. His idea was unanimously approved.

A committee of three, student Steve James, Robinson and Potter, was appointed to draft a proposal to be given to the governance committee of the Regents.

Thursday's group set a tenative time and date of 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, for their next meeting.

They will discuss the proposal drawn up by the 3-man committee and put their signatures on it if it is to their liking. Most agreed that it would be best to have great ground support, with students and faculty endorsing any proposal before sending it to the governance committee.

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