

Speakers offer views on war, military at rally

By Robert Dorfman

"Hell, no, we won't go."

That chant echoed from the north side of the Nebraska Union Wednesday afternoon when a crowd of about 75 people gathered for a rally against draft registration sponsored by the Student Resistance Organization.

The rally was an effort to educate young adults about draft registration, said Teresa Holder, a member of the campus group. She said she thinks individuals should not register for a possible military draft.

"Don't give the government your social security number," she warned. "Registration will lead to draft."

Another member of the campus group, Cynthia Trainor, said she opposes registration for the draft because she fears the United States is heading for another military situation similar to that in Vietnam during the 1960s and early 1970s.

"The only reason why we currently are not in a political war is that people still remember Vietnam," she said.

Eric Johnson told the crowd he thinks registration is ridiculous and unpatriotic.

"Militarism is not the macho fantasy of Teddy Roosevelt and 'carrying a big stick.'"

"The real Americans are those who defend freedom,

not those who kill in the name of freedom," Johnson said.

Another speaker at the rally, Moira Ferguson, chairperson of women's studies, said, "no one should be drafted, but by being excluded, women again are kept under control in a male-dominated society."

Ferguson said all presidents are controlled by corporation leaders, adding that Reagan will march to a "different drum" when he realizes who actually has the power.

"The common people have the power and they will rise," she said. "In political matters there is no fence to sit on. Neutrality only ensures political ties."

A local minister also spoke at the rally, saying "opposition to the draft is but a symptom of a real disease."

"The problem of a draft is that it is a stupid and wasteful way of destroying people's potential," Larry Dahl said. Attitudes of those attending the rally varied.

Mike Maroon, a UNL sophomore, said he has registered, but now wishes he wouldn't have done so. He said hearing different opinions about war and the U.S. military has changed his outlook on the issue.

Another spectator, however, offered a different opinion. The student, who did not want his name published, said if people don't like the way the country is run, then they can leave.



Photo by Jon Natvig
Eric Johnson, an ASUN graduate senator, was one of the students participating in an anti-draft rally in front of the Broyhill Fountain Wednesday.

1981 is International Year of the Handicapped

By Pat Carracher

The year 1981 has been designated as the International Year of the Handicapped, according to Brad Munn, affirmative action director at UNL.

In order to emphasize the importance of the year, a film will be shown on campus about the handicapped.

"We have a 20 minute, color movie titled 'A Different Approach,' that won the Academy Award for best documentary in 1979," Munn said.

The film will be shown Friday, Dec. 12 in the Nebraska Union at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. It also will be shown in the East Union Monday at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.

"The film is actually a comedy, featuring Hollywood

stars. It deals with handicapped employees, not students. But, we still think it will be of interest because today's students will be employees in just a few years," Munn said.

According to Munn, the International Year of the Handicapped was designated by the United Nations. He said there will be a number of world-wide activities dealing with the occasion.

"You have to understand that this is not a UNL project, but something that is going on in a number of countries all over the world," he said.

Munn said that UNL probably will not do anything special other than showing "A Different Approach."

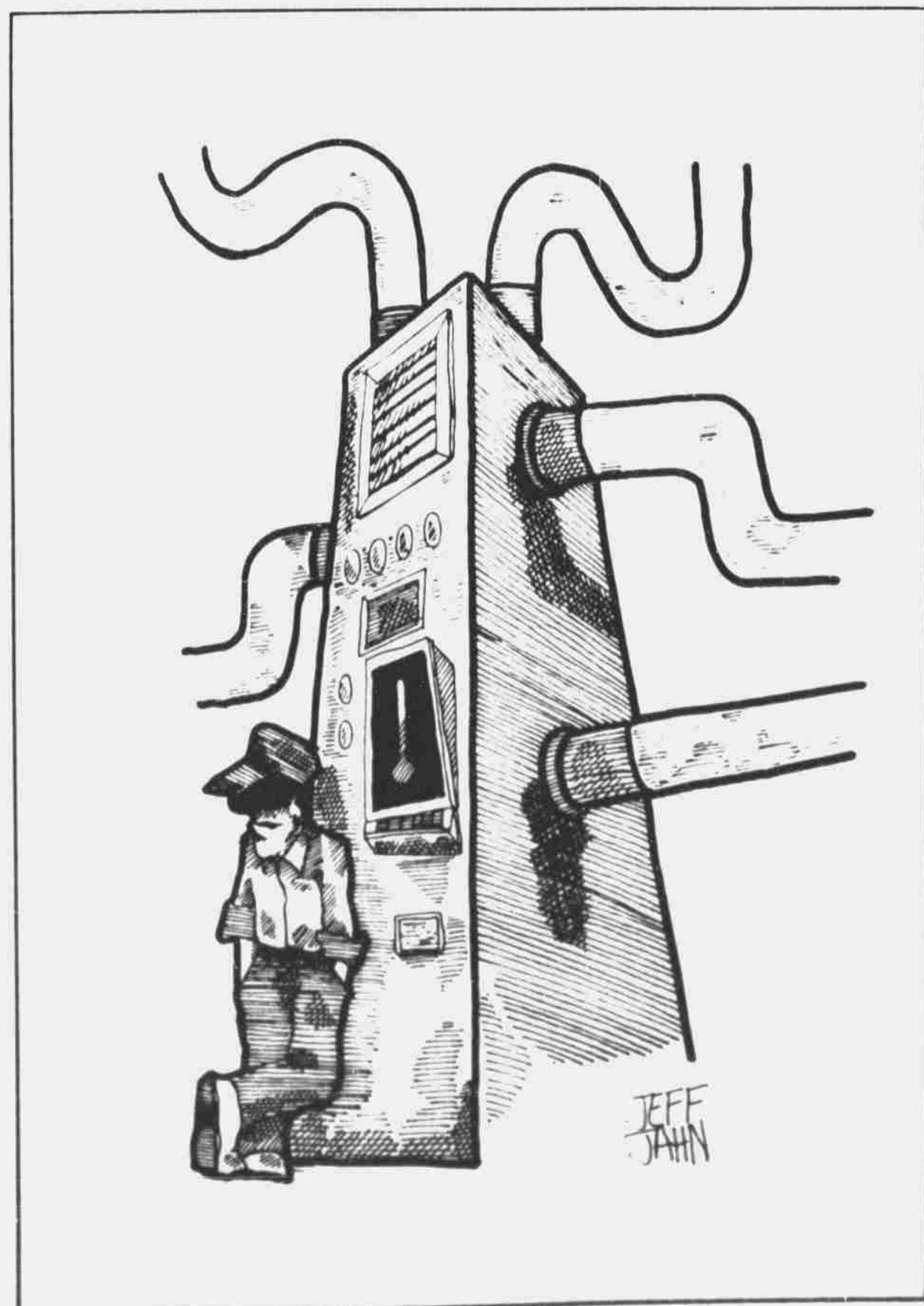
"I don't see that we'll be doing anything different this year than any other year," Munn said. "We'll keep on

doing just as much as possible to accommodate the handicapped, just as we have in other years."

However, Munn said that there would be a number of special events going on other places next year.

"I'm sure the city will be doing something for it in '81," Munn said. "There will be things happening all over the country and all over the world. They'll probably issue special stamps commemorating handicapped persons. They'll no doubt have a week set aside for it sometime in '81. They should also be having a world-wide symposium on the handicapped sometime next year."

Munn said the United Nations designates each year in honor of certain kinds of people. He said 1980 was International Year of the Woman.



Computer energy system regulates UNL buildings

By Bob Glissman

If the outside temperature some winter afternoon rose to 60 or 65 degrees, you probably wouldn't expect the air conditioning to come on in classrooms across campus. But you would want the rooms to be cooler, or at least more comfortable.

The Computerized Energy Management System operating in 18 buildings at UNL would solve this problem as it solves others, said Jim Hines, energy conservation manager.

Hines said sensors which sample the temperature in selected rooms of a building alert the host computer to any changes in temperature. The computer, housed in the Physical Plant basement, then makes adjustments that effect the average room temperature in the building.

In the first example, the building would be "pre-cooled," Hines said, using outside air instead of chill water used in air conditioning. Room thermostats still control the room temperature, Hines said; the computer just controls the systems (fans, dampers and coils) which allow for the temperature change.

The system, which was installed in 1979, is supposed to cut energy costs.

"We can only guess how much it saves since the university didn't meter (changes in temperature) prior to connecting the system," Hines said. "People in the industry say you can save anywhere from 30 to 50 percent in energy costs using this system."

Hines said he hopes to put more buildings on the monitoring system over the next three years, and \$1.8 million has been requested from the Nebraska Legislature

to add 60 more buildings on both campuses to the system.

He said the request has been approved by the NU Board of Regents which has slated energy conservation as a top priority in its budget.

In the spirit of "continually developing new ways of making things more efficient," Hines also runs an "Energy Hotline." He said the number is available so that people can call when they have an idea to conserve energy or when they see energy wasted on campus. The number, 472-3131, is a phone number at the Physical Plant, and all calls are transferred to Hines' office.

Hines said that in the two years the hotline has existed, calls have ranged from complaints of extremely over-lit rooms to heat escaping from heating tunnels which house pipes.

"We don't get all that many calls," Hines said, but he plans to continue offering the service. "It's not something that costs much money or takes much time."

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