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Album covers burned in protest of rock music

By Kim Hachiya

Grand Island — Amid cheers and jeers, about 200 album covers, most from rock 'n' roll records, were burned here Monday night by members of a local church who were seeking to repudiate the lifestyle and messages of the bands who recorded the albums.

Tim Rust, youth pastor of the Abundant Life Christian Center which sponsored the album burning in its parking lot, said rock music affects a person's subconscious and behavior through lyrics and album cover pictures which praise the occult, and encourage sexual promiscuity, drug use and rebellion against parents.

"I'm not getting on a big bandwagon and saying rock music is the only problem facing us, other things need to be brought out," Rust said. "But we ought to have a standard and criteria for what we feed our minds. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Toby Tyler, a senior adviser for the church, said he believes there is a definite connection between rock music and some of the problems he sees in today's youth.

"Before I was saved, I was very deep into rock and drugs and rebellion," Tyler said. "For instance the suggestiveness of the Beatles. They encouraged drug use and outright told people to rebel against parents."

"I definitely believe that Christian music is the only answer. Lifting up the name of Jesus is the only hope for us."

Country music called immoral

Tyler also denounced country music, saying it often deals with immorality and alcohol use.

Tyler said it is impossible to be a Christian and still enjoy rock music.

"The word says that man cannot have two masters. It is impossible to serve the Lord with one foot in rock and the other in Christ — you cannot make a true dedication to Jesus," he said.

But Terri Miller, a 15-year-old student at Grand Island Northwest High School, who is not a member of the Abundant Life Christian Center, disputed Tyler's thoughts.

"I am a lifelong Catholic, it (rock) hasn't affected my life," she said. "The double meanings they see in the music are just not there. God loves everyone no matter what."

As Miller and her sisters were speaking to reporters, one youth who was helping destroy the records came over

to her and said, "I hope your parents are proud that you are here."

"They are always proud of me," Miller replied.

Melvin Fitzsimons, a 24-year-old employee of Monfort packing plant in Grand Island, said he was supporting the rally.

"When I got rid of mine (rock albums) thousands of

pounds were released off my chest," Fitzsimons said. "I didn't realize the bondage they had over my life until I got rid of them. The music makes you excited and angry and wanting to terrorize the town. It puts hate into your heart."

The records themselves were not actually burned.

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Photo by Mark Billingsley

Several Grand Island residents and members of the Nebraska news media watch as Chuck Oden, Clifford Dimmish, Steve Brown, Tom Dimmish and Melvin Fitzsimons (left to right) throw record jackets into a bonfire at the Abundant Life Christian Center in Grand Island.

Hall improvements foreseen

By Roger Aden

Improvements and renovations in the residence halls, both unions and the UNL Health Center are one step away from final approval, according to Union Director Daryl Swanson.

Swanson said \$717,497 worth of improvements, approved by the NU Board of Regents at their September meeting, are scheduled to go before the Nebraska Legislature for final approval.

Swanson said he does not foresee any obstacles in gaining final approval.

"By that time, it's nearly routine approval," he said. "Some senators may disagree with some of the improvements, but any problems are usually ironed out before it gets that far."

Swanson said the annual improvement funds come from interest from accounts holding excess student fees.

The excess results from a conservative estimate of future UNL enrollment made 15-20 years ago when revenue bonds were issued for the construction of residence halls, the health center and an addition to the Nebraska Union, Swanson said.

Fees exceed bond cost

He said because of the conservative enrollment estimate more money is received by the university through student fees than is needed to pay off the bonds.

Last year, Swanson said the union used its share of the money for the remodeling of the Crib and the installation of a conveyor belt in the Harvest Room.

This year, he said the union's portion (\$269,940) will be used for a variety of smaller projects, the largest of which is an \$85,000 project replacing the divider wall system in the union Centennial Room.

Swanson said that originally the dividers allowed the room to be split into nine smaller rooms. But now the divider system needs replacement, he said, and as a result the space is not being used effectively.

"It's (Centennial Room) sitting there waiting for a

large activity," he said. "If the divider walls were in place, we could be using that room daily for small activities," Swanson said.

Planning for rooms

Swanson said the union staff has a five-year plan designed to improve the union meeting rooms.

"We've got one of the largest meeting room facilities in the city," he said, "and there's an increasing emphasis for that type of facility."

Most of the improvements planned for the residence halls are also comparatively small, according to Douglas Zatechka, housing director.

He said the housing office will receive \$374,000 — the largest chunk of it going toward replacing outdated food service equipment.

Zatechka said other improvements planned for the residence halls include the painting and caulking of metal window frames at Selleck Quadrangle, installing new metal window frames at Neihardt Residence Center and repairing roofs in the Harper-Schramm-Smith Complex and Abel Hall.

"We're just beginning to build up a level of reasonable repair in things like roofs and energy efficiency," he said. "In the future, our maintenance costs should go down because the improvements we're making now will last for a long time."

Replacing and upgrading equipment is also being done at the health center, according to health center administrator Stephen Blom.

He said \$30,000 of the \$73,557 allocated to the health center will be spent on a computer system, which will be used to update accounting procedures.

Blom said the process of deciding where to make improvements is done on a priority basis.

"We take a look at what our needs are and what's available," he said. "The things we are replacing are just not working and replacement parts are obsolete."

Warrant evaders facing stiffer fines

By Tricia Waters

The 9,335 outstanding Lincoln municipal court warrants for arrest take up several file cabinets in the court clerk's office.

From February 1979 to February 1980, the processing of warrant cases has cost taxpayers \$162,260, Municipal Court Clerk Charlie Fieselman estimated. That doesn't include law enforcement costs.

The failures to appear have caused the court to set up special warrant sessions and employ extra workers. Two more warrant are employed now by the courts than would be needed if people would appear in court, Fieselman said.

The outstanding warrants reflect an increase in failure of those arrested to appear in court. In a press conference Tuesday, law enforcement municipal court officials said they will crack down on these problems.

Jan Gradwohl, presiding municipal court judge, said the police agencies will increase their arrests of persons with outstanding warrants. She said the law enforcement agencies and the court will push for legislation to address the problem.

Gradwohl said the rate of people failing to appear for all criminal arraignments rose from 16 percent in 1980 to 19 percent in 1981. However, 24.7 percent of all released defendants failed to appear, she said.

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