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Budget decried

By Mary Louise Knapp

UNL faculty members testified before members of the Academic Planning Committee Thursday afternoon about possible budget reductions in the Bureau of Business Research.

The bureau was recommended for elimination or a 25 percent budget reduction in a list released by UNL officials in October. The suggested reductions are part of the university's effort to reallocate 2 percent of UNL's 1984-85 budget.

Donald Pursell, director of the bureau, said many Nebraskans have their only contact with the university through the bureau.

"It's one of the tangible products of the university that people can see," he said.

The Bureau of Business Research provides a wide range of services, such as providing population statistics for the state, publishing scholarly materials and providing Nebraska businesses with economic information, Pursell said.

Certain files on Nebraska census data, business activity indexes and personal income are only available through the bureau, he said.

Pursell said if UNL eliminated the bureau, its function would probably be taken over by some other institution because of the state's need for it.

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With Thanksgiving less than two weeks away, these youngsters try to get into the holiday spirit by constructing their own teepees Thursday at the Willard Community Center.

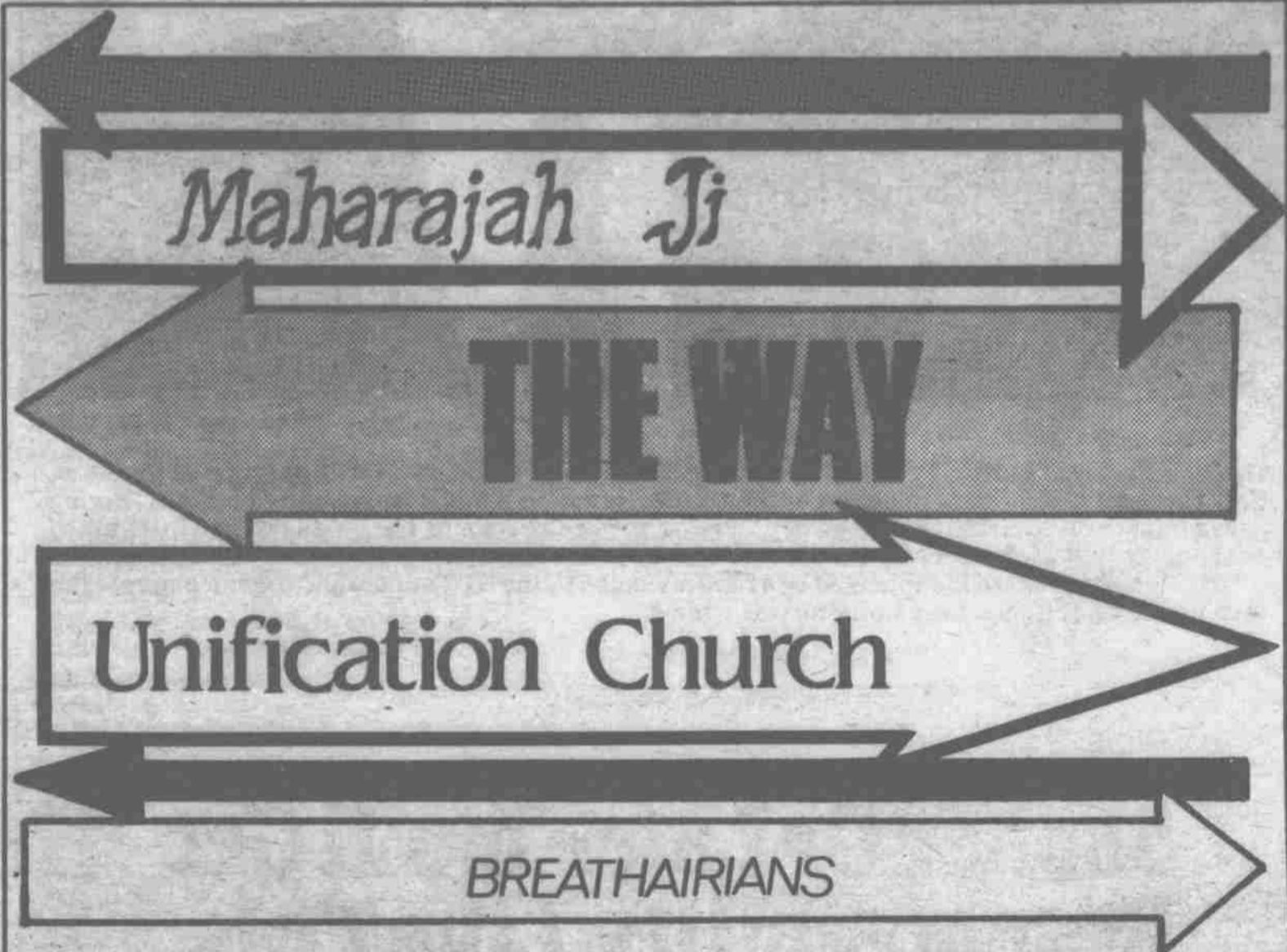


Illustration by Billy Shaffer

Cults: Other man's religion?

Cult member defends foundations of The Way

Moonies teach unity, dangers of communism

Editor's Note: These articles, part of a three-day series on non-traditional religions, give the views of state leaders of the Unification Church and Way International.

Stories by Christopher Galen

To Kris Kile, the difference between a cult and a religion is a matter of opinion.

"Cult is another man's religion that you don't agree with," said Kile, the state coordinator for the Way International.

The Way International, founded in 1942, is a biblical research and teaching ministry that has no other doctrine other than the Bible, Kile said.

The non-denominational ministry has been accused of cult-like activities such as mind control. Kile said such charges are groundless and based on misinformation.

"What is mind control? That's my question," Kile said. He said the Way is misunderstood because it is different in approach than other traditional Christian religions. For example, it does not worship. Rather, its followers have 44 different churches in 120 nations, Kile said.

Members of the church under the Way ministry are not required to give up their own religions, Kile said.

Bill Rogg was looking for something meaningful in his life when he found the teachings of the Unification Church.

That was six years ago and he has followed the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, leader of the church, ever since. Rogg is state director of the Unification Church, located at 1035 S. 12th in Lincoln.

"I was searching desperately for some connection to God," he said. "I felt limited, boxed. I had tried everything."

Rogg had been a public school teacher in Oregon before he joined the Unification Church in San Francisco in 1977. It had the answers he was looking for, he said.

"The teachings of the church seemed consistent with things I had begun to realize," Rogg said.

Since then, he has married and moved to Lincoln, where he works to attract new believers. He described the Unification Church as "an incredible international movement. It's a catalyst to bring different denominations together."

Although many people are suspicious of the "Moonies," as members of the church are called, Rogg said Moon's followers are involved in a host of social projects.

"When you understand the philosophy, they're not so bad and not so scary," he said.

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