Professors recall protests and flowers of '60s

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nly 15 to 20 percent of high school students were involved in the Vietnam War protest, Kay said. The era has been glorified to the point that people believe every student was involved, when really there were only a few, he said.

Although his protesting never got him into serious trouble, Kay said, he was called into the principal's office several times because the high school administration didn't like him organizing for "the movement" during school hours.

The nuclear freeze movement today is an issue equally as important as the '60s war protest, Kay said, adding that he is shocked that more people are not aware of the nuclear freeze movement and haven't gotten involved.

Although he attended most of the rallies on the UNL campus, Dan Ladely, director of Sheldon Film Theatre, said he wasn't involved in much protesting because he was busy taking pictures for the Daily Nebraskan.

When he was at a rally to get photos for the paper, Ladely said, it usually was assumed he was involved in the protest because he had long hair.

adely said he began growing his hair long because the Beatles had long hair and he thought it looked neat.

Eventually, Ladely joined the anti-war effort. One time during Ladely said, the feeling arose in the students that giving speeches wasn't enough — so they decided to do something else.

A group of students marched to the draft board, which at that doors and would only talk to a now are working within the essmall delegation, Ladely said.

That night, the students had a sit-in at the Military and Naval Science Building, Ladely said. They drew up a list of demands which the administration would have to



During the sit-in, tourists stopped by to see them, a rock'n'roll band played, and the administration came to talk, Ladely

Although the students were promised earlier that they a rally at the Nebraska Union, wouldn't get arrested, the NU Board of Regents still got an injunction, Ladely said. Word came that the police were on the edge of campus waiting to break up the event, he said.

People who were involved were time was in the Terminal Build- enlightened and learned a lot ing. But the draft board shut its from that time, Ladely said. Many tablishment and still are carrying on with the same goals and ideals they had in the '60s, he said.

Helen Moore, assistant profes-

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leave, Ladely said. That list in- of Women's Studies said political student deferments were taken cluded, among other things, that activities were a major part of away and white middle-class men the police wouldn't have guns her education during her fresh- were threatened with the draft, and the school would call a mora- man year. Moore began college in Moore said. 1969 at the University of California in Santa Cruz.

> Because of a student uprising, the campus was completely shut down in the spring of 1970, Moore said. Alternative courses in subjects like political science, guerrilla warfare and community progress were offered with no credit.

> he feelings of the time were fatalistic, angry and passive, Moore said. One song that expressed these feelings was, "One, two, three, four, what are we fighting for? Don't know, don't give a damn, next stop is Vietnam," she said.

There also was a festive air because we were college students and the comradery in the marching and singing was catching, Moore said.

There was a tremendous gutlevel response to the draft and

meet before the students would sor of sociology and chairwoman the threat of war, especially after

"These were the men of our lives that could be going to war,"

Moore said the protesting was focused on the belief that there could be a radical restructuring of the political system.

here was an optimism expressed in our confrontation, even though we were confronting the draft and being a part of the atrocities of war," Moore said.

Natalie Porter, assistant professor of psychology, said '60s students spent minimal time on school work and the rest of their time on organizing.

University in North Carolina, said tionary.

her protesting efforts consisted more of the dirty work involved in organizing than the romantic marches on Washington.

Duke was one of the first places to have major rallies, Porter said. It was a national fever that supplied the impetus to take risks, she

orter said there was an increase in political movement after the death of Martin Luther King. In recognition of his death, Duke held a two-week vigil that began with 700 people and grew to almost 1,000 people camping out in a major quadrangle of the University, she said.

It was a national consciousness that made middle-class kids at an elite school care about such issues, Porter said. "Five years later or five years earlier, people wouldn't care what a janitor makes," she said.

Much of the reason for the protesting was self interest and the anti-war effort was "not as altruistic as we would like to think," Porter said. Today people don't care about such issues because there is a volunteer army, she

Ivan Volgyes, professor of political science, said he was a leader in the anti-war movement while he was teaching at UNL.

During this time, he participated in various activities, spoke out to students, and, above all, tried to make sure confrontations between UNL students and the state wouldn't take the shape of the Kent State episode where a student was killed, Volgyes said.

"I'm still tainted by those who remember because they never inquired as to why I opposed the war," Volgyes said. They just lumped all professors together as "pinko-commies." "If anyone knows, I'm anything but that," he

Involvement in protesting comes in opposition with a person's desire to get ahead. Volgyes said. You can't make a living Porter, who attended Duke being a prophet and a revolu-

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