

# The 'winter' of our discontent

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**T**hey can't be mistaken for football fans, this motley group of kids in the middle of the sea of red that swirls around the Broyhill fountain on football Saturdays.

Long hair, spiked hair, a couple of conspicuous mohawks. Combat boots and torn sneakers, tie-dyed T-shirts and surplus Army uniforms. One girl, her hair dyed jet-black, wears a black choir robe and carries a rose.

Some of them carry signs: A picture of a mushroom cloud with the word "Oops" scrawled across it.

"Farms, not arms."

"Star Wars won't protect the Huskers."

"Nuke me 'til I puke."

"We want to live."

These high school students are members of the Lincoln organization "Youth for a Nuclear Freeze." It's a group of kids who banded together to attract attention to the nuclear arms build-up. They're here today because they want to grow up.

"What's your name?"

"Eileen Brooks."

"What school do you go to and what year are you?"

"Lincoln East, ninth grade."

"How did you get involved in YNF?"

"I had a friend."

"What got you started thinking about nuclear war?"

"The concern in the news."

"Do you think that YNF can make a difference?"

"Yes, I do."

"Are you afraid of a nuclear war, Eileen?"

"Yes."

How did you get involved in YNF?

**Carl Klarner Lincoln High School, junior.**

"A friend of mine who also goes to Lincoln High gave me a flyer, and I read it, and he talked to me about the group, and I've been for the nuclear freeze for a very long time. So I decided to go. I didn't even know about it before then."

**Lisa Friesen, Lincoln High School, sophomore.**

"A bunch of my friends were in it, and it seemed like a really good cause, so . . ."

**Kathy Burgstrom, Lincoln High School,**