

Lab animals treated humanely, doctor says

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An excellent example of how lab animals have been a vital part of medical research, White said, was in the March issue of Readers Digest.

In the article, Dr. Robert White wrote that he and another physician

used dogs and monkeys — "humanely treated and properly anesthetized" — to perfect certain operating techniques. Those techniques were used to remove a malignant tumor from the brain of a 9-year-old girl four years ago.

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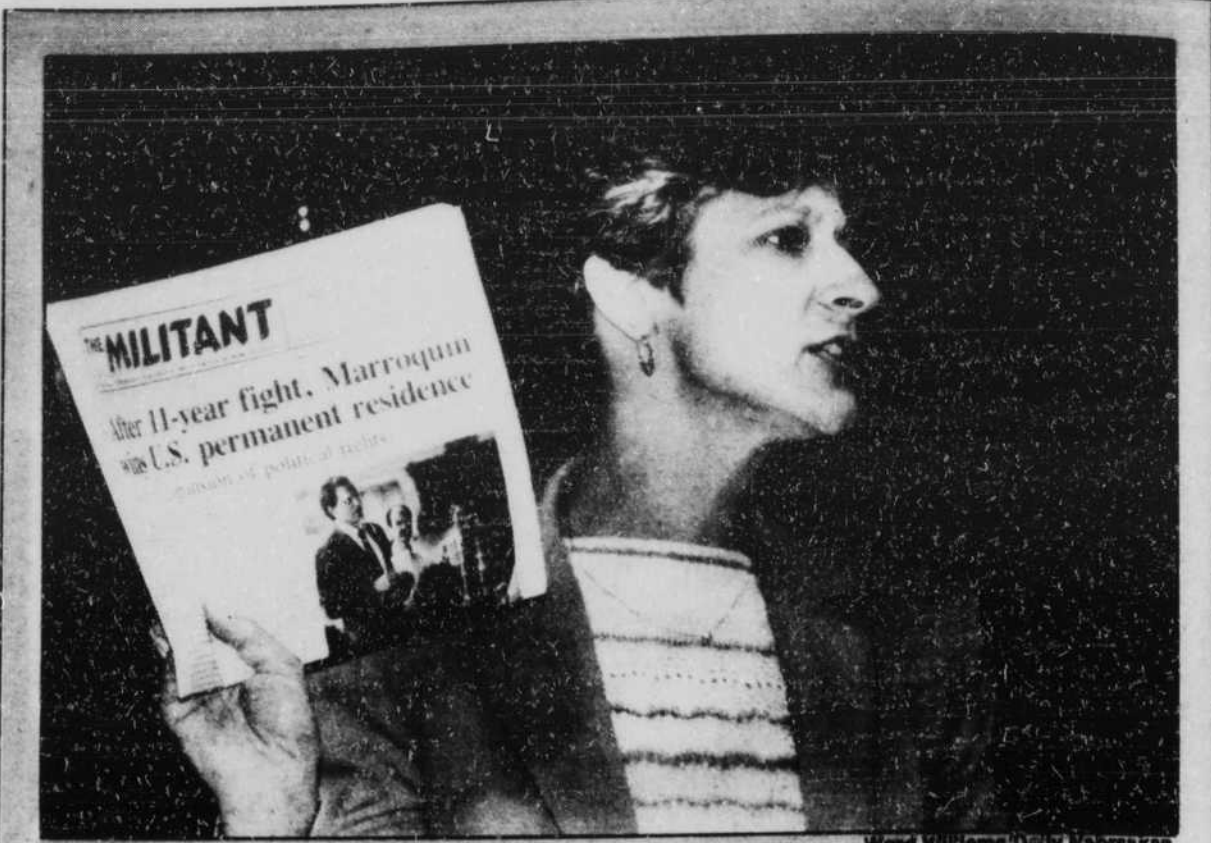
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Socialist Worker Party Vice Presidential candidate Kathleen Michaels spoke Friday to a Political Science 100 class.

Socialist Workers Party Candidate talks to UNL class

By Phil Richmond
Staff Reporter

The working class must unite and establish a political base in order to avoid being exploited by the ruling class, said Kathleen Mickells, vice presidential candidate for the Socialist Workers Party.

Speaking to a group of 100-level political science students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Friday, Mickells said "the ruling class" of factory and mine owners and the government have resisted extending economic and political benefits to the working class throughout the world.

Organization is the only way to combat them, said Mickells, who was born in Omaha and is a former UNL student.

Mickells compared today's social and economic situation to

that of the 1930s and said another working-class movement is needed.

"The 1920s and '30s represented a working class movement trying to improve their lot in life," she said.

During that time, she said, unions were formed and labor forces united to exact fair treatment from employers. The eight-hour work day, unemployment insurance and workman's compensation are examples of the advances made during that time, she said.

"They (the ruling class) didn't just give them these things," she said. "Workers fought for them and some died."

But many benefits they gained have been lost in recent years as wages have fallen and labor unions have been on the wane, she said.

In 1981, management began weakening unions and forcing

them to make concessions that have resulted in less pay, lower safety standards and faster production.

"It's been a real push back on our standard of living," she said.

As a result of the squeeze on the working class, Mickells said, 1.5 million major industry jobs have been lost. Of the 16 million jobs created under the Reagan administration, 8 million of them pay less than \$11,000 per year, she said.

As a result, the standard of living for most working people has dropped, Mickells said.

This, combined with a depression that she said is eminent, will create a confrontation that will see "extra legal means and thug forces" used to subdue a working class movement.

"Either they rule," she said, "or workers and farmers unite to establish their own political base."

Committee hopes for broad curriculum; program to be completed in four years

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diverse and unconnected kinds of things—too much of a cafeteria-style approach to higher education," Petr said.

Ellen Baird, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the 30 hours of general education courses will be spread throughout the

student's career.

Baird, who is a member of the steering committee and is chairman of the Arts and Humanities subcommittee, said in colleges such as engineering, there may not be enough flexibility for the college to be able to adopt the full 30 hours of the general courses.

"We hope that is not the case,"

Baird said. "It might take more work to see how the 30 hours can fit in."

Baird said the 30 hours of general education courses are designed to be new in format and may, in some instances, overlap into other disciplines.

Although students were supposed to serve on each committee, Baird said, so far no students have participated on her committee.

"My recollection was that ASUN (the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska) was going to work with us in suggesting students, and to be quite frank, that really didn't seem to come about," Baird said. "It certainly was the intention (to have more student participation.)"

Baird said a general liberal education gives students the abilities to adapt to a number of different vocations because they have developed the mental skills needed to make such transitions.

Sports Commission would aid groups

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and diving, one major multi-sport event and help UNL attract at least one new NCAA championship event.

The corporation would be integrally involved in planning and making bids for events, Anderson said. It would also interact closely with local organizations in sponsoring and coordinating events.

It would institute a "one stop center" to apply and acquire permits for locally sponsored sports events, Anderson said.

"They're not only looking for the 'grand-daddy' events," she said, "but will help sponsor smaller groups as well."

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