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Eight people walk to SAC to display policy opposition

By Cindy Wostrel
Staff Reporter

They left Monday morning clad in halter tops, T-shirts, Birkenstocks and tennis shoes, and one even wore a long skirt and a wide-brimmed hat.

They carried sunscreen and cameras. They loaded sleeping bags, pillows and towels into a car.

Eight people began the walk from a Lincoln Unitarian Church to Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue to show their opposition to U.S. foreign policy and nuclear arms.

Robert Huffmann, a junior from Omaha North high school, woke up early Monday morning to come to Lincoln just so he could trek back to Omaha.

Michelle Allen, a 17-year-old Bellevue East senior, said she's going on the walk because, "it sounded like fun to cross the line (at SAC)."

But Traci Anderson, who will be a sophomore at Omaha Central this fall, said her mother would ground her if she participated in any civil disobedience.

Emo Sybert, who will make the walk for the fourth time since the annual event began four years ago, said, "It's something that I really believe in."

Camilla Eckersley said this year the group is sponsored by Youth for Peace and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Early Warning!.

She said the walkers should arrive at SAC on Saturday in time to stage a 4 p.m. protest. She said planners of this year's protest expect fewer than the 75 demonstrators they've had in the past.

The walk is a big part of the demonstration, Eckersley said.

"It (the walk) makes the demonstration mean more," she said.



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Highway 34 traffic passes the "SAC Trekkers" as they approach Eagle on Monday afternoon. Traci Anderson (left), Camilla Eckersley, Kati Tolber, Emo Sybert, Kristin Long, John Doan and Robert Huffman will reach Strategic Air Command in Bellevue on Saturday afternoon. Michelle Allen is not pictured.

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South African program discussed

By Mark Georgeff
Staff Reporter

Association of Students of the University of Nebraska President Phil Gosch said he hopes that a long-awaited University of Nebraska-Lincoln scholarship program for black South African college students soon will be established.

"We want to sit down and hopefully find some ways in cooperation with the University of Nebraska Foundation and the administration to get the scholarship program going," Gosch said.

"The bill was passed unanimously," he said, referring to the May 2 passage of an ASUN bill which focused on apartheid, divestment and a black South African scholarship program.

Gosch said many universities nationwide already are helping prepare black South African students for post-apartheid society. He said he and Arts & Sciences Sen. Chris Potter have

researched some of those programs.

Gosch said the scholarship program, called the South African Education Program, brings black South African students to American universities and colleges, then returns them to South Africa after the program's completion.

The students are pursuing undergraduate and graduate degree programs with most of them being graduate students, he said.

Program information, Gosch said, over 760 black South African students nationwide have participated.

About 400 students already have returned to South Africa with their "GPAs as good or better than the average American student's," Gosch said.

More than two hundred colleges currently participate in the program, which also could teach American students about what is going on in South Africa, Gosch said.

"We learn, they learn, and South Africa gets to better utilize the talents

they have," he said.

Gosch said this or any similar scholarship program is not "getting rid" of or "softening" the NU Foundation divestment problem.

Any scholarship program eventually implemented at UNL, won't "let anyone off of the hook. We're very serious about addressing this (divestment) issue," he said.

But the scholarship program and the divestment situation are two different issues, he said.

The scholarship program will immediately help needy South Africans, whereas divestment will probably take years, he said.

"It shouldn't be one or the other, but both," he said.

Gosch said he hopes students, faculty members and citizens of Nebraska continue to pressure the NU Foundation to divest.

Gosch said he hopes the groundwork for this scholarship program will begin soon but has no idea how many scholarships will be funded.

Commuters face less hassle during summer

Parking space availability increases

By Christine Pillard
Staff Reporter

Commuter students with parking permits have more lots to park in this summer, according to John Burke, University of Nebraska-Lincoln parking administrator.

Parking lots designated as green or blue are interchangeable during the summer months only, Burke said.

According to the UNL Parking Handbook, students with green com-

muter permits may park in blue lots marked one, two, three or six, as well as in any green lots marked with numbers in the 20s.

The only blue lots that are restricted are ones marked four and five. These are next to sororities and fraternities that are occupied.

During the regular semester, the blue lots are for residence hall parking only and are enforced 24-hours a day. Students with green permits are not allowed to park in those lots.

Because there aren't as many stu-

dents living on campus during the summer, the change makes things handier for commuters, Burke said.

When purchasing permits for the summer, students may not be told about the change, he said. But it is written on the back page of the parking handbook that students receive.

The cost of a permit for the summer is \$25, but permits can be purchased at a rate of \$4 per week. Burke said the parking department plans to start selling permits for next school year July 15.



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Joseph Akpen (left), Sidi Coulibaly and Dione Siriba march near the State Capitol during the anti-apartheid protest Saturday afternoon.

Demonstrators march in memory of Soweto

By Jennifer Dods
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In memory of the deaths and riots in Soweto, South Africa, 14 years ago, about 20 UNL students and Lincoln residents demonstrated against apartheid Saturday afternoon.

The demonstrators marched from Broyhill Fountain to the Capitol, stopping at the governor's mansion and the University of Nebraska Foundation doors to leave posters protesting apartheid and the foundation's investments in South Africa.

The peaceful protest was spon-

sored by the Coalition Against Apartheid, a student group composed of members of the African Student Association, Early Warning!, the Nigerian Student Association and the Women's Resource Center.

Holding a poster reading "Our Blood -- Your Profits," African Student Association member Martin Pinto said he wanted others to know about the Soweto riots and the NU Foundation's South African investments.

The Soweto riots began June 16, 1976, when police fired into

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