



Irv Wainer of SUAW speaks to a crowd of approximately 150 attending an anti-ROTC rally in front of the EMU.

Anti-war groups support Vietnamese victory at rally

Claiming that ROTC and the American destruction of Indochina are inseparable, about 150 students attended a rally supporting Vietnamese victory at 12:30 yesterday in front of the EMU.

The demonstration, sponsored by the Student Union Against the War (SUAW) and People for a Just University (PJU) was an attempt to gather student support for a resolution by associate professor of biology Bayard McConnaughey. The resolution called for the elimination of the existing ROTC program. The faculty later defeated the resolution by a 224-141 vote.

McConnaughey, speaking before the crowd, declared that the United States government is waging a "symbolic war in Indochina" in an attempt to warn all Third World people that we will protect our vested interests at all costs. "It is time to make our own symbolic gesture of peace by eliminating ROTC," he said.

Other speakers lashed out at HPUP. "We get body counts from Vietnam and F.T.E. counts here," claimed one speaker referring to faculty cuts proposed by the controversial committee.

Speakers including representatives from Veterans Against the War, and the Women's Union spoke to the crowd. Ron Eachus, former ASUO president, said it was again time to make an issue of American involvement in Indochina. "Although fewer Americans are dying over there, the bombing and destruction continues," he said.

Eachus urged support for the North Vietnamese peace provisions which call for the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. forces and a coalition government in Saigon, excluding President Thieu.

Meeting later on in the evening, members of the Student Union

Against the War (SUAW) outlined plans for their Spring drive. One of the plans concerns the adoption of a "sister city" in North Vietnam by the students of the University.

SUAW spokesman Dennis Gilbert speaking about the new role the anti-war movement must take said, "We must begin to educate students and the public on the facts of the recent escalation in the fighting." He said that their union will concern themselves with the following points:

—"Drawing the line on what it means to be against the war." Anti-war political candidates will be those who call for the immediate end of the air war and the ouster of the Thieu regime.

—"The education of the people on the "full grossness" of the air war as it relates to the Viet-

namese people and their environment.

—"Localizing the war. Letting the people know that the Indochina war, ROTC, high taxes and even HPUP are all closely linked together.

—"The scheduling of May 1 through 6 as a week of celebrating our solidarity with the Vietnamese people and their struggle. This includes the adoption of a city in North Vietnam as our sister city.

With these four plans of attack SUAW hopes to rekindle the anti-war movement in Oregon. "Everyone knows the war is wrong," said Gilbert, "and we can't keep telling people what they already know." SUAW must show the people that the war is still continuing and the destruction of Indochina is increasing, he added.

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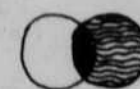
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Drug information center opened by volunteers in EMU basement

A drug information center staffed by 18 volunteers opened shop in a cubby hole in the EMU basement this month.

The center, which is working in cooperation with White Bird, takes calls and visits from people interested in any aspect of drug use, Mark Miller, the Drug Information Center Director explained.

"We're strictly a resource center, not a counseling center. We attach no moral judgments to the information we provide. We supply answers to any questions on the physiological, psychological, sociological and even the religious mystical aspects of drug use. We work at collecting just as many facts as we can round up on what a person calling in wants to know," Miller said.

The drug information center developed as an arm of Student Community Projects, an ASUO program funded by student incidental fees.

The center relies on a number of agencies for research information. The University libraries, the Sacred Heart Medical Library, the White Bird Drug Education Annex and MEDLAR, a world wide computer bank of medical information, are among the resources that center volunteers depend on.

The center also has two drug consultants: Joel Adkins, Associate Professor of Psychology, and Dr. Lenord Jacobson, a physician at Sacred Heart Hospital.

"We have a lending library here in our office that includes books and files on drugs which people are free to check out," Miller said.

If someone comes in with a question we can't help them with immediately, we research it and call him back. If it's a big question, we'll write it up for our file, and possibly disseminate the information into the community," Miller said.

Center Volunteers are also available for talks to classes and organizations. "As another aspect of the Oregon Daily Emerald

Drug information Center, we hope to work out a drug analysis program with the city which would allow individuals to anonymously send in drug samples. These samples would be analyzed by a lab for content, and the results forwarded to the person and made available to the community," Miller said.

Such information would help people understand precisely what dangers may be involved in buying street drugs, Miller feels.

"Many street drugs today have been found to be cut with hazardous substances like arsenic, strychnine, belladonna and methamphetamine.

"The drug, itself, may be improperly synthesized. This is potentially hazardous because when a drug like LSD is made, it is put through a number of steps. If these steps aren't followed properly, or the person making it doesn't have the proper equipment, or lacks an adequate chemistry background, he can come out with a product that is different than what he intended with unknown effects," Miller explained.

"Also the Eugene police surveys show that a substantial number of students from the junior high level up are experimenting with drugs other than just grass," Miller said.

The center feels this makes it all the more important for drug analysis to become available so people can make informed decisions.

"Some people may reject the idea of drug analysis, saying that people shouldn't be taking drugs, but this is really after the fact. The least we can do is make sure people have factual information about on what they're getting involved in," Miller said.

The Drug Information Center is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 6 p.m. on weekends. Miller said the center welcomes calls at extension 5411.