

Rally speakers warn against draft apathy

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Photo by Keith Allen

These two women joined about 200 other participants in an anti-draft rally on the EMU lawn Friday. Among the speakers were Vietnam veterans, a city council candidate and an ASUO presidential candidate.

"How long will you wait?" Over and over again, Vietnam veteran Russ Linebarger asked that question of about 200 people attending the anti-draft rally Friday. The rally was prompted by the approval Thursday of a U.S. House of Representatives committee's approval of draft-registration funds Thursday. The entire House is expected to vote on the funds Tuesday.

"How long are you going to sit on your butts and refuse to march?" Linebarger said. "The situation is getting worse. How long will you wait? Will you wait until they drive up ... to take you away?"

"I'm angry and sad today. At the first anti-draft rally here, we had 1,000 people."

Linebarger outlined the veterans' early awareness of the United States' mobilization toward war through plans for draft registration, for the recall of veterans and of retired armed service personnel, and military orders for body bags.

"Still the public waited, and we wondered what they were waiting for. We wonder, how long will you take to pick up a pen and write a letter to your congressman? How many of

you have spent 15 cents to send that letter?" Linebarger said.

"You must tell the government, hell no, not again. We can wait no longer. It takes guts to take a stand, but when you're brave on a battlefield it doesn't

mean much. You still get killed.

"You're very vulnerable until you take personal responsibility for your own life. How long are you going to wait?"

John Lawrence, a member of the University Veterans As-

sociation, outlined the Pentagon's plan for a "short, intensive war," a war that Pentagon officials predict will have 650,000 casualties in six months and will involve limited tactical nuclear weapons.

"All of you big, strong men — it looks like we're going to do it again," Lawrence said. "You're just another brick in their wall."

Political candidates used the rally to speak out against draft registration and to plug their campaigns.

"Your lives are at stake," said Scott Lieuallen, a member of the Eugene City Council and a candidate for Lane County commissioner. "It's not just you big, strong men — it's all of you. We're talking about military intervention in Iran. We're rattling the saber and beating the drums of war."

Lieuallen emphasized the need for action, not just rhetoric.

"Draft rallies are educational, but they won't solve our problems. Conservation and recycling aren't as exciting, but they're much more important in the long run."

"The so-called leaders of our nation are leading us toward war," said ASUO presidential candidate Alan Contreras. "Once again, the young people of the United States will be asked to sacrifice their freedom and their lives, not for the security of their country, but for reasons of political and corporate convenience. I will not fight for someone else's oil."

'Politicking'

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University's incidental fee rate is one of the lowest in the state system.

"We're not out to con the students," Bennett says. "We feel it's a lucrative offer. Without this passing, you're going to wipe out a lot of the sports. We're not just taking and giving nothing back."

Bassett says he is "strongly opposed" to the fee because of the extra financial burden it places on students already loaded down with increases in housing costs, child care costs and proposed decreases in federal financial aid.

Bassett, Bernau and IFC chairer Adam Cohen say that the Athletic Department has to face up to budget restraints just as other departments have had to do during the past few years.

"I hope they can use their politicking elsewhere in fund-

raising," Bassett says, suggesting the University should shuffle its priorities around and put more pressure on fundraising for the Athletic Department's base budget, not for a new basketball dome.

"Everyone feels the pinch of economics," Bennett admits. "But we're talking about survival."

Bennett says other departments on campus should be cut before the Athletic Department because sports attracts students to the University. With the loss of enrollment, tuition will go up anyway, he says.

The Athletic Department already gets adequate student support through incidental fees, says Bassett, a member of the IFC last year. "They're not suffering from a lack of student support. They've been given a good base of support."

The Athletic Department received a 7 percent increase in its incidental fee budget this year, says IFC member Alan Contreras. Many events other than sports — theater, concerts and music — are also partly subsidized by the incidental fee, Contreras says, adding he'd like to see this part subsidy/part user fee continue with the Athletic Department.

The new athletic fee is part of a proposal to change student funding of the Athletic Department and the EMU from IFC control to University control through an individual student fee.

The athletic and EMU budgets have "outgrown the capabilities of a small group of students (the IFC)," Hawk says.

But IFC members are outraged at the proposal. "This is the worst idea I've heard of in a

long time," Contreras says.

The IFC is aware of its time problems and is planning to hire a professional budget analyst to help it scrutinize the EMU and Athletic Department budgets, Cohen says.

"It's important that students have complete control over their own money," Cohen says.

The IFC's concern about student control is "an apprehension that is really not appropriate," Hawk says, adding "I can understand their apprehensions, but I know it has

worked out with the health center fee." The plan allows for student control, he says, because students are on the advisory boards of the EMU and the Athletic Department.

Cohen says advisory boards make "no sense" because the departments have no obligation to pay any attention to what the board recommends.

Cohen says the IFC and ASUO will fight the move but admits "it will be tough because — I hate to say this — it's the administration against the students."

Corrections, amplifications

The hours and location for The Trawler in Friday's Guide to Downtown Eating were incorrect. The actual address is 110 S. Park Street.

The hours are 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday and 5:30-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and until 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

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