

CORD feels a draft

Group braces for war

Pres. Reagan has reversed his campaign position and now supports draft registration, the Coalition Opposing Registration and the Draft believes.

CORD held a Thursday morning press conference to call attention to the introduction in Congress of a bill calling for a draft. CORD member Dave Isenberg said the likelihood of such a bill being passed is "extremely great."

Isenberg believes the United States is gearing up for a "short-range, high-intensive" war that will result in many casualties. "They want to take live meat and turn it into dead meat," he said.

To alert people to registration and the coming draft, CORD members are concentrating on speaking to high school students, an effort that is meeting with some opposition.

"High schools are saying both sides must be present — something that apparently doesn't apply to recruiters," CORD member Christina Cowger said.

"Their rationale is job placement," Isenberg said, explaining how the recruiters circumvent an equal-time forum. CORD only can speak to high school classes at the invitation of an individual teacher.

CORD tells students that registration is just one option among several available. "They can register, they can get draft counseling, they can eventually decide not to register," Isenberg said. "What is important is that they consider all the options," Cowger added.



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Christina Cowger

CORD also plans to go to "outlying communities that may not have counseling" to educate them.

CORD members sounded pessimistic when asked if they believed people would resist a draft on a scale comparable to the 1960s. "More people may accept a draft, but anti-draft forces are in better position now than they were at the start of the Vietnam war," Cowger said.

"My personal opinion is no," Isenberg said.

Theft trial opens for ex-coach

Jury selection began Thursday in the theft trial of former University assistant basketball coach Ron Billingslea.

The trial originally was scheduled to begin Tuesday in Lane County Circuit Court, but a backlog of court cases forced its delay.

Circuit Court Judge William Beckett is presiding over the trial.

Billingslea has been charged with stealing \$1,680 in state funds between March and June of 1979. Former assistant basketball coach Mark Barwig also has been charged with stealing \$2,000 in state funds during the same period.

The two former assistant coaches were indicted last May by a special Lane County grand jury investigating the University athletic department.

A conviction on the first-de-

gree charges, a Class C felony, carries a maximum five-year prison sentence and \$2,500 fine.

Both Billingslea and Barwig

were assistant coaches under Dick Harter and left the University in 1978 after Harter became coach at Pennsylvania State University.

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