

Protest marks draft indictment

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Last week a federal grand jury indicted Benjamin Sasway, a Vista, Calif., college student, for failure to register for the draft. The indictment is the first since registration was reinstated in July 1980.

Prompted by Sasway's indictment, more than 90 people participated in a Eugene protest against draft registration on Friday, which was organized by the Coalition Opposing Registration and the Draft. James Ronald, COD's coordinator for special projects, says despite the rain it was a "real good" turnout.

Ronald, a combat marine in Vietnam, spoke on the history of conscription to the small crowd huddled under an awning to escape the rain. Reverend Petersen, of the Unitarian Church, a combat pilot in the Korean conflict, spoke on his experiences in Korea and his opposition to draft registration.

COD, like other draft registration organizations across the country, is gearing up for a new wave of protests against registration brought about by the government's intention to prosecute non-registrants.

Another registration resistor, Steven Gillis, 21, of Timberlake, Ohio, has publicly announced his refusal to register for the draft.

"I am here today," Gillis said at a press conference, "to publicly state that I refuse to register myself as an agent of the U.S. Government's military madness."

The Selective Service System has reportedly turned over 160 names of non-registrants to the Justice Department for potential prosecution. Those 160 who have not registered have received summons to appear in court. An estimated 527,000 men out of more than 8 million have not registered for the draft. The selective service office in Salem says the 160 non-registrants are the "initial group — there'll be more." Justice Department officials are reportedly hoping these initial prosecutions will spur registrants reluctant to comply.

Ronald says that the selective service has been contacting Oregon non-registrants, giving them a final notice to comply.

"Quite a number in Eugene have refused to register," according to Ronald. He says that more than 50 percent

refused in first year of mandatory registration.

The maximum penalty, which Sasway faces if convicted of failure to register for the draft, is five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Military officials quoted in The Christian Science Monitor have said they want to stay clear of large cities in their prosecutions. They see the likelihood of a public protest greater in large metropolitan areas.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy John Herrington was quoted as suggesting cases be tried in conservative parts of the country. Sasway, being from San Diego, supports this view.

"It's a safe bet they picked me (to prosecute) in San Diego because it's a conservative area," Sasway said, "and they don't expect a big support group for me."

"They'll stay away from places like San Francisco and Eugene," Ronald agrees.

About Sasway and others who refuse to register, Ronald, who enlisted in the marines, says it's "sad to see a young man face prison because of his own personal convictions."



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Eugene area residents gathered in a noontime rally Friday to protest a college student's indictment for non-registration for the draft.

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Olum freezes pay for administrators

Salaries for the University's senior administrators will stay frozen at the 1981-82 fiscal year level during the 1982-83 fiscal year, Pres. Paul Olum announced Tuesday.

The salary freeze will affect 35 individuals including the president, the vice presidents, the deans and other senior administrators.

"This will mean no salary increase during '82-'83 for those administrators whose principal commitments are to administrative activities and whose salaries are \$30,000 or more," Olum said.

The freeze does not affect academic department heads, associate deans or others who are primarily faculty and serve temporary terms in administrative posts, the president said.

If these 35 individuals had received the 6 percent salary increase originally intended for the 1982-83 fiscal year, it would have cost the University \$90,224. The percentage increase will now be given at the very end of 1982-83 fiscal year, maintaining the salary base of the affected administrators.

Earlier this year, faculty and staff at the University agreed to give up approximately half of their 6 percent salary increase so that the University did not

have to close academic programs and lay-off faculty. The faculty were to have their salary increases deferred to late winter while the classified employees had reached an agreement with the University to take eight days of leave without pay.

Since then, the state has reached an agreement to freeze the salaries of classified employees in many state agencies, including higher education. Olum has made it clear University classified employees will not take the original 3 percent cut on top of the 6 percent freeze. As a result, the administration is currently trying to make \$388,000 in cuts that would have come from the original classified staff salary savings.

The state has not imposed the salary freeze on faculty salaries because faculty salaries generally have not kept up with inflation in recent years as well as classified salaries have. University faculty salary increases are still being deferred to late winter as determined earlier.

Olum plans to meet with faculty in mid-July to discuss how to handle the \$388,000 budget cut that must be made, as well as the \$544,000 cut imposed by the most recent special session of the Legislature.

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