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BESIDES STACKED PLACARDS, march leaders listen to speakers.

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## Draft Eligibles Discuss March

By ABBY KAIGHIN

While Vietnam war protesters listened intently to anti-war speeches in front of GM Saturday, about 15 Chapel Hill youths lounged around Dan K. Moore's wall.

Most of them were smoking and just loafing "for lack of anything to do in Chapel Hill".

"What do you think about that?" a reporter asked, pointing to the group in front of GM.

"Are they talking about US!?" a fifteen year old girl exclaimed, wondering if the protesters were meeting to solve the problem of teenage boredom in Chapel Hill.

"They're talking about Vietnam," the kids were informed.

"Cheers," said a lanky youth in a T shirt.

"Being 19 I'm not too jazzed about the idea (of the war). I'm going to college next year and the only reason is to stay out of Vietnam. That's the only reason. I'd much rather go out and fool around a couple of years."

"That demonstration's not going to do any good," the fifteen year old girl said emphatically. "They do those things all the time."

"It doesn't hurt, does it?" a quiet fellow said, but he wouldn't repeat it when the others turned to him.

"I think it's for chickens," said a 20 year old fellow.

Another boy responded, "If they're doing it cause they think they won't get drafted, it's for chickens, but if they really think it's wrong. . ."

"I want peace," one kid said, "but I don't want the demonstrators going around town like a bunch of nuts."

The 19 year old who's going to enter college to avoid the draft then said, "I don't think the war is wrong, but they ought to be able to think of some more unique way to fight."

Then the kids compared how long it took to fight World War Two with how long the Vietnam war is taking.

Two girls agreed that the "demonstration isn't doing any good. Johnson's not going to listen to any town of 12,000."

"Who is the war up to, anyhow?" they all wondered. "Congress?"

"What can people do about it? They can't stop it, can they?"

## Protest March, Rally Draws 200 People

One hundred and fifty people staged an anti-Vietnam war protest march here Saturday on Franklin Street.

The marchers were joined by another 50 at a rally in front of Silent Sam where they heard anti-war speeches and poems.

The march, held in conjunction with Hiroshima Day, was sponsored by UNC Vietnam Summer. Vietnam Summer is a national organization which encourages and coordinates protests to the Vietnam war on the local level.

The march began at 2 p.m. at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro town limits and proceeded down Franklin Street to the campus, a distance of about a mile.

Students, professors, townspeople and small children marched. Two small babies were pushed in baby carriages.

The marchers carried signs with slogans such as "Military might—probably won't", "Escalation, Radiation, Mutation, Desolation," "Try something different, like peace," "Negotiate, don't annihilate" "Pacification '67, Vietnam and Detroit" and "Billions for death, but only pennies for life".

The march was peaceful throughout. Traffic was stopped in the right lane of Franklin street during the protest march.

The only visible opposition to the march was shown in a poster held by two Chapel Hill American Legion members, which read "I hate war, my wife hates war, my three sons hate war. I also hate communists and cowards. Love the U. S. A. or leave it."

Several townspeople stopped on the sidewalks to watch the march, and most of the people on the North side of Franklin street didn't like what they saw.

"I think it's a bunch of shit," muttered a gas station attendant who had served in Vietnam. "I

think they ought to be put on front lines in Vietnam."

An older townsman thought the marchers "looked like a bunch of damn fools. If Russians had this country, I wonder what they'd do then. . .work in wheat fields. They sure wouldn't be allowed to parade up and down the streets."

A former student watching the marchers from a ladder asked, "What good is it going to do? If they want to start looking like a cross section of American people they better dress differently."

At the rally three speeches were made and anti-war poetry was read. George Vlasits, a UNC graduate student in sociology told the crowd that police and military power is being used around the world to settle social problems, problems which he said arise from the values of white middle class Americans.

"The National Liberation Front of South Vietnam has been driven to communism by the U. S.," Vlasits said.

Dr. William Kremer, of the

Department of Medicine at Duke University said that he had written Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. asking why the U. S. is in this war. He said Sen. Ervin replied that he had opposed our getting involved in the war "but since we were there, there's no course open but to press for honorable and just settlement."

"But is 'since we are there' the only reason we can give for being involved?" Kremer asked.

"Is the whole thing one big blunder?" he asked, "Can we honestly ask someone to give his life when leaders say if we had it to do over, we wouldn't do it the same way."

Bill Matthews, a UNC graduate student in English, then read five poems which he said represented the anti-war position.

North Carolina College biology professor John Gamble made the last speech in which he pleaded for an end to all wars.

"The rationale for war is no longer true," he said. "War only results in brutality. Peace means that every man is a person."

## Stress Study May Create Problems

By ABBY KAIGHIN

Mental health is something money can't buy. But can money stimulate an interest in mental health?

Student Government, with its \$500 grant to study stress on the mental health of students from the NSA should be able to answer that question this year.

### A News Analysis

Last fall the Student Government set up a Mental Health Committee to study the problem of student stress. The committee was disbanded after Christmas and it was not because of inadequate funds.

It was, as one committee member wrote, because of "a lack of participation and, evidently, a lack of interest."

It is ironical that people who chose to be on a mental health committee didn't care enough to continue their study of student stress. It is even more curious to note that the "absence of concern for another's welfare" had been considered a problem by the committee.

Among the phases of student stress studied by the committee and included on the agenda for this year's study is the problem of living conditions.

The lack of concern for another's welfare was studied in relation to the residence system. One of the committee proposals which a committee member

described was a type of "big brother" system in which the extroverts or dorm leaders could keep an eye on the introverts. The resident advisor would oversee the whole plan.

Committee member Mike McGee explained the idea like this: "The active persons in the dorm keep the resident advisors informed about persons who seem to have problems. He might then assign a Joe College to 'look after' the man—like the one who seems ill at ease and unfriendly. . .or who talks and acts dejectedly."

"The result might be a kind of interpersonal responsibility developing between those who do well and those who do badly. A student who begins behaving strangely. . .should be zeroed in on."

It certainly would not take a paranoid to dislike this idea. McGee conceded that the system is artificial, but said it seems to work in a fraternity.

The interpersonal attitude of a fraternity cannot be transferred to a dorm, just as the concern members of a family feel for each other cannot be transferred.

In short, you cannot institutionalize compassion.

It is almost nightmarish to envision this proposal. Who is to decide who are the extroverts and who are the introverts? Secondly, although it may not take a degree in psychology to note who is doing well and who is doing very badly, one must be familiar with another's character to put his problems or

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