Officials Voice Concern Over Students' Lack Of Interest In Nuclear Freeze Movement

Despite a determined effort to awaken more student interest in the nuclear freeze movement by staging elaborate games and mounting touring debates and academic programs, the much-touted Ground Zero Month in April didn’t seem to light the campus fire organizers had wanted.

“We were a little upset that there wasn’t as big of a turnout” as for last November’s freeze activities, says Dennis Wallick of United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War.

There were “probably not the numbers involved in November,” adds UCAM boss Sanford Gottlieb.

“We would have liked to have seen greater national media interest in what we were doing,” says Ground Zero spokesman Ellis Woodard, who contends April was a success nonetheless.

What they were doing was trying to help their campaign for a freeze in the nuclear arms race and, in the process, awaken more student participation in what has become an increasingly faculty-dominated campus movement.

After the November, 1982 activities, which stretched across some 500 campuses nationwide, organizers expressed alarm that most of the college events had been organized and attended by faculty members, sometimes to the exclusion of students.

To remedy that, Ground Zero created an international conflict game called “Firebreaks” and packaged a series of “What About The Russians?” campus debates between Americans and Russians.

Estimates of how the tactic worked do vary. Woodard, figuring 20-50 people played each of the 5000 “Firebreaks” games Ground Zero sent out, estimates about 125,000 students participated.

But one campus organizer who tried to stage the game, for example, failed to persuade anyone at the 2700-person St. Bonaventure campus to sign up to play “Firebreaks,” according to the Bona Venture, the student paper there.

“I’m pretty sure it was more like 100 schools” that played the game, Wallick says.

At one of those schools, Pacific Union College in Angwin, Ca., only about 10 students regularly played, according to organizer and English Professor, Norman Wendth.

Some didn’t play the way UCAM and Ground Zero envisioned. The University of Missouri-St. Louis student government used the occasion to condemn the nuclear freeze concept.

“We have a pretty strong, organized conservative group in the student government,” explains former UMSL student Vice President Earl Swift, who opposed the motion to denounce a nuclear freeze.

Motion supporter Bob Wittman voted for the measure because he believes a freeze would make the U.S. militarily inferior to the Soviet Union and because he wanted to prevent freeze advocates from “bullying” their way onto campus unopposed during Ground Zero Month.

Similar hard-line attitudes helped disrupt some campus debates that Ground Zero had hoped would get “quite lively” and eventually tempered “militant attitudes” held by some students.

A Cornell debate and Disarmament Agency had the opposite effect. The debaters’ “party lines” added up to “a very sobering” lesson about the “barriers” that exist between the nations, reports Professor Michael Shapiro.

And when Lehman argued the U.S. had no interest in maintaining an empire, a heckler from the audience of 1500 students yelled, “But what about El Salvador?”

The reaction at the University of Utah to a week-long series of films, debates and television shows was more along organizers’ expectations.

“I think it was a success,” Dr. Louis Borgenicht, head of the campus chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

“It was the single best and most-varied campus event,” Gottlieb contends.

The praise, however, leaves Borgenicht somewhat “puzzled” because “we probably had about 60 people” at each event.

No one’s ready to quit trying to attract more next time around, which will be in November. Woodard hopes the groups involved will be “more aggressive about the marketing” of their own programs then.

New Director Of University Union And Auxiliary Services Announced

Steven Bruce, a veteran of 15 years in college student personnel services, has assumed the position as director of university union and auxiliary services at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Mr. Bruce came to Huntsville from the University of Northern Illinois where he was associate director of the student union building for two years. He has also worked with St. Norbert University in Green Bay, Wisconsin, with Western Illinois University, and with Robert Morris College in Carthage, Illinois.

A native of Bluffs, Illinois, Mr. Bruce received his B.S. degree from Illinois State University and his masters in college student personnel services from Western Illinois University.

The new director has taken over the union building at a time when an addition is being added that will greatly expand the facilities available to students at UAH.

Speaking of his new position, Mr. Bruce said, “One of the primary reasons I accepted the position was to gain the experience of building a new student union. Very few people have this kind of opportunity. It’s a challenge I’m looking forward to meeting. And there’s so much potential for making the union building and auxiliary services an integral part of university life.”

The first phase of construction on the building is scheduled to be completed by April of 1984, according to Mr. Bruce, and the second phase is to be finished by September of 1984.
Are You Eligible For Unemployment Compensation?

Unemployment compensation benefits are available to you if you have lost your job through no fault of your own. You are eligible for benefits if your job has ended because of plant closings or layoffs. You are also eligible if you were forced to quit your job for a legitimate, job-related reason. If you were fired without good reason, you may be eligible, and even if you still hold a part-time job, you may be entitled to partial unemployment benefits.

Unemployment compensation, often called "pennies," is a joint federal and state program designed to financially help persons who are temporarily unemployed. Federal law sets basic standards for all state unemployment compensation programs, but the amount paid to an unemployed worker may vary from state to state. In Alabama, for claims filed after July 1, the most anyone may receive in UC benefits per week is $120. For claims filed prior to July 1, the maximum amount is $90. The UC program, administered in Alabama by the Department of Industrial Relations, is financed from a federal tax on employees and employers.

To be eligible for unemployment, there are certain criteria which must be met. You must:

- Have worked and earned enough wages within a certain time period to qualify;
- Be without work through no fault of your own;
- Be physically and mentally able to work;
- Be available for work on a full-time basis during the week;
- Be actively looking for work and be registered for work at an Alabama State Employment Service Office; and
- Have filed a claim for UC benefits with the local Unemployment Compensation Office.

One of the more common legitimate reasons you may have quit your job and still be eligible for UC benefits is health or safety concern in your work environment. Other reasons might include discrimination—race, sex, or age—a reduction in pay, or an extremely abusive supervisor. But you must be able to prove that these adverse conditions existed, you must have exhausted all channels in an effort to improve your working conditions.

For example, if a female secretary is sexually harassed by her boss, she should report his behavior to a supervisor and ask for help before walking off the job. Or if a plant worker must use dangerously inadequate or broken equipment, he should ask his foreman to fix the problem before quitting his job.

You cannot be eligible for UC benefits if you voluntarily leave your job for personal reasons such as caring for a sick child, moving to another state with your spouse, or having your car break down. If you are fired for a dishonest or criminal act in connection with your work, or if you were fired for misconduct on the job after having been warned, you will not be eligible for benefits. Misconduct would include violating reasonable company rules and policies, being late too often, not following orders or instructions, and being under the influence of alcohol or drugs. If you are fired for misconduct without warning, you should be able to receive unemployment benefits after a penalty of several weeks' delay.

If you are denied your UC benefits and believe that you are entitled to them, you may appeal the denial to a hearing officer. Likewise, if the UC claims office awards you benefits and your former employer doesn't think you should get them, the employer may appeal the decision.

You must file your written appeal at your local UC claims office within seven days after the decision was handed to you, or within 15 days if the decision was mailed. You have the right to representation by a lawyer or paralegal at this hearing. If you lose your UC hearing, you can appeal to the Department of Industrial Relations' Board of Appeals. You have 15 days after the date of the hearing to file this appeal. If the Board of Appeals denies your claim, you will have 20 days from its decision to file a complaint in circuit court. You will need a lawyer to file this appeal.

While waiting for approval of your UC benefits, and continually after benefits are approved, you must be able to demonstrate that you are making a good faith effort to look for the type of work you have been trained to do. At least five different applications for work should be made each week. It is a good idea to keep a week-by-week list of all employers contacted, listing the date and the name of person with whom you applied.

Guidelines for extended and supplemental UC benefits differ slightly from those described above.

This article is for general information only. Persons with legal problems should seek the advice of a lawyer. If you need a lawyer and do not have one, you may call the Lawyer Referral Service sponsored by the Alabama State Bar. That toll-free number is 1-800-992-6660. If you have a limited income and think that you may be eligible for free legal assistance, call the Legal Services office nearest you.
Drinking can be enjoyable—no one is denying it. And no one is telling you not to drink at all because that is your decision. But the fact is that as soon as you decide to drive after drinking, you are putting your parents, your friends, yourself, and a lot of innocent people in danger. The following packet contains a series of facts and ideas which can help you enjoy yourself without seriously hurting someone.

Did you know:
That alcohol may seem like an "upper" but is actually a "downer."
That coffee and cold showers won't sober you up.
That mixing alcohol with any other drug is dangerous?
What is alcohol?
The most important thing to remember about alcohol is that it is a drug, just as marijuana, tranquilizers, and heroin are drugs. It can alter your moods, cause changes in your body, and can be habit-forming.

Since we are talking about a drug, it is important to know how much of it is getting with each drink. It may surprise you to know that there is about the same amount of alcohol in a 12-ounce can of beer, a five-ounce glass of wine, or a mixed drink containing 1 1/2 ounces of liquor. What happens in your body when you take a drink?

A lot happens—and fast. If you have ever tried alcohol, you may have noticed how quickly you start to "feel it." That is because it is not digested like other foods and liquids but is absorbed directly into your bloodstream from the stomach and small intestine. The alcohol is carried quickly to the brain and other parts of the body and circulated until it is burned up by the liver. If you weigh 120 pounds, it takes about two hours for each drink to leave your system; if you weigh 100 pounds, it takes over three hours. Nothing can speed up that process; that is why coffee and cold showers cannot make you sober—just wide awake.

Since alcohol goes to work first on the part of the brain that controls inhibitions, you may become more talkative or rowdy after a couple of drinks. That is why a lot of people assume alcohol is an "upper." Actually, alcohol is a "downer" drug that depresses your central nervous system. If you continue to pour alcohol into your body while the first drinks are still at work, gradually all of your body functions are slowed down. In other words, you get drunk.

I don't want trouble; how can I drink and not run into problems?

First of all, keep in mind that it might not be legal for you to drink. That can cause problems right there even if you do not get drunk. Beyond that, keep these points in mind:

Do not drink any faster than your body can handle it. Alcohol, remember no more than one drink every two hours for the average size person.

Sip—do not gulp—your drink. Be sure to eat something before or while you are drinking. The food in your stomach will slow down the alcohol's passage into the bloodstream and into the brain.

Do not drink at all when you are feeling sick, tired, or in a bad mood (angry, depressed, tense). Alcohol can pack a bigger punch than usual at those times. When you drink to escape problems, you also run the risk of becoming dependent on alcohol.

Drunk driving with sports and other physical activities; 69 percent of drownings, 70 percent of fatal falls, 40 percent of work accidents, and 83 percent of fire fatalities are alcohol-related. All of us are aware that drinking and driving is dangerous.

Never use alcohol with any other drugs, at any time—before, during, or after—drinking alcohol; the two drugs often multiply each other's effects and you run the risk of an overdose. You may become sleepy or dizzy, get a headache, throw up, or pass out. In some cases, you can die from an overdose.

One more thing. If you do get drunk, the only way to sober up is to wait until the alcohol leaves your system. Drink hot coffee and take cold showers if you want to, but you won't sober up any faster. The only cure is time.

I have heard you can "blackout" when you drink. What does that mean?

Having a blackout is not the same as "passing out." A drinker who experiences a blackout remains awake but suffers a temporary memory loss, so that the next day he or she cannot remember anything that happened while drinking. A blackout can happen to anyone who drinks a lot at any one time.

How much can you drink and still drive safely?

Simply put—not at all. Drinking alcohol seriously impairs judgment, muscle coordination, vision, and reaction time; all of which are very important for driving. Since few teenagers have had much experience with either drinking or driving, even a small amount of alcohol—for example, one beer per hour, can significantly interfere with your driving ability.

It is tempting to believe that "it can't happen to me" or "it can't happen to my friends"—but it can. Drinking and driving accidents are the number one cause of death among teenagers. If you have been drinking, do not rely on whether you "feel" like you are able to drive. Alcohol often gives a person the dangerous feeling of being more powerful and in control than usual. Instead of taking the wheel, ask a friend to drive. If you are alone, call someone—a friend, an older brother or sister, a parent—for a ride.

What can I do if I do not feel like drinking?

If you do not want to drink, do not do so. It can be hard to resist pressure from friends, especially when you find yourself at a party that seems to focus on a keg of beer or a jug of wine. Usually the best way to refuse a drink is with a simple, direct "no thanks.

Skip any apologies, excuses, or arguments. If you feel uncomfortable about not drinking, others will be more likely to accept it and not hassle you.

How can I tell if I—or somebody in my family—has a drinking problem? And what can I do about it?

A problem drinker is someone whose drinking is causing trouble in important areas of his or her life—school, job, friends, parents, health, the law. If you think you may have a drinking problem, you are not alone. Surveys show that as many as one out of every four teenagers runs into some kind of trouble with alcohol.

If you think you, or someone you know, has a problem, talk it over with someone you trust—a friend, relative, counselor, clergyman. There are many sources of help for an alcohol problem in your community.

This packet was prepared by the Ad Hoc Task Force on Drinking and Driving.

Kappa Delta

Kappa Delta is proud of its newest initiates: Julia Davis, Julie Dolley, Cindy Leek, Trink McElmury, Rochelle Meleman, and Karen Saunders. Before initiation, these outstanding ladies gave a wonderful party for the sisters. Each sister received a personalized cup as a souvenier of the occasion. The chapter was presented with an engraved silver tray.

Students Hit Hard

By Unemployment

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS)—Unemployment for college-aged people last year was the worst in 30 years, according to a U.S. Department of Labor report says.

Some 924,000 college students aged 16-24 who were not in school in 1982, the Bureau of Labor Statistics says. The 11.7 percent unemployment rate was up from 1981's 10 percent.

The unemployment rate for all people in the 16-to-24 age bracket rose from 14.5 percent in 1981 to 16 percent in 1982, the bureau says. In a written summary accompanying the report, the bureau observed that students normally suffer a higher unemployment rate than nonstudents of the same age, but that because of "the sluggish economy," non-students for the first time had a harder time landing a job.

Even among students, the unemployment rate was worse for minorities than for whites. Almost 37 percent of the nation's black students were out of work in 1982, up from 35 percent in 1981, the report found.

Panic student unemployment rate hit 21.7 percent in 1982, up from 15.5 percent in 1981.
Barry Grizzard, a recent addition to the UAH Athletic department, specializes in Karate. The Chicago native is currently assisting director Joe Manjone, as well as other sports teachers, in running a sports camp at UAH. Children ranging in age from 4-13 are participating in a variety of sports activities. Grizzard is helping teach weight training, soccer, softball, and gymnastics, as well as his specialty Karate.

Grizzard has been competing in point Karate, which focuses on form, with the opponents barely touching each other. Full contact Karate has been of special interest to Grizzard for the past eight years. Grizzard has been competing professionally for a number of years. He has appeared on E.S.P.N., in Karate illustrated magazine, and is a member of the Professional Karate Association.

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Suicide Prevention and Assessment Seminar To Be Held

Why will more than 35,000 people in the United States take their own lives this year? What has made the suicide rate of adolescents aged 10 to 19 triple in the last ten years? If someone you cared about had suicidal tendencies, could you recognize the warning signs? More importantly—what can we do about it?

To acquaint professionals and the public with the latest development in suicidal prevention, the University of Alabama in Huntsville's Division of Continuing Education will offer two courses this summer on the subject.

"Suicide: Assessment and Prevention" will be offered on July 19 and 20, and "Youth Suicide: Cause and Prevention" will be offered on July 21.

The program leader is Dr. Friedrich Wenz, a recognized suicidologist who has conducted numerous programs in suicide prevention in Canada and the U.S.

According to Dr. Wenz, "Suicide is the ninth leading cause of death in the U.S., but the second leading cause of death among the nation's youth."

"For every completed suicide by a young person, there are many more attempts, perhaps as many as 200 for each successful suicide. We know that there are at least 500,000 suicide attempts each year in the total population.

"A concerned effort must be made to find solutions to this tragic problem. Advocacy efforts to heighten awareness of adolescent suicide and of effective ways to intervene to prevent suicide should be undertaken by schools, parents, clergy, and professionals.

"The focus of the program is twofold. First, the nature of suicide will be reviewed. Second, some guidelines for intervention and prevention will be covered."

Dr. Wenz continued, "One of the most damaging misconceptions is that suicide is restricted to a certain type of person. However, after a suicide, you always hear people say, 'but he wasn't the type'. Most of the danger signs of suicide are obvious, but they're often overlooked or misinterpreted.

"We hope to make the participants aware of their significance and informed about what to do when they see them," Dr. Wenz added.

"Suicide: Assessment and Prevention" will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 19 and 20, and will cost $56. "Youth Suicide: Cause and Prevention" will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 21 and will cost $40.

For further information, please call 866-6356 and to register call 866-6010.
The 25-11 record of UAH's basketball team, which resulted in Southern States Conference and District 27 championships, has not gone unnoticed. The N.A.I.A. finally released its All American list for 1982-83 and two Chargers were among the Honorable Mention standouts.

Lorenzo Duncan and Claude Ford were tabbed Honorable Mention All Americans and Coach "Kayo" Willis commented, "This honor was a little late in coming but I think Claude and Lorenzo were excellent selections."

Duncan led UAH in free throw shooting (79 percent assists, five per game), and steals (four per game), while finishing second in point production (15.3 p.g.). Ford was the Chargers' leading scorer (17 p.p.g.), while hitting 54 percent from the field and 77 percent from the free throw line. Both players were all conference and all district selections and made the all tournament teams at the conference tourney, the Marymount College Invitational, and the Athens College Tournament.

"Both are very fine young men and I only wish Claude and Lorenzo were going to be back next year along with Lorenzo. They made a great combination and carried us to a lot of wins with their outside shooting," said Willis.

During the 1982-83 season, the Chargers handed Coach Willis his 200th UAH victory and earned another trip to Kansas City for the N.A.A.L. National Tournament; UAH's All American honors. UAH Coach Donna Dunaway commented; "Crystal became aware of our program because of our performance at the nationals (UAH finished second in the nation) and decided to transfer. She's a very talented player that could help us get back to Kansas City again next year."

Cooper will enter UAH in the fall as a junior.
“High Tech” Associate Degree Is A Thing Of The Future

The nation’s community and junior colleges will have to create new “high tech” associate degrees soon or face becoming obsolete, a task force on two-year degrees warned in a report issued last week.

The task force also suggested with the associate degree is that, from the point of view of the private sector, the two-year degree is not an impressive document to have,” explains Jim Mahoney, spokesman for the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, which sponsored the task force to “redefine the associate degree.”

The task force advises community and junior colleges to develop minimum competency standards for students to meet before they can get their degrees.

The report also says two-year schools must work more closely with local businesses and develop closer ties to area high schools and four-year colleges.

Most immediately, the report urges schools to work with businesses to develop high-tech curricula that adequately train grads for jobs.

“Refusal to acknowledge this (high tech) phenomenon can result in deterioration of preparation for careers in technical areas,” the report warns.

Of the 100 two-year schools the task force surveyed, 71 said “high technology has already influenced their curriculum and that new (high tech) programs should be developed.”

It’s enough to worry Nolen Ellison, president of Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, who contends “we should not emphasize high technology to the exclusion of jobs on science, health, food preparation and other service areas such as the secretarial and clerical fields.”

Instead, he says, “we need to find a balance between the general educational responsibility to provide specific job training.”
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