

Draft registration stirs protest embers

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the American Civil Liberties Union. "We had help from the Carter administration."

But since that vote, American Embassy employees in Tehran were taken hostage by Iranian students, and the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan.

Simon said the ACLU, through the Freedom of Information Act, obtained a copy of a report from Carter's selective service director which advised against draft registration. The report was delivered to Carter shortly before his January state of the union speech, according to Simon, who added:

"The president ignored that report, based on political advice."

The call for draft registration was "designed for home consumption," Simon added. "It has nothing to do with enhancing our military ability."

Lafferty, a draft counselor during the Vietnam War years, compared Vietnam with the Persian Gulf situation, but said there was one major change in the U.S. government's stance: "There's no pretense of saving the lives of the people (in Iran or Afghanistan) for democracy. It's the oil."

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Sister Rose Steitz, of Detroit, said the "Catholic hierarchy" in the U.S. has endorsed draft registration.

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SR. ROSE STEITZ
"On opposite side"

"I'm on the opposite side of most of them," she said. She called for taxpayers to resist paying for U.S. military involvement in the Persian Gulf.

"What are we doing by paying for it?" she said. "None of us are going to



HOWARD SIMON
Carter is political

get off scot-free."

CHRIS VAN METER, an OU student and member of PIRGIM, said the group has been organizing against the draft at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Western

Michigan and Grand Valley State Colleges, as well as OU.

PIRGIM is part of a network of groups affiliated with Ralph Nader's research and consumer rights organizations in Washington.

Conscientious objectors, draft card burnings and young men fleeing to Canada were marks of the 1960s resistance to the Vietnam War.

Three speakers last week at an Oakland University anti-draft rally called for a rekindling of that movement to stop President Jimmy Carter's attempt to resume the military draft.

"There's never been a registration without a draft," said James Lafferty, Birmingham attorney and '60s anti-war veteran. "It's the draft that they're after."

In his State of the Union message in January, Carter asked Congress to approve resumption of draft registration for 18-26 year old males.

TWO RALLIES last Wednesday, sponsored by the OU chapter of PIRGIM (Public Interest Research Group in Michigan), drew about 100 people from the campus of 11,000. The rallies were a prelude to a national demonstration against the draft held Saturday in Washington, D.C.

"We had beaten the Congress' attempt to bring back draft registration by about a 2-1 vote (last fall)," said Howard Simon, Michigan director of

Students at Schoolcraft, OCC win news honors

Four Schoolcraft College journalism students and three from Oakland Community College received awards at the Michigan Community College Press Association's second annual press day. The Highland Voice, student paper at OCC's Highland Lakes campus, was voted best overall newspaper at the March 22 conference in Saginaw.

Among OCC students cited were Kevin Redding of the Auburn Hills campus newspaper for best editorial cartoon; Terry Pike of the Highland Lakes paper, third place for best news

story and Mark Sévold of Highland Lakes, third place for best photo essay.

Brian Appel, a photographer with the Schoolcraft Campus Globe, won first place for best news photo.

Other award winners from Schoolcraft included Rick Asher, second place for best editorial and second place for best sports story; Darlene Elson, second place for best feature story; and Tom Bonner, second place for best feature column.

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