

Draft alternatives discussed

Draft alternatives and military oppression were the subjects of an informal discussion last Wednesday afternoon. Jim Heayn, a business administration student, and Susan Slovak of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, spoke to a small group of interested students and faculty.

Mr. Heayn a draft counselor, talked about the alternatives to military service, which include occupational deferments, medical and psychiatric rejections and evasion to other countries. His most important point, however, was that it is necessary to make the important decisions about the draft now, rather than wait until no choice exists. He advised interested students to contact him regarding their questions and problems concerning the draft.

Miss Susan Slovak, an attractive Bennington graduate spoke about her work with the

G.I.'s at Fort Dix, in their battle against the oppression of the military. She is a member of the Fort Dix Coffee House Project, which sought to establish a meeting place, off the base, where G.I.'s could relax and discuss topics not often discussed on military posts. The project faced continual harrassment, from the military, and the state and local police.

Many G.I.'s were unjustly punished for their connections with the project (Miss Slovak told of many confined in the

stockade, under false charges, because of their participation) and some project workers were threatened. All this harrassment reached a climax on February 14, when the Coffee House was bombed and several people were injured. The Coffee House has been closed and local citizens have made reopening difficult but Miss Slovak is confident that the project will succeed. Future efforts of the group include a March and Demonstration at Fort Dix May 16th (Armed Forces Day) which Miss Slovak encouraged all to attend.