Background

As a math major, how did you become involved in a political movement like the anti-war movement?

Let me tell you a story. I was on the organizing committee for an anti-war rally. Someone on the committee proposed: "Let's do it right after a home football game, when the people are already assembled." Another answered: "No. Anti-war people don't go to football games." Answer: "I go to football games. How many of the rest of you go?" Most hands in the room shoot up.

At that time, anyway, a large majority of students were anti-war. Math, history, art and engineering students all went to rallies... and to football games when Bo Schembechler was our new coach.

What was your involvement in the Anti-Vietnam War Movement?

I helped to plan and marched in rallies, served on the Student Government Council (SGC) which had a role in organizing folks on campus. I distributed anti-war literature during my draft physical, but got a very high draft lottery number and was not taken. I had a gory poster with a photograph of the My Lai massacre on the wall of my dorm room.

Did you participate beyond anti-draft activism on campus? If so, how? *Just as described above.*

Anti-draft Questions

What was anti-draft activism like on U of M's campus and locally in Ann Arbor?

Speeches, rallies, marches. Those of us involved in it often got drawn into other

"liberal" causes, like relaxed dress codes in the dorm cafeterias, rights for welfare

recipients, etc. I was arrested at a welfare-rights sit-in at a Washtenaw County

building and sentence to 10 days on a work crew. (It was the dead of winter, and the

crew mostly sat in the cabin of the truck to stay out of the cold.)

What groups/organizations were involved in anti-draft activism at the time (at U of M/in Ann Arbor)?

My memory has faded too much to remember the names.

Specific Questions about the flyer

Were you the author of the flyer about anti-draft activism or did an organization create this flyer? And, who received these flyers?

Yes, I wrote it, but it was modeled on some other documents that I had seen. It was handed out in a draft physical facility. As I saw it, I was in a public facility exercising freedom of speech. I handed it to others in the facility, including the staff. Mostly, I was ignored.

Did you face any interference from the U of M administration regarding this flyer? *The whole demonstration was off-campus, so the administration had no role in it.*