Craft claims a need exists for civil disobedience in women's movement

By Harold A. Stern

Activist Nikki Craft spoke on civil disobedience and her personal involvement in the feminist movement last week. Pro-femnistas sponsored the lecture.

"Craft is a very important option," Craft said. She has been arrested 34 times on a variety of charges. Women who have been granted the right to vote had not been so for "a few women willing to risk their lives in order to enter the voting booths," she said. "We take what we learn from the non-violent movement and apply it."

Getting arrested, however, "is only a small part" of the women's movement, Craft stressed. She believes that her actions are "filling a void that needs to be filled."

Craft has founded numerous activist groups, including:

- Women Arrested for Self-Protection: "A small group of women committed to becoming proficient in the use of various weapons, who called for immediately and drastic retaliation against rapists by their victims."
- The Kitty Genovese Women's Project: Craft led a group of women into the Dallas County Records Building. After months of research, they compiled the names of 2,000 rapists and solicited sex offenders and printed out the copies of the list.
- Prevailing Mothers Women's Research Project: This group's statement of purpose claims, "We do not rely on laws, objects, and positions of power to be sacred and vow to...create havoc and..." (Continued on page 1)

Social factors contribute to an increase of poverty in South Africa

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decreases in poverty to an increase in the number of civil service and mining jobs.

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- Infant mortality rates: In 1981, the white infant mortality rate was 15 times the black infant mortality rate. Wilson believes the racial discrepancy is own worse.
- Barternational child care: Blacks only collect unemployment insurance in the areas where they live, although they usually live far away from the cities. They must stay in the cities, however, if they want to find another job. They cannot do both.

Wilson offered a short-run strategy which would result in "political feasibility" in the long run. He suggested that South Africa set up institutions which will give organizational skills to blacks. The primary consideration is humanity, according to Wilson. The black man has been "out of the sun" in the government, he said. "Half his time is spent in the city and the other half is spent in the reserve with his family."