

Convicted draft dissenter given alternative sentence

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ROANOKE, Va.— The first man convicted for failure to register with the Selective Service has been ordered to perform two years of volunteer work at a federal institution.

Enten Eller, a minister's son, was sentenced Wednesday.

Citing the biblical commandment against killing and the teachings of the Brethren Church against war, he said God did not want him in the military. He made his stand entirely on

principle — he refused to allow his attorneys to attack the constitutionality of the law.

"I hope I set an example for other Christians, if not necessarily by my actions, then by my motivations," Eller, 20, said at the sentencing.

When Eller was convicted in August, U.S. District Court Judge James Turk ordered him to register within 90 days or face a prison term of up to six years.

Eller refused to register for the draft.

"I'm sorry that I did not comply with the conditions of probation," he told Turk Wednesday, but he said God's law came before Washington's. "I felt I had no choice."

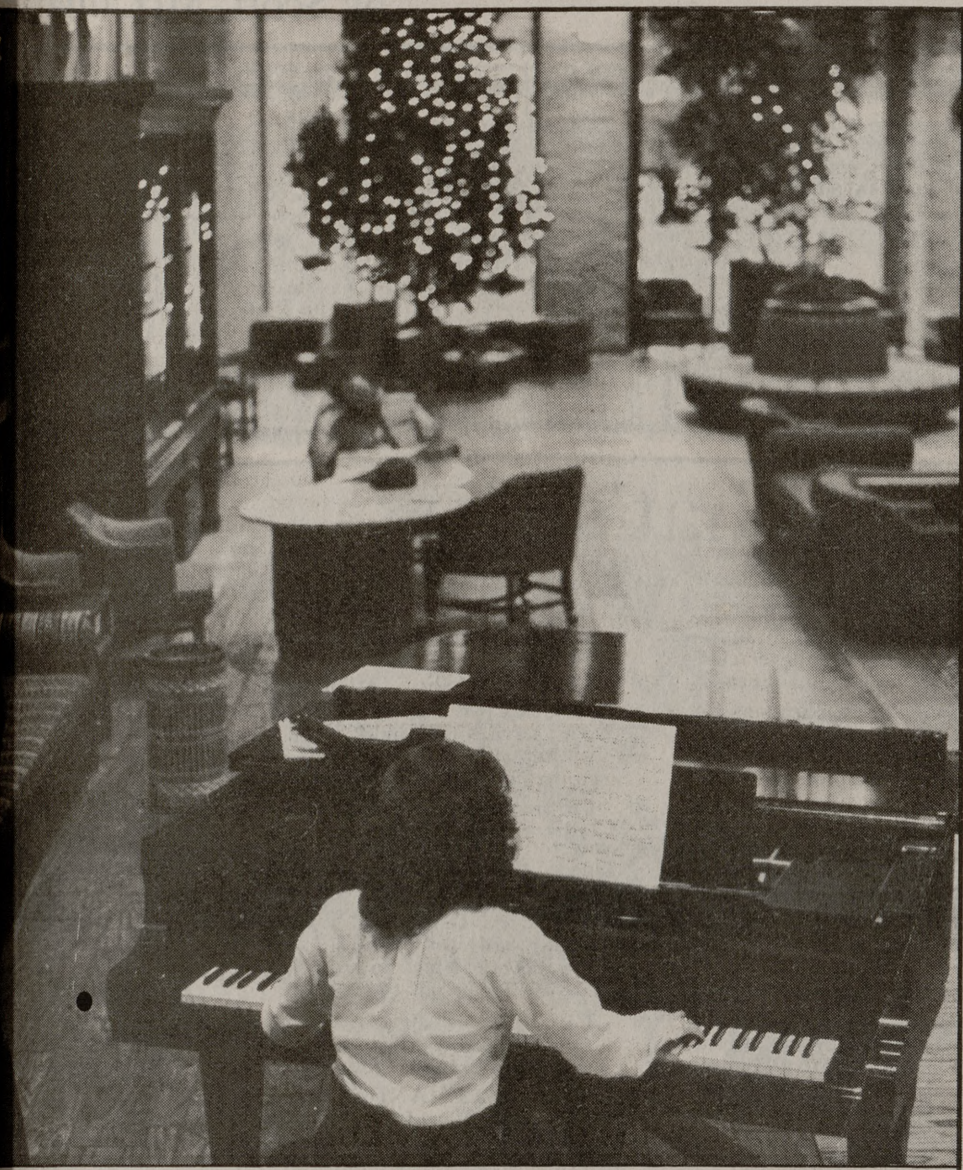
Turk rejected the arguments of federal prosecutors and probation officers that Eller should be jailed as an example to other draft resisters.

"Because you are in the formative years of your life and because you have an exemplary record otherwise, the court is con-

sidering alternative service in your case," Turk said.

Turk said Eller's volunteer work could begin after he graduates from college in June and he could work at any federal facility approved by his probation officer and the court.

Eller, 20, a physics major with a straight-A average at Bridgewater College, told reporters after the hearing he welcomed the chance to perform alternative service.



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EPA relocation angers residents

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ST. LOUIS — Residents of a suburban area where the soil is contaminated with dioxin are dissatisfied with Environmental Protection Agency plans to temporarily relocate them and remove the soil.

"I think the EPA, the state and whoever else is involved in this mess should buy us out," said Dennis Lynch, who lives at one of the contaminated sites in Imperial, Mo.

"We don't want a temporary move. When I leave my house, I want to leave for good," he told an EPA official at a news conference.

The EPA said Wednesday it will pay for the voluntary, temporary relocation of residents at the six houses near an area referred to as the Minker site, which is contaminated with high

levels of the deadly chemical.

Assistant EPA Administrator Rita M. Lavelle, reversing an earlier decision, said federal Superfund money will be made available for the clean up.

The EPA maintained its position that no health emergency exists from the dioxin, which is in soil dumped eight years ago as fill material. Dioxin is one of the most toxic substances known and is a suspected carcinogen.

Lynch bought his house three and one-half years ago and said he never would have moved in had he known — as the EPA did at the time — that the area was contaminated.

also included in the EPA's cleanup proposal.

The highest dioxin level is 301 parts per billion at the Minker site, the EPA said. Amounts of only 1 part per billion are said by the Centers for Disease Control to pose a health risk.

Preliminary test results from more than 300 soil samples taken in October indicated a dioxin level of more than 900 parts per billion in one area. Later quality assurance tests on the same samples showed those results were wrong, the EPA said.

"After the behavior the EPA has exhibited so far, I don't find much comfort in these results," said James Cisco, another area resident. "It seems to me somewhat suspicious that, after the widespread criticism of the EPA, these test results come back so low."

Only two abandoned mobile homes are at the other residential area referred to as the Stout site. There are no residences in a third area along Romaine Creek

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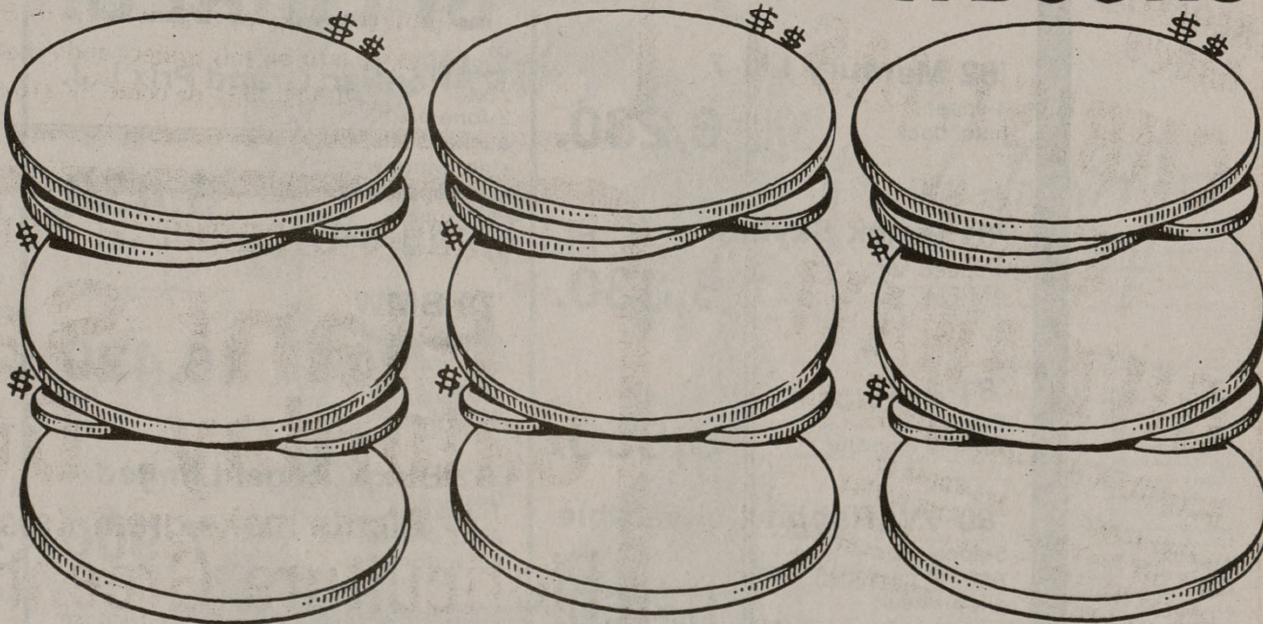
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