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Continued from Page 1. "We're not a group of hippies

stuck in the 60s; instead, we're setting out to save the 90s," Bell said.

"The 450 marchers — of an original 1,500 — who stayed are incredibly dedicated people," Bell said. "Most of the others were only involved for the country-club march, but the numbers had to be cut somewhere."

Bell said many marchers contributed to the project financially instead of physically.

The march costs \$24,000 a week and is strictly self-sufficient through fund raising and individual support groups for each marcher.

With the added responsibilities of the vacated PRO-Peace staff positions, marchers were forced to fill vacant positions two days a week and walk the other five, Bell said, adding that his experience as a cook was beneficial to the march since he was only one of three trained to cook for such large numbers.

But the work of the Great March includes more than just walking and cooking.

"The march has shown me the overall picture in this country the United States is a munitions factory," Bell said. "We're going to blow up the world if we don't stand up. I've learned that it is okay to love my country and disagree with my government."

The United States has established 25 new first-strike nuclear weapons this year, Bell said. Many of them, he added, have at least 700 times the power of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima. He said people are still dying everyday in Hiroshima and in the deserts of Utah.

He added that no matter how a . congressman votes, he is still a representative of the people and has to listen to their views.

"Most people in this country are concerned with the Star Wars program," Bell said. "The march is the spark to initiate a flame to draw the line on the continuation of the global arms race."

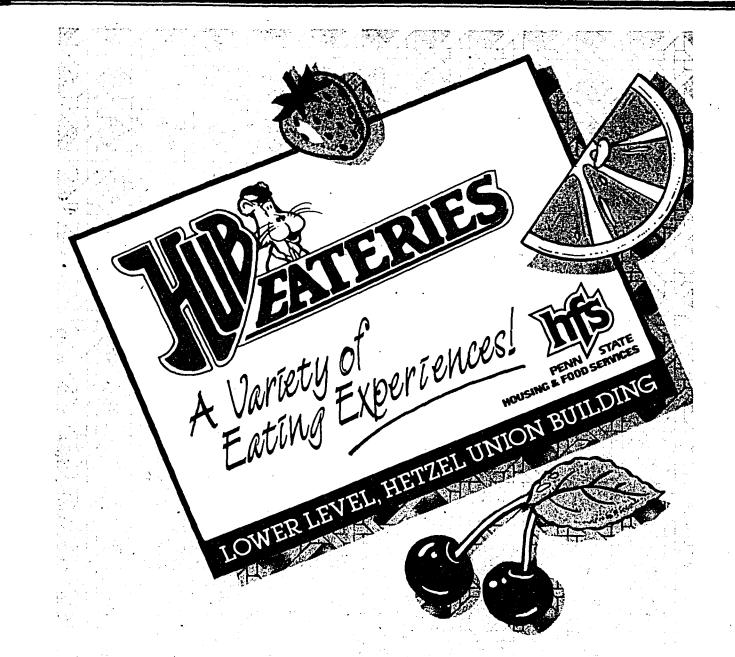
Bell noted that the marchers carried another flame with them as they traveled across the country with the marchers. He said the flame will stay lit as a vigil until all nuclear weapons are disarmed.

"The flame represents the state of the world as long as we have nuclear weapons. As easily as the flame can be extinguished, so can the world," Bell said.

He said when global disarmament is complete, the flame will be blown out.

After the Great Peace March, Bell said, he will return to State College to stimulate action in the local campaign for a nuclear weapons freeze and campus organizations.

"I'd like to see the east end getting involved instead of just the crazies on the west end," he said. "The young and upwardly mobile people here have to realize there is nowhere to go up, if we blow up."





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