

Editorial Comment:

Escape Draft? Chances About 99-1 Against It

How many college men eligible for Selective Service will duck the draft after they graduate?

The answer, unhappily so for many college men with military life facing them, is 99-1, according to Pentagon officials, Newsweek magazine reports in its April 4 edition.

The magazine says the temptation to play "draft roulette," that is to lie low, say nothing and hope to reach the magic age of 26 before your number is up is a game that plays havoc with nerves and self-respect.

For those who frankly want "to get out of it," there are a few prospects other than "roulette." Some amount to chance, others don't.

Briefly, these are the main avenues to "freedom" as outlined in the Newsweek report:

Continuance of graduate schooling until age 26. This of course is dependent upon good grades and enough money to afford graduate courses, hence raising the cry that the draft setup has "one law for the rich, one for the poor."

Fatherhood. Actually, paternity doesn't exempt or even automatically defer but fathers generally are far enough down on the order of preference to give them what is similar to an indefinite deferment.

Going into such occupations as science, engineering, agriculture and teaching. And here degree of essentiality is left up to draft boards.

Failure to meet physical or mental standards.

The ministry or study for the ministry.

Hardship cases. Draft-board officials generally are convinced that the successful faker is rare, but the tendency is toward leniency.

It is certain that the draft poses a tremendous cloud over the head of thousands

of young men. Most employers don't want to hire a "1-A" and employment agencies are even more outspoken on the subject.

Fresh college graduates complain that there is almost no chance of getting a decent job during the months of limbo between the bright day of graduation and the dark one when Uncle Sam's greetings arrive.

And some college men and defense figures think the shadow of the draft drives many collegians into various reserved officer training programs, where he has a chance for more money and prestige during the inevitable service years—but little drive or initiative to be a good officer.

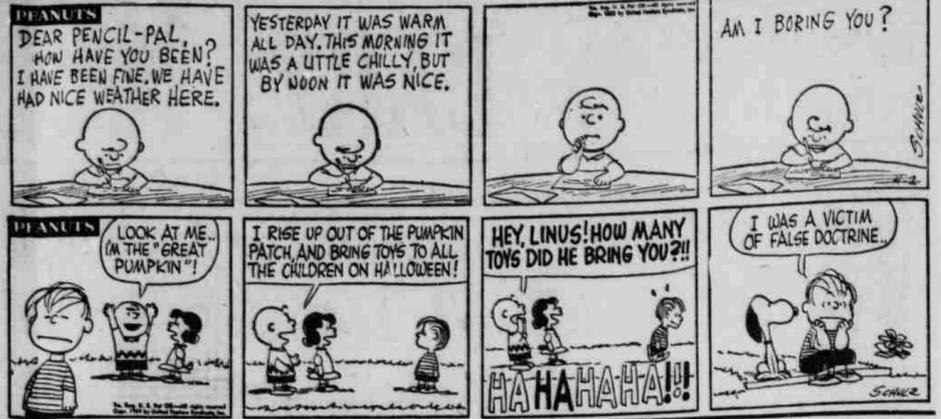
Moral problems also have resulted because of the draft. Newsweek said, "Where the question of fatherhood is concerned, there is simply no way of knowing when a young man has cynically and deliberately got himself married and started a family strictly for draft avoidance. A recent Labor Department study estimates that 35 to 40 per cent of the men reaching the age of 22-23 will have become fathers."

What are the opinions? Presidential hopeful Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey says the program should be reviewed and revised. Sen. Stuart Symington says the draft should be eliminated and Vice President Nixon says the draft... is indispensable to national security.

Selective Service boss Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey says, "I'm afraid all this talk objecting to the draft is some more of our softness—the desire to do no work, to shirk our citizen's responsibilities. We want everything painless as possible, everything for comfort and ease."

This may be very true in some cases but seems like a sad generalization. As Newsweek points out, the basic complaint of the average young man is not "Why should I serve?"

It is: "Tell me when and how I should serve and to the best of my ability." He doesn't want his time wasted—and his time, in the long run, is the nation's time.



Nebraskan Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. Letters attacking individuals must carry the author's name. Others may be initials or a pen name. Letters should not exceed 300 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's views.

No Parking Relief?

To the Editor: There seems to be no immediate relief in sight for the parking problem on the University campus. The parking lot with meters on the northeast side of the Student Union is helpful for off-campus students who need to find a parking place in a hurry.

On the other hand, many off-campus students remain on campus all day for classes or studies. For these students feeding the parking meters and moving automobiles several times a day becomes a serious nuisance which detracts from studying.

Although there have been vacant spaces available in the Selleck parking lot, I'm afraid that his lot will be jam-packed again just as soon as the mud settles. Paving the Selleck lot will result in fewer mud-spattered cars and students, but this improvement will do nothing to remedy the problem of inadequate parking space.

Perhaps many off-campus students will find that walking or riding the bus is the only immediate solution to the parking problem. Unfortunately, these students are faced with the problem of lugging around a large pile of books. On this score, I believe that the University could and should provide a solution.

By providing book lockers in the University Library, University officials could make it more feasible for students to walk fairly long distances to school. Moreover, the adoption of this idea might result in more students having their textbooks on hand in class when they are needed.

From the parking problem, I will now skip to another subject which is unrelated to the first. Why doesn't the University create some lounges for University men? Perhaps one reply to this statement might be that the campus is a place to study and not a place to sprawl or sack out.

On the other hand, I believe that short periods of time which are spent in relatively private relaxation increases rather than decreases study efficiency.

In this regard the goldfish bowl type of lounge in the Student Union is not answer. Furthermore, since the University has provided lounges for University women, why not create the same facilities for the men?

John Schepman

Civil Rights Issue

To the Editor: I was very pleased to note several letters in the Daily Nebraskan concerning the civil rights problem in the South. The opening of the Freedom Fund also is encouraging.

I can imagine the Southern Negro youth's urge for equal treatment and human justice. I am not surprised at their violent demonstrations. Any rational human being in their shoes would feel the same way. I know how I felt when some of the "white Christians" in the "Holy Land-Lincoln Land" told me that they could not let me rent an apartment because I was "colored."

Perhaps it also will be quite appropriate if the students of this University respond to the Boston EPIC's (Emergency Public Integration Committee) which is coordinating the activities of campus committee at Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston University and Brandeis University; plus non-campus groups opposed to discrimination appeal by: 1. Sending resolutions of support to the Negro schools in the Southern movement;

Hoof-Marks: The Satyr

Mes Amis! (Notice the falacious generalization.) The SATYR have returned after the horrendous season de la neige et le slush huzzah for Spring. When a young SATYR turns to the thoughts he's been thinking all winter... maidens beware!

The joyous clip of cloven hooves has become a muffled limping after the past week's defeats. Yet the SATYR regenerates daily. Prometheus may have suffered upon the rock suffering his heart to be eaten daily by vultures—so suffers the SATYR. (This suffering jazz has come to a screeching halt.)

Attend me muse whilst I tell of the towering Ceres of Olympus (have you ever known a six foot two Swede called Ceres?) and her charming daughter Aphrodite (unsure of nationality but close to six foot lower of purity). They rapped lightly upon the entrance of the cave and left words of condolence and kindness. Thank heaven for little girls!

The goat will soon amaze you with the mystic selections for the coming year. (This is only a cheap journalistic attempt to scoop the Pixie press.) But the goat will attempt to justify these selections—if anyone can. So gentle reader, await the behind scenes struggle for position. (How else can a struggling goat get readership?)

Gentle readers! It is the goat's ardent wish that you are not naive enough as to understand what is taking place on the campus political front. Would you be shocked if you were told that elections were rigged? Ah! then I shan't tell you that. Would you be shocked if you knew that perhaps five of the new male mystics belong to two fraternities simultaneously? Ah! then I shan't tell you that either.

But this is not our purpose today. The SATYR strays!

Dear little fiends or friends, as the case may be, would you like to know of these things? Or would you rather stay completely

devoid of these little bits? Drop your cards and letters to the Cave—and if you're not sure about the address, Mouse will take care of them.

Children of misfortune and woe, the SATYR drops his pipes of Pan to take up the staff of crusade. The Fates and Furies have held counsel for this year but next year will rewrite history. (There may be a war or something.) As long as the disinterested men on this campus fail to make their voices heard in their own councils, TNE will go unchallenged.

When good men in your own houses fall by the way for some strange reason, it is time that you determined the cause rather than shrugging your shoulders. This is the worst kind of apathy. This is the apathy that kills initiative. This is the apathy that forces your own activity men to join the ranks of subrosa to gain recognition for your house.

Back to the cave to nurse the wounds and delve deeper into the mysteries of non-existence. Introspection, dear readers.

Relay Queen

A University coed will be selected next week on photographic beauty to compete for the title of co-queen of Kansas Relays.

The University Innocents Society is asking each organized house and resident hall to submit one contestant. The girls will be interviewed beginning at 7:30 p.m. on April 5 by Innocents, according to Harry Tolly.

The girl chosen will be photographed and judging of the photographs will be April 10 at Kansas University.

Staff Comment

Balm and Sage

By Herb Probasco

(First of two articles on the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education)

With the construction tempo increasing on the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education, the pre-opening evaluation program is taking shape. To better acquaint the citizen with the purpose of continuing education and the various centers across the country, the W. K. Kellogg Foundation—originator of the program—has published a 60 page booklet about continuing education and the centers.



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In a word, continuing education is "continuing study by adults, utilizing periodic learning experiences within a university environment and featuring a specially designed facility."

Dr. Emory W. Morris, president and general director of the foundation, places the need for adult education on the rapidly changing world and the problems it creates. "Will professional knowledge and industrial skills, cultural understanding and social purpose, keep pace with the on-rushing tempo set by automation and the rocket age?" he asks.

"Education seems the only hope for an affirmative answer to this question, not just education for the young over a sixteen year span but particularly for the adult and continuing through his life. Many Americans are sharing the growing conviction that continuing education for mature citizens is one of the most significant educational developments of the last several decades," Dr. Morris writes.

Centers already completed are located on the Michigan State and Georgia campuses. Nearing completion are three others, the Universities of Chicago, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

First of the centers was the one at Michigan State, built in 1951. It was host to more than 40,000 conference participants last year.

Seven characteristics common to the five centers are listed in the booklet:

1. The education is continuing; i.e., series of conferences, seminars, workshops and other educational experiences between meetings, are encouraged. Ideally, groups with a common interest meet year after year. Involved are pre-conference planning and pre- and post-conference contact through the media of television, radio and supplementary literature.

2. The meetings are usually held in a collegiate or university setting offering people retreat from their usual environment and largely precluding the interruptions which occur in everyday routines.

3. Ordinarily for two, three, four, or more days, the participant devote full time rather than marginal time.

4. There is maximum use of collegiate or university resources. The program is part of the institution, an extension of its teaching functions to a new group in society. Thus Continuing Education is a means by which research findings can flow to the people and be applied to problem-solving.

5. The content of the meetings is drawn from the full-range of knowledge which is the concern of some unit of a university. A requisite is that the field of interest must be that of a college or department of the university and sponsored by the unit.

6. Continuing Education combines a staff devoted to expediting the meetings, subject matter specialists from the institution and/or elsewhere, and a physical facility so designed as to make these learning experiences most effective.

7. Continuing Education makes available to university research specialists information based on identification by the people of their most pressing current problems.

"To summarize," the booklet states, "Continuing Education... is continuing study by adults, utilizing periodic learning experiences within a university environment and featuring a specially designed facility."

(Tomorrow: The University Center.)

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