

# Fox's Facts

By Gale Pokorny

You know, as one glances through a history book, one finds all sorts of strange things that result from our nation being involved, directly or indirectly in some sort of national or international strife.

Take the Revolutionary War for instance. The shrewd observer of the day undoubtedly noticed a marked decline in the sale of monocles and tweed umbrellas immediately after the Concord and Lexington fiascoes.

If this same observer were around after the Civil War (some people lead extremely clean lives), he surely would have noted the new fad in dress. Namely, a lot of people began wearing beards and stove pipe hats. The feminine half also responded to this pacesetter, although naturally not in the same way as did the men-folk. Warts on the nose were really "in" for them however.

To get a little closer to our present situation, look at the strange results of the second World War. (You look at me and I'll look at you.)

But the most recent result, and one that deserves detailed analysis and comment, stems from the current game of Catch-Me-If-You-Can being played today in gay, sunny, south Asia. (When the referees throw a penalty flag there, it usually has a bottle of gasoline attached to it.)

Our dynamic language of slang labels this person as a draft dodger or Uncle Sam's Elusive Nephew. Our campus may be red and white, but it is not always red, white and blue for we have our share of this specimen.

They are hard people to understand for they usually represent a conflict of statements. On one hand they profess to want to continue their education i. e. "I'm a grad student and I'm taking three hours," and on the other hand, they turn down Uncle's brilliant educational offer.

The army has a beautiful plan for helping students in numerous fields gain valuable first hand in-

formation. For example, you can go along with them and learn on the spot little known facts about medicine (malaria, jungle rot), about physics (does a bullet really light up at night and why), about nutrition (103 ways to cook rice), and about acting (72 ways to play dead.)

The whole thing in fact reads like a colorful, exciting travel brochure. Colorful night life (red, yellow and white mortar fire), meet interesting people (Ho Che Minh), recreation (hand grenade catch).

But perhaps all these things do not add up to the professional students idea of adventure and fun. It could be he is merely waiting till Uncle calls him and offers him a similar trip to a better location like Thailand, somewhere in Latin America or possibly the United States.

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The new system of using Social Security numbers for student ID numbers probably disappointed some people who have finally memorized their number. The advantage of the system can be seen however, in that now students will be able to practice from the time they are 14.

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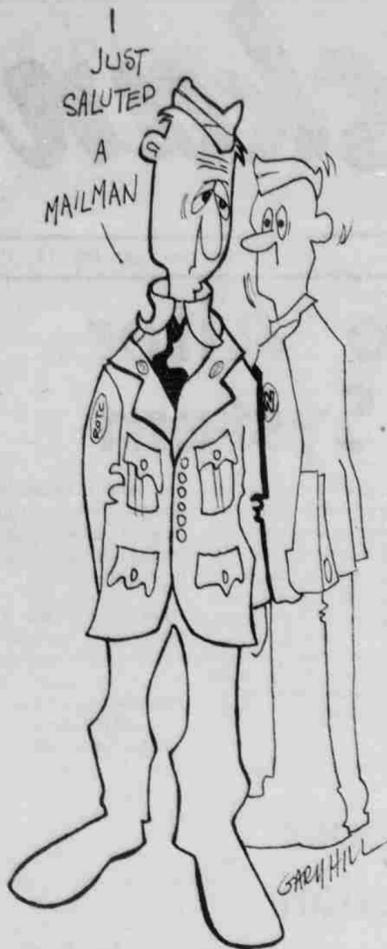
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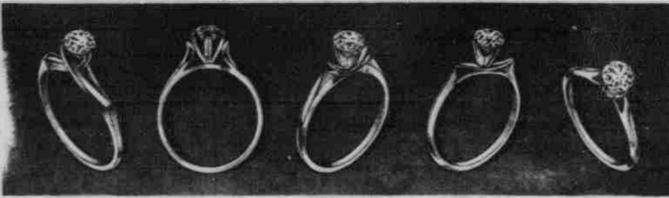
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