

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

The military draft is still with us following the Senate's passage of a bill Tuesday extending the draft until June 30, 1973. Although the extension delayed the creation of an all-volunteer military force, the bill contains several excellent provisions that will have an impact on the future development of the U.S. military.

The bill carries the strongest statement yet written by Congress on the Vietnam war—urging the President to withdraw all U.S. troops from Indochina as soon as possible. The Vietnam war has demoralized the Army and it is imperative that the U.S. withdraws its troops as soon as possible to reorganize the Army.

A \$2.4 billion military pay increase is included in the legislation. Provisions like this should help attract volunteers and minimize the need for the draft.

The extension bill also abolishes deferments for new college students. The college deferments have long worked to the advantage of the wealthy over the poor.

Although the draft has been extended, the country should still re-examine its military manpower needs.

The Army clings to the concept of the large standing force and feels it needs the draft to get enough manpower. However, many military experts have concluded that a smaller all-volunteer military force is feasible to protect the country. In the future quality could be more important than quantity for the military.

The military should develop ways to drum up recruits, as it had to do throughout most of American history without disastrous results. A high priority for the next two years should be to make the transition from the draft to an all-voluntary military force.

Gary Seacrest



"Needless to say, gentlemen, I highly approve of the changing face of this great institution."

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Dear Editor:

Here is urgent information for living groups of all sizes. Save your newspapers, cardboard and cans and carry them on Saturday to the Burger Barn parking lot on south 48th Street.

These materials will be recycled, thus decreasing our garbage problem and the drain on our natural resources.

I suspect a lot of cans are emptied in your dormitory kitchens. Demand that you be allowed to flatten them! And along with the boxes provided for passing out the fresh Daily Nebraskans, there ought to be boxes for collecting them when discarded. This is one way, admittedly roundabout, to save a tree.

A recent news article stated that only one per cent of Lincoln's citizens have responded to this same appeal. Surely we University citizens can do better than that.

Belva D. Clement

Dear Editor:

It seems that I take students a bit more seriously than Gary Seacrest does. In Monday's Daily Nebraskan he asserted that a staff member paid by the administration and called an ombudsman would be more effective than a "student advocate." Quite the reverse is true, and the reasons will expose the lack of depth in Mr. Seacrest's research.

His basic argument is that a staff member could have more

power and exert more pressure than a student. Good grief! Doesn't he know that staff, faculty and administrators have power and pressure only where their position defines it? Doesn't he know that an ombudsman isn't supposed to use power or invoke pressure?

An ombudsman generally is effective only by power of reason and exerts only the pressure of good argument. Although it is traditional to view staff members as more capable in these abilities, such is a paternalistically false assumption. At Chicago University—where they have a choice—the people generally choose a student for the ombudsman.

Unfortunately, the student ombudsman at Chicago has a problem. He doesn't know who he's responsible to. Conflicts of interest between students and faculty or administration often arise, and he can't decide whose side to take because he is a student but he's hired by administration.

That is why I authored the "student advocate" proposal. Administrators have their jobs and their channels for redress are clear to them. They don't need an ombudsman. Faculty gripes are cleared within the various departments or by the Faculty Liaison Committee. They don't need an ombudsman either.

So if the grievances to be handled are student grievances and if students have been

proved effective persuaders, then why not have a "student advocate?" The "student advocate" proposal, now before ASUN Senate, would provide the best possible help for students in conflict with faculty or administrators. It would also provide for easy replacement if he doesn't do a good job.

This University needs someone who can be a student's road map through the complex channels, and students need a friend—a fellow student—who can help make those channels work.

Ed Anson

Dear Editor:

I should like to thank all of you big red hooter rooters in the south and east stadiums Saturday for your unsolicited cooperation in adding to our bottle collection in the spontaneous CUE campaign (Clean Up Early; not to be mistaken for that CUE of the recent past though its goal was of about equal relevance). It is refreshing to find that it is possible to get a large group of people on this campus involved in anything.

However, due to the obvious hazards of a repeat performance and because most of you who could add to the collection likely will have impaired aims, we ask that this be limited to a one time only event. You'll just have to find something else to get involved in. Take a look around.

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