

VOLAR changes Army life style



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"I think the army is fun. . . just like football can be fun if you're in good shape and weigh 20 pounds more than everybody else," Brig. Gen. Marvin D. Fuller told an assembly of about 40 ROTC members Thursday afternoon.

Fuller said that most people, including army personnel, were misinformed about what was happening in the "Volunteer Army."

"We're coming out of a war," he said, "so the size of the

army will shrink. We have to make sure that the residual force, the new army, is a highly professional one; we have to keep the best people."

So the army, according to Fuller, has begun "stripping out non-essentials", finding "a lot of restrictions, on examination, to be irrelevant."

"We go on the premise," said Fuller, "that a man enjoys working for people who are professionally competent. We hadn't intended to let the army go to the dogs."

But, Fuller complained, "All of the furor in the papers was directed at the least important part of the issues. The fine print, the important part, the increased professionalism, was lost."

"VOLAR (Voluntary Army)," he continued, "is definitely a progressive change in the life style of the army."

"You can go into the mess hall and get a hamburger and soda instead of the traditional 4,000 calorie diet. The army realized that you don't always want a full meal."

And there are civilian KP's. "If we've got the money, why not let civilians wash the dishes and allow the soldier to spend more time being a soldier?" he asked.

"We're not concerned about whether people like the U.S. Army or not. It would be nice if they did, though. The problem is that our own people get confused. . . they developed a look-the-other-way syndrome," he complained.

"So now," he continued, "we have to reorient the troops in what we are supposed to be doing."

The issue of a moral or immoral war is a "phony issue," Fuller said. "Only the conscientious objector has the right to decide that."

"I'm told to defend my country and I find no problem of morality in doing so. I'm convinced that we've never launched a war of aggression."

Recruiting drought hits churches

Young people will join the Peace Corps for two years, but they don't want a full-time commitment of their lives to the ministry, according to Catholic priest Len Kalin.

In recruiting young people into religious vocations the church is in the midst of a drought, the campus priest said. Convents are facing total disaster, he stated. Some of the women's orders have even closed their novitiates for lack of candidates.

"Before the shortage affected our staff, there were two priests instead of one here at the Newman Center," Kalin said.

Rev. Larry Doerr, a Presbyterian minister associated with the United Ministries in Higher Education on the University campus, viewed the situation differently.

"I don't think young people are necessarily afraid to make commitments," he said. "They are looking at themselves saying, 'how do I make sense out of what I am in terms of jobs?'"

Young people are much more experimental now than they used to be, he said. They have a basic commitment to human beings.

Sue Tidball, who assists Doerr, said young people today are afraid to point to themselves in a specific direction. In the past, she said, people were defined in terms of the job they did. Young people are committed more to a general direction than a particular job, she said.

Pastor Tom Kramer of the First Baptist Church said he believes young people are wary about making a life-time commitment. He said they want to be useful, not just stuck in a job.

Kalin said the Catholic church is experiencing a shortage of priests and nuns because of several other factors. "Our young

people have been given very much, as a result of this you have selfishness," the priest stated. "The priesthood means giving of yourself and that's where the rub comes in."

Kalin, who has been a priest for 15 years, characterized this age as one of weak faith from church attendance to vocations.

An ad placed in January's issue of *Playboy* magazine by the 100 members of the Catholic Order of the Most Holy Trinity, challenged recruits to join their celibate ranks. According to Kalin, celibacy is a factor in discouraging some potential priests, but he said he would not put it at the top of the list.

The priest said the happiest people he has ever met are good priests and good nuns. "There is a need and joy in the priesthood and it's a way to a happy life," he said.

Several protestant clergymen indicated that they would rate celibacy as the biggest factor in discouraging people from Catholic vocations.

Five out of six of the protestant ministers interviewed said there was no scarcity of clergymen in their churches. Some of them said there were more seminary graduates than there were congregations for them to go to.

Only Kramer said there were more jobs in the Baptist Church for seminary graduates than there were people to fill them.

Rev. Raleigh Peterson, director of the Cotner School of Religion, said enrollment in protestant seminaries is picking up slightly after it hit bottom a couple of years ago.

He said there would be more women pastors in the future. "It has been the tradition for only men to be ministers," he said, "because the apostles were men."

It's not deliberate in many cases to ordain only men, but just the situation, he stated. "Remember," he added, "women were only

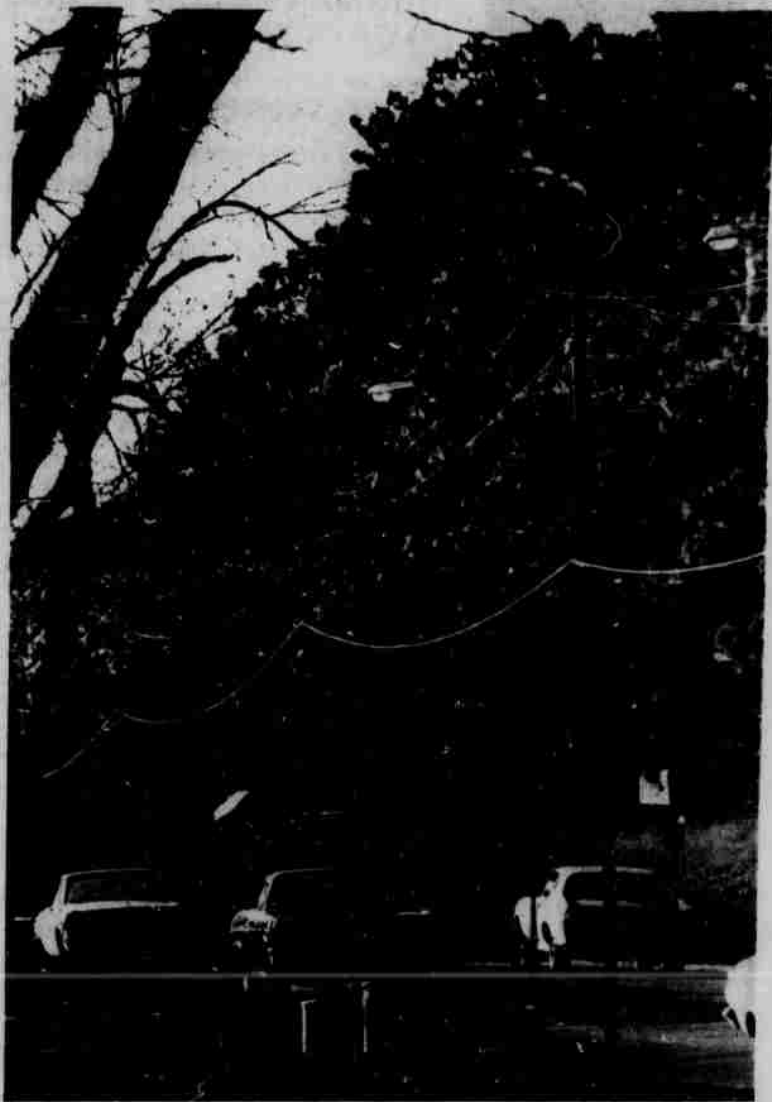


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The trees may go. . . when Holdrege Street is widened. Groups fighting the tree destruction erected a "Save Our Trees" banner Wednesday on a fence along this street as a further indication of disagreement with the tree removal decision.

ASUN filing deadline, election set

Filing for election to all ASUN Senate positions and advisory boards will begin Friday, according to ASUN Electoral Commissioner Duane Sneddeker. He said all petitions must be filed in the senate office, 334 Nebraska Union, by noon, Feb. 28. The election is set for March 22.

Any student may run for president or first vice president. Only full time students are eligible for second vice president, senate seats or advisory boards. Candidates for the senate or advisory boards must also be enrolled in the college they hope to represent, Sneddeker said.



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