

Surveyed shoppers disagree over bringing back draft

By Barb Richardson

Surveyed Lincoln shoppers agreed Monday that the quality of the United States military is declining, but disagreed whether a draft would solve the problem.

Eight people were asked if they would favor a draft to increase the quality and number of people in the military and if they could think of alternatives to a draft.

Five people said a draft should be reinstated and three said a draft was not the solution to the military manpower problems, but could not think of alternative solutions.

"I would not favor a draft," Dennis Hunt, 27, said. Hunt, a University of Pennsylvania student on vacation in Lincoln, said he thinks if the military would offer more benefits to enlisted men, more people would volunteer.

"Besides improving the situation with enlisted men, I don't see any other alternatives to the draft," Hunt said.

Also opposing a draft was Jerry Faier, 31, of Kansas City, who said he was not in favor of a draft because he was "victimized" by the last one.

Faier, who was job hunting in Lincoln, said he was concerned that a draft would not be equal among all people. He said because of the Equal Rights Amendment, a question of who would serve and what would be the determining factors of service would be posed.

Faier also was concerned that college students would be pulled out of school if another draft was reinstated.

Dan Clinchard, 24, 2635 Randolph, said he is against a draft and military emphasis in the world.

"I have reservations about the whole idea of the military solution to international conflicts," Clinchard said. "If the military solution could be justified, people would be willing to volunteer."

"I think there have been problems be-

cause the only people they (the military) can get are those that can't get better jobs," Clinchard said.

World War I veteran Jacob Rosenberg, 82, 3951 Pace Blvd., said he favors a draft.

Rosenberg said he thinks young people should be trained for six months or once a month for the entire time they serve in the military.

A fellow serviceman, who would not give his name, said he would also favor a draft.

The 20-year-old man said he has seen the quality of people in the military decline. He said he thinks a draft would reverse the trend in the military.

Mrs. Zola Custer, 75, of Cumberland, Iowa, said, "We had three boys in the service during World War II, but I think

that going into the service is mighty fine for boys."

Custer said it bothers her that the quality of the military is declining.

"We should have our military up to par," she said.

Charleen Ragsdale, 30, 2510 Winchester Dr., also mentioned the downward trend of the military.

"It bothers me that the number and quality of people in the military is declining," Ragsdale, a payroll clerk, said.

Like Ragsdale, Mrs. Doris Bischeinen, 49, 6327 Kearney, said she would favor a draft if there were no other alternatives.

Bischeinen, a housewife, said she has known people that have been turned down by the military. The military might solve some of its problems by accepting those people, she said.

Election process questioned

ASUN passed a resolution Wednesday asking the NU Board of Regents to reconsider their requirement that the ASUN executives be elected by a majority vote.

"A run off election merely serves to factionalize the campus community, instead of focusing upon issues of student concern," said Sen. Brad Belt, author of the bill.

"It's something they (the regents) won't consider, it's just a resolution," Belt said. He added the resolution's purpose was to get the attention of the regents.

In other business, Jim Davidson was named speaker of the senate. Dale Wojtasek was named first executive and John Parsons second executive position. Jane Svitak is now the senate's sergeant-at-arms.

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