

Students would be upset, but would go to Iraq

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Senior Reporter

They would be upset, but they would go. That is what four University of Nebraska-Lincoln students said their reaction would be if they were drafted into the military to fight Iraq and Saddam Hussein. Two students said they would try to avoid military duty.

With U.S. troops in the Gulf and U.S. reserves being activated, changes made after President Jimmy Carter reinstated draft registration seem more likely to be instituted. College students now are eligible to be drafted.

Mahesh Sookram, a 19-year-old sophomore in pre-medicine, said he would serve in the military, but would conscientiously object, serving as a medic or in a supply outfit.

Sookram, who is from Lincoln, said that since Saddam took over Kuwait, he has thought

about the possibility of a military draft. "I have worried about it," he said. "I've talked about it with people at work, and some of them are worried too."

Albert Fleming, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Clemson, S.C., said a draft would surprise him.

"I would be surprised because of the large numbers already enlisted in the Army," he said. "I wouldn't think they would need to draft."

Fleming said being drafted would upset him because of the interruption in his education, his sports career and life in general. The 20-year-old Fleming is a member of the Nebraska track team.

"It (being drafted) would set back my plans for a while," he said. "I would try to avoid it as much as possible, maybe think up an excuse or something."

Scott Nelson, a 20-year-old marketing major from Papillion, said he was not really worried about a draft, but he would cooperate if he were drafted.

"I wouldn't want it to be like Vietnam or anything, an undeclared war," he said. "But, yeah, I'd go and fight for my country."

"I'd probably just be scared about leaving my family and friends. I'd be worried about what effect my leaving would have on them."

Kip Look, a 24-year-old senior from Omaha, said he was not worried about being drafted, but he would be upset if he were.

"I wouldn't be happy, that's for damned sure," said Look, an industrial engineering major. "I'd go, though. It's the law; I have to. There's no point in running away from it."

Heath Kramer, an 18-year-old freshman from Malcolm, said that although he thinks the United

States should avoid military action against Saddam, he would go if drafted.

"I wouldn't fight it. If they need more personnel, they've got to get them someplace," said Kramer, a broadcasting major.

Dewight Williams, a senior biology major from Lincoln, said he was not worried about a draft because it would take an act of Congress to institute one. He said he would start worrying after Congress decided to hold a draft.

"My first reaction would be 'Damn it, they found me. What am I going to do now?'" Williams said. "I might move to Canada."

Williams, 20, said he would consider moving to Canada if the draft were for an "economic war."

"Despite the shaky moral stance of Saddam, I wouldn't want to go for doing nothing more than saving Mom and Pop back home 30 cents at the pump," Williams said.

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Draft

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The procedure for a draft would involve a national lottery, Amundson said. She said the lottery would randomly select the days of the year. If Sept. 17 was the first day selected, then all 20-year-old men born that day would receive draft notices. The procedure would continue through all the days in the order they were selected until the military need would be filled, Amundson said.

If all 20-year-old men were drafted, the procedure would move on to 21-, 22-, 23-, 24-, 25-, 19- and then 18/2-year-olds, Amundson said.

Amundson said there are alterna-

tives for men who feel strongly that they need to conscientiously object or who would have real hardship because of military service. She said sometimes these men can get civilian jobs instead of military ones.

If a man feels he cannot serve in the military, he would be able to see his local Selective Service board and plead his case. The board, made up of civilians, can either grant or refuse exemptions, Amundson said.

Amundson said that if a man has moved since he registered, he should go to the post office and report his change of address. She said that if a man did not register on his 18th birthday as required by law, he should do so as soon as possible.

"There is no punishment if you go

in late and register," she said.

Amundson said many types of college aid are not available unless a man has registered for the Selective Service. Certain government jobs are available only if a man has registered, she said.

Amundson said a military draft is not something students should worry about. She said it would take a congressional act before one would be instituted.

Vice President Dan Quayle, speaking in Omaha Sept. 10, said a draft was unlikely.

"There is very little chance of a draft," he said. "The volunteer army has worked too well."

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Grant of \$4.5 million to aid crop research

By James P. Webb
Staff Reporter

A federal grant will help the University of Nebraska-Lincoln do more practical research to control nitrate contamination, an official said.

UNL will receive \$750,000 a year for five years to research present crop management systems, specifically for irrigation, agrichemical application and crop rotation on about 250 acres, said Darrell Watts, a professor of biological systems engineering.

"The overall goal is to get practical management programs that the farmer can use to control the movement of nitrates through the soil," he said.

Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Ohio received federal grants this summer to conduct research on water quality, Watts said.

So far, UNL has received half of the money from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Research Service, Watts said.

The money will be used to compensate farmers for their cooperation with the testing conducted on their fields, to purchase irrigation equipment and to cover expenses, he said.

By spring, about 20 researchers will be working at the 200-acre Management Systems Evaluation Area

located near Shelton, and at smaller plots at the Southeast Research and Extension Center in Clay Center and the West-Central Research and Extension Center in North Platte.

The evaluation area has three 40-acre management plots and 80 acres of research plots. An additional 120 acres containing sandy soils and two precision irrigations systems will be acquired, he said.

Watts said irrigation and fertilizer applications on the management plots will appear "just like a farmer's operation" but that researchers will be looking at the groundwater underneath the crops to determine "what's there and how fast it got there."

Because the water table near Shelton is about 15 feet below the soil surface, results from experiments done today will show up two years from now, he said.


Work done on research plots will investigate the mechanics of how materials pass through the soil while changing crop rotations, he said.

Watts, together with James Schepers, UNL associate professor of agronomy and soil research scientist for the USDA, and Roy Spalding, associate director of the UNL Water Center, are coordinating activities at the evaluation area for the research project, he said.

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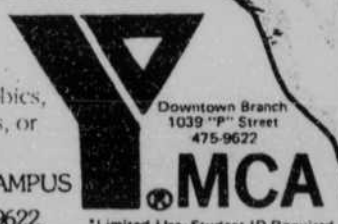


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