How Necessary is the Draft ?

by Sue Hurley

A bill for the reinstatement of the draft was introduced in Congress last fall. Its passage was insured by the Afghanistan crisis.

According to the bill, men would file their names, addresses, and ages at their local post office. There would be no draft cards issued or physical exams required. Under this plan, approximately 16 million men between the ages of 18 and 26 would be eligible for registration. President Carter could narrow the eligibility depending on the amount of manpower needed. At this time it seems that the Administration favors registering only nineteen and twenty year olds.

Would registration really help the U.S. military? Some believe it would have little effect. Trained forces are badly needed during the first weeks of fighting. It would take at least 110 days to call up the first recruits and another 40 days to get a force of 100,000. Each draftee would also have to receive three months' training before being sent to battle.

At this time the armed services does not have the required number of trained people. The reserves are short 133,000 from the 940,100 needed by peacetime standards. The Army needs 45,000 more members, the Navy needs 20,000 additional recruits, and the Air Force needs 2,000 more pilots.

However, many college students oppose the draft. At Stanford, 700 students recently protested, while 1,000 students protested at the Berkeley campus in California. Nearer to home, demonstrations have been held at many Boston college campuses. A poll at 42 colleges throughout the country showed that 45% of the students favored registration while 55% of those polled opposed it.

Should women be drafted? Feminists' leaders oppose the draft, but believe they should register if men are required to do so. Another question will arise if women do have to register and eventually be subject to the draft: Should they (women) fight in combat? In the Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps it is illegal for women to engage in combat. A bill is being considered to repeal those restrictions, but it is unlikely that it will be passed in the near future.

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Improve they did. At the start of the season the Bengals lost to D-R by 30 points, Case by 21, and to Bourne by 15. By the end of the season they gave D-R only a six point victory, and Case and Bourne each beat Diman by only one point.

Coach Goj said "I know that the players are disappointed with their record, but as a coach my disappointment is balanced by the team's improvement. If this type of improvement continues, next year could be a great year."

The team will lose only three seniors to graduation. Paul Amaral, Billy Berlo and Jeff Pacheco. Other members of the team are: juniors, Ernie Bacon (capt.), Steve Chouinard, Keith Perreira, John Couto, and sophomore, Bob Ferreira.

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At present, much should be changed.
In the future, everything should be improved.
But things of the past should not be destroyed simply because they are old.

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Opened your mouth by mistake?
Close it with an apology.

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"I'd like you to meet Mr. Hamrock. He's our new teacher specializing in study hall problems."

1980 Census Due

The 1980 census, which begins April 1, will mark the 20th time in the Nation's history that Americans have counted themselves.

The number of questions and the uses of census data have both grown considerably since the first count, and quill pens have yielded to computers, but the census has never lost its roots in the constitution.

When the delegates to the Constitutional Convention met in 1787, they decided that population distribution should be the House of Representatives, so they approved a Constitutional requirement that every person in the Nation be counted at least once every ten years, beginning in 1790.

For nearly two centuries since then the decennial census has monitored the growth and development of the Nation, yielding invaluable information about ourselves as a people: who we are, what we do, how we live. Taken together, those ten-year assessments of the developing Republic from the backbone of our history.

For the first census, Congress appointed Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson to direct it in 1790. Jefferson delegated the responsibility to the 17 United States marshals, who in turn hired as many assistants as they needed. These census takers, or enumerators, were paid between one-third cent and two cents for every inhabitant they counted in the 16 existing states and the Southwestern Territory.

They traveled by foot, boat, or horseback through areas with few roads and bridges. Maps were scarce, town and county boundaries were vague or unknown, and numbers of superstitious or untrusting citizens were uncooperative.

The count took 18 months for a population under 4 million.

Draft Registration cont. from page 1

"I am for the draft, I feel that women and men should go, because if you live in the U.S., you should be proud to defend it. If there was a draft I would more than likely go." *Dolores Motta*

"I am for the draft, and feel women should go, too. I think everyone should protect their country, to show how we care for the hostages. *Ernest E. Bacon*

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Diman Reacts To Draft Registration



Mr. Brodeur



Dolores Motta



Ernie Bacon

How Do You Feel About Draft Registration?

"I am against the draft registration proposal at the present time because I don't think the present world situation warrants it. I also question how much actual time it would save, should a draft become necessary. What draft registration does do is heighten people's pro-war attitudes and I don't feel that, that is healthy at the present."
Mr. Brodeur

"I am for the draft, and believe that women should be put on clerical duties rather than combat outfits. I think the country is in a sloppy shape defensively." *Richard Silvia*

"Although I am against a peacetime draft, I am open to a registration system. I feel that women should not be drafted. I would not volunteer to join the service except in the case of an imminent attack on our country." *Mr. Syznal*

"I believe that all U.S. citizens — male and female — should register for the draft, so that a census or a count of available military servants would be on file. I am for a registration of all people and not the draft. I believe that any volunteer service should be a freedom of choice and my choice is not in the military field — I would offer my services, if I was drafted, but again this would be only in a national emergency (war)."
Mr. Bentley

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Mr. Szynal



Richard Silvia



Mr. Bentley

VOICE OF DEMOCRAC
Michno Victorious In City Competitio

Peter Michno, a senior in the Electronics shop, captured first p the local 33rd annual Voice of Dem Contest. Competing in the contes seniors from Durfee, Gerard, Co and Diman. Peter was selected field of sixteen seniors at Diman w participated on the school level by a three to five minute broadcasting on the theme of "My Role in An Future."



Pete Michno

After the school run-off, Pete into the city wide finals where umphed over the other candidat now will receive a $50 savings bon phy, and certificate; all of which presented to him at a spring banc the VFW hall.

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From The Editor's Desk

Poison! - Top oung Adult Killer

ion the words "fatal poisoning," ost people think of toddlers with edicine bottles. Who would ever ccidental poisoning is a problem grown-ups? But, according to the nt of the National Safety Council, tal poisoning is the number 1 cause e death among young adults 15-44. safety leader attributed many of unintentional deaths to "poly- acy" — the mixing of drugs indis- tely. "Frequently, especially now cold and flu season, people will e a highly hazardous sick-room sbord of doctors' prescriptions, e-counter drugs, and perhaps a or two to relieve their suffering," ed. "Popping an anti-acid or anti- o reduce flu's queasiness or battle n followed by a sleeping pill or ilizer to induce sleep, washed down memade hot alcoholic beverage all even one day should be recognized t it is — hand to mouth self-poison-

ecognition of National Poison Pre- n Week (March 16-22) and the many nd flu bug-afflicted around the y, read these safe and sane tips:

dicines of any kind — whether ption or nonprescription — should be mixed without consulting your or pharmacist first.

ever take anyone else's prescrip- What is good for one person is not arily good for you.

ever exceed the dosage listed on ections label. Too much too soon is cription for a death warrant.

eep external medications — line- ments, rubs, salves, etc. - separate from internal remedies such as cough syrups and decongestants.

- Never take any medicines in the dark and keep only one night's supply of pills on your night stand to avoid overdosage in a sleepy state.

Marijuana Smoke Deadline

"Marijuana smoke contains 50 percent more cancer-causing materials than tobacco smoke," says Donald P. Tashkin, M.D., in a recent issue of the Bulletin of the American Lung Association. "So the potential for causing lung cancer is real."

Dr. Tashkin's research on healthy young adults indicated that chronic marijuana smoking may impair the large airways to an extent not observed in habitual tobacco smokers.

Of special concern is the increasing number of teenagers and young adults who smoke marijuana regularly and may continue for years ahead. Estimates are that four million teenagers between the ages of 12 and 17 are current users, and the figure is on the rise.

"Young people are making themselves guinea pigs, no doubt about it," says Robert L. DuPont, M.D., formerly director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse. "They are skating on the thinnest of thin ice, and they hope they are not running a very severe health risk. I think they are going to lose their bets."

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Too many small minds are connected to big mouths.

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Without effort, anyone can fail.

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"I can explain . . . You see, when I wrote that report, I was at the lowest point on my biorhythm chart."

Only The Shadow Knows



The Shadow

1. A.P. finally got a "job".
2. P.C. is looking for a job.
3. S.H. got a diamond.
4. S.T. has pneumonia again.
5. D.A. is running for student advisory council.
6. P.C. is going with A.Z.
7. A.P. is going with G.C.
8. R.G. is known as "sniffles".
9. J.A., L.D. and T.B. are always late.
10. F.C. loves radios.

Public Opinion poll

Draft Feelings Mixed

The Tradesmen staff recently took a public opinion poll on the subject of the draft. Randomly selected juniors and seniors answered the following questions.

Are you for the draft?
- 52% said yes
- 48% said no

Do you feel that women should be drafted?
- 63% said yes
- 30% said no
- 7% said they were undecided

If there wasn't a draft would you volunteen to join the service?
- 30% said yes
- 36% said no
- 34% said they were undecided

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New Store-Keeper Appointed

Mr. Ronald Fitzgerald recently replaced Mr. Youngie Martin as the school's storekeeper and vehicle driver. He attended Milton Hershey School in Hersey, Pennsylvania and was a teleman in the U.S. Navy. While in the Navy, Mr. Fitzgerald also sang in the Navy Choir and was a member of the marching drill team.

Mr. Fitzgerald's later jobs included working as: a dig dyer for six years at Sterling Pile, a construction laborer for eight years, a carpenter for three years, and a supervisor for the United Way Maintenance for three years.

Mr. Fitzgerald enjoys duckpin bowling and holds a 139 average, in addition to enjoying all types of sports.



New Staff Member Appointed

Mr. Stephen McIntosh was recently given the position of coordinator of special needs here at Diman. Mr. McIntosh's educational background includes a B.S. from Boston State College and a master's degree in special education from Bridgewater State College.

Mr. McIntosh formerly served as a special needs resource teacher at Keefe Vocational Technical High School in Framingham for the past five and one-half years. He feels that vocational students are "commited to improving our way of life through the trades".

SPORTS SIDELINES



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"A Proud Nation"

The Olympic gold was more bountiful then ever in the 1980 Winter Olympics held in Lake Placid, New York. The American Olympians won 6 gold medals while Russia won 11 gold medals.

It all started when Eric Heiden, an American speed skater, won a record holding 5 gold medals. In each of his five races, he broke an Olympic time record. Heiden, a Wisconsin born skater, is a four time world champion. Although Eric's sister, Beth Heiden, who was expected to win some gold herself, was a big dissappointment, she still settled for a third place finish and a Bronze medal. Joining the Heidens was Leah Poulas Meuler who won two silver medals also in speed skating; Linda Fratianne, who won a silver also in figure skating; and Phil Mahre, who won a silver in the skiing competition. However, the biggest win was on the last day of competition when the U.S. beat Finland 4-2 in hockey to win the gold medal. The U.S. who was by far an underdog had it tough in reaching the top. They tied Sweden 2-2, then beat the Czechslovakians sparingly 7-3, uphanded the Norwegians 5-1, beat the Romanians 7-2, and downed the East Germans 4-2. But the most spirited win was the 4-3 upset win over the Soviet Union. The U.S. team, who had only beaten the Russians once before in their Olympic contests, was estatic after the game. Why shouldn't they be? These young kids beat the team which beat our N.H.L. All-Stars.

The standouts in the contest were: captain Mick Eruzione; Marc Johnson; Jim Craig, the goalie from Massachusetts; Buz Schneider; and Bill Baker. This event was truly a team effort. The American squad proved that American amateurs can still upset the Russian professionals, even though most of the world thought it was a miracle.

Winter Track

The winter track squad ended its regular season with a loss to Fairhaven by the score of 41-45. The team has competed in the Division II Conference with a record of 3-4(w-l). The victories were over Bishop Feehan, 54-32, Bishop Stang, 57-29, and a close win over Durfee by the score of 44-42.

The team will lose the services of eleven seniors. The following seniors have broken school records this year: Dave Raposa, lead in scoring with 66 points; Lance Tavares, who broke the record in the high hurdles and the high jump, Ron Senechal, set a new record in the 100 yds; and Ed Rheame, set the record in the two mile event. Other seniors members included: Bill Tillson, Bob Souza, Ed McGlynn, Steve Wrightington, Pedro Senra, Tom Dzialo, and John Vaillancourt. Another member who did a fine job this season was Kenny Rheaume. He set a school record in the mile and placed first in the New Bedford Voke Invitational. Claude Gendreau competed in the greatest number of events - 6, Ken Ayala threw the shot put the longest with a 41'-9" throw.

Outstanding freshmen Steve Hebert set a freshmen record in the two-mile event with a time of 11:02.. Also freshman Reggie Arruda placed 6th in the two-mile at the conference meet. Freshmen Greg Neveux, Steve Raposa, and Chuck Peters ran very well against varsity runners.

Liz Richard is the first girl to get a varsity letter at Diman; she scored 43 points in girl's competition.

The following team members who also worked hard and earned points were: Glenn Jones, Greg Steinhoff, Jim Julius, Ron Carr, Bill McHenry, Chris Goncalo, Sandy Cordeiro, Cheryl Theiss, Pete Kaszyle, Chris Silva, Ken Pleiss, Jeff Thibault, and Jay Gavin.

Varsity Basketball

by Paul Casanova

This year's basketball team thus far has a record of 5-13(w-l). Coach Goj didn't know what to expect this year. In an interview with Coach Goj he said "we struggled this year, but we expected to. We paid the price for youth and inexperience. When you have four juniors and one sophomore starting, you look for improvement more than you worry about wins and losses."

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