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"When that I was and a little tiny boy,
With hey, ho, the wind and the rain;
A foolish thing was but a toy,
For the rain it raineth every day."
Shakespeare.

Draft halted — temporarily

The draft of men into the U.S. military is now over. But only temporarily.

All inductions into the U.S. Army were halted Saturday, but that doesn't signify the end of the Selective Service, the end of registering for the draft, the end of the lottery system, or the end of mandatory physicals for those with low lottery numbers.

According to Tom McGarry, director of the ASUO Draft and Military Information Center (DMIC), 18-year-old men will still be required to register with their local draft boards, and those with low lottery numbers will be given physicals in the event draft calls should be re-instituted.

McGarry said the lottery drawing for those men who will turn 19 in 1974, originally scheduled for February, has been postponed until later this spring.

"The Selective Service law will remain in force after probable renewal by Congress," he said. "What will be lacking will be the authority for the President to induct."

"The current law is written in such language that, even when an all-volunteer military force is established, Selective Service must retain a standby authority to draft men if it becomes necessary."

What should University students do in the face of Saturday's halting of inductions?

McGarry said Selective Service officials from Eugene's local board No. 13 recommend that students retain their II-S deferments "until further details about the cancellation of induction orders has been received."

The Saturday announcement of the induction halt by U.S. Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird "left

local and state boards without guidelines to give advice," McGarry said.

He added that Selective Service headquarters for the state of Oregon in Salem had received no information by early Monday afternoon, and did not expect to receive any before today.

McGarry noted that the Saturday induction halt affected about 5500 men who were to have been inducted between March and June. The first 2500, scheduled for induction in March, were to have come from the Extended Priority Group (EPG) which is for men who have lost their previous deferments, he said. The remaining 3000 were to have been called from the 1973 lottery, he said.

The DMIC director explained that the last military inductions took place in early December, 1972. Based on a Congressionally-set reduction of the U.S. Army, as well as increased enlistments, draft calls for January and February of this year were cancelled, he added.

The halt of inductions this weekend was paralleled by "an increased emphasis on the reserves and National Guard," McGarry reported.

"There has been some discussion that, if manpower needs are not met by volunteers, the President will ask Congress for the authority to induct people into the reserves and National Guard."

However, no details concerning the length of service, or provisions for alternative service in the case of conscientious objectors have been released, he said.

McGarry said it is President Nixon's announced policy that in a future emergency, the nearly one million men in the reserves and the National Guard would be activated before the draft is used.

Student fee control asked at hearing

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SALEM (Special) — The next ASUO Senate election could be the most heated in the history of the University.

That would be the case if an amendment to SB 47, introduced Monday before the Oregon State Senate Education Committee by ASUO President Bill Wyatt, is adopted by the committee.

Under the amendment, student senators would have the final authority to determine the amount of the student incidental fee and what programs would be funded by the fees.

Theoretically, students would have the control over incidental fees since they could vote for persons who most represented their feelings about how much money should be levied and what the money should be spent on.

Wyatt, Joan Eggleston and Don Brookhyser, representing the Interinstitutional Union of Students (IUS), appeared before the education committee during the second hearing of the session on SB 47. They presented a unified testimony in favor of the amendment which would take the control over incidental fees from the State Board of Higher Education and place it in the hands of student government.

John Richardson, assistant chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, however, voiced opposition to the amendment after the hearing.

"Under the proposed amendment, the board is being asked to collect students' funds over which the board would have no control," Richardson said.

"I don't believe it would be sound state policy for the board to collect fees from students without having the accountability for the spending of those fees," he said.

Wyatt argued in his testimony that students should have control over money paid totally for their benefit and he said that each student body has different interests and needs "which can best be met by the flexibility and self-control allowed in the proposed amendment."

Wyatt "very seriously" questioned the ability of state board members to "properly interpret" those student needs. "I would assert that the individual student governments are in the best position to make that observation," he said.

Committee member Victor Atiyeh (R-Portland) questioned the need for the amendment, since "under the present system no harm has been done so far. I can't understand what your fear is," Atiyeh said.

"It's not a question of fear," Wyatt answered. He said the question was really the right of students to control their money so if they chose they could cut the amount of money athletics, for example, is allocated.

"If the vast majority of the people in Oregon did not want a program such as the State System of Higher Education, I don't think it would be funded," Wyatt said.

He said that if students didn't want a program such as athletics, that program shouldn't be funded either.

Wyatt added that the amendment would also put some power in the positions of student government. "Practically speaking, there is absolutely no decision-making authority now in student government," Wyatt said.

Cindy Parker, a Portland State University student senator, and chairer of PSU's student incidental fee committee, testified that she was concerned about the wording of SB 47, but she did not state how she felt about Wyatt's amendment.

"We have considerable input at Portland State on how incidental fees are spent, but I am concerned that if the bill is passed, that power, which we fought so hard for, might be taken out of the hands of students."

Tim Grush, Oregon State University student legislative coordinator, and Dave Thompson, Southern Oregon College student body president, explained how incidental fees were spent at their institutions but did not take a position on the amendment during their testimony.

The Senate Education Committee plans to hold a work session on the bill before voting on the amendment or the original bill.

Senate filing begins

Filing begins today for students interested in running for the eight ASUO Senate seats up for election this term.

ASUO Vice President Fred Loveys said Monday that filing will begin at 10 a.m. today in the ASUO executive office, 308 EMU.

Loveys said the "provisional" closing deadline for filing for the eight senate seats is noon Friday. He said the ASUO Senate, scheduled to meet this Thursday, will determine the closing deadline.

The eight seats up for election this term are: in the residence category, one married student housing seat, one fraternity seat, one off-campus housing seat, and one College Inn-Cooperative housing seat.

— In the academic category, one sophomore seat and one senior seat.

— In the academic category, one liberal arts-humanities seat, and one liberal arts-social science seat.

Primary elections for these seats this term will be held Feb. 14 and 15, and the general elections for the seats will be Feb. 21 and 22.