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Photo by Patrick Sullivan

Seeing through tunnel vision

Jim Hirschfield's paper and wood sculpture is worming its way around the Fine Arts Gallery in Lawrence Hall. The slinking three-part creation is of varying heights and even makes noise if you walk through it, acting as a type of wind tunnel. Hirschfield is a graduate teaching fellow in sculpture.

GI labor unions? *Scientist examines possibility*

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Of the Emerald

Soldiers picketing for higher wages? — labor unions in the military?

Congress has already voiced its opposition against a unionized military force.

In an continuing effort to make service life more attractive, the U.S. Army is paying \$12,000 to a British social scientist to find out whether GIs want to join labor unions.

But Lt. Gary Luebbers, a University AFROTC assistant professor, believes labor unions in the U.S. armed forces aren't feasible now or in the near future.

Although Luebbers concedes a labor union might effectively pressure Congress for additional military benefits, he says allowing the armed forces to strike would result in chaos.

"It's not like we're making cars," he says. During wartime, the nation would be defenseless with a military strike, he adds.

"The military is not a democracy. If you have 10 guys in a fox-hole and the sarge says, 'We're going to charge the hill.' Do you want to take a vote?"

Luebbers says, "Sure I'd like more money and more benefits. Maybe a union could pressure Congress to get them, but ultimately it would be extremely detrimental."

If 100 GIs were questioned, Luebbers says, "The biggest bitch you'd find is they can't have long hair. I'd like to have my hair long, but it's something you live with."

Gwyn Harries-Jenkins, a lecturer at Hull University in eastern England assigned to conduct the survey, agrees with Luebbers and says he doesn't believe Uncle Sam's top brass or senior officer are ready for unionization.

"Judging by what I've read and from unofficial contracts, I believe they feel unions would be prejudicial to good order and discipline and reduce military capability in fighting effectiveness," he says.

"American military people say they keep hearing about unions for servicemen in Europe, but they don't have the facts," Harries-Jenkins adds.

"So I am looking into what there is, how servicemen feel about it and how they think they ought to be represented," he says.

The trend in Europe — where Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Norway, Sweden and West

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