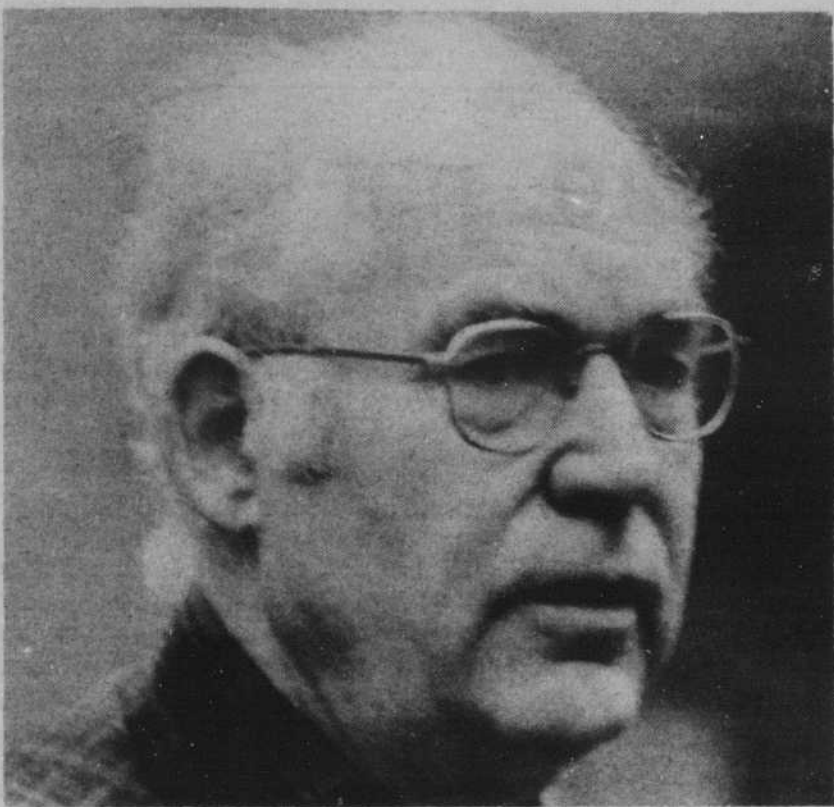




Prof. Bayard McConnaughey

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Prof says military breeds fear, waste

"The military," says biology Prof. Bayard McConnaughey, "will probably do us in as a species before we have time to correct the damage already done."

McConnaughey has emerged during the past few years as University spokesman for the abolition of ROTC on campus. But not only does he oppose the ROTC program, he is also against the draft — and for many of the same reasons.

McConnaughey lists arguments against the military, whether in the form of ROTC or the draft, are based on economic, industry-related observations.

"The draft is not morally right," he says. "Industries showing the largest profit margins are those serving the Department of Defense."

There will be no excuse for the draft until the defense industry is forced to make weapons and other defense-oriented materials at cost while at the same time maintaining wage levels, says McConnaughey.

"If profits were taken out of arms and military contracts, private industries would no longer seek contracts with the military," he adds.

Although McConnaughey served four years in the military during WWII, he says no personal catastrophe has brought about his anti-military feelings.

Rather, McConnaughey has come to oppose the military in part because of his perspective as a biologist. He says the questions of "What happens to a species and why?" has led him to believe the military is the greatest single threat to our species.

McConnaughey attributes

much of the environmental breakdown he sees in the world to the military.

"The military is the worst waster of non-renewable resources, the worst polluter." Wars and war games contribute greatly to the destruction of environmental well-being, he says, citing Vietnam as a prime example.

McConnaughey says the military uses fear as another resource. "The whole military is based on fear. It makes us afraid of others and vice versa."

Self-perpetrating fear, says McConnaughey, has led to the arms race and build-up of arms. "When you're afraid and have weapons, you're much more predisposed to use them," he adds.

To McConnaughey's way of thinking it may be too late. "We may be in a position where we can't stop the environmental breakdown, the fear," he adds.

Although McConnaughey's persistent efforts to ban ROTC on campus have at times been cause for jokes about "annual rites of spring", McConnaughey doesn't plan to let up.

"Somebody has to do it... I'd be glad if somebody else took it over, but until then I'll continue."

McConnaughey says the abolishment of ROTC would be a nice symbol of this University's stand against militarization, but he's really after more than a symbolic gesture.

Whether talking about the draft, ROTC or the arms industry, McConnaughey wants people to see the military as the root of the problem.

"If it (his anti-military activities) serves to clarify things and make people more aware of the situation, I'll be satisfied."

New bills flood Congress

Veterans will oppose draft

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The call for a resurrected draft and draft registration which is coming from some members of Congress and other federal agencies has sinister implications according to the University Veterans Association.

"I think, historically, this country has instituted a draft registration prior to a major conflict," UVA vice-president Russ Linebarger said Friday in a press conference.

Many draft registration proponents claim the present all-volunteer Army is costly and inadequate. In Senate hearings last February, Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., stopped short of calling for registration, but added, "The real question we must face is the future capability to meet our national security."

A year later, Nunn has offered a bill calling for draft registration co-sponsored by Sen. Harry Byrd, I-Va., his colleague on the Senate Armed Services Committee. Senate Bill 109 would prohibit the President from suspending registration for more than 90 days; and then only for the purposes of revising or reinstituting new registration procedures.

Linebarger called the bill a "serious intrusion" into the balance of power between the legislative and executive branches of government. The bill also calls for the registration of "citizens and other persons" within 120 days of enactment.

"This kind of sweeping legislation is aimed at our foreign visitors and aliens who may be seeking naturalization," he said.

Linebarger also discussed SB 226, introduced by Sen. Robert

Morgan, D-N.C., which he said is "very similar" to a House resolution proposed last month.

The bill is not yet published, according to Linebarger, but legislative aides have told the UVA that it will require the President to commence registration of men by Oct. 1, 1979.

SB 226, like its house counterpart, HR 23, seeks an amendment to the federal Privacy Act so that the Selective Service can obtain registration data from schools and government agencies, Linebarger added.

The bill also proposes moving the Selective Service into the Department of Defense from its current home in the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Such a shift would reduce civilian control of the military, Linebarger said.

Two national service bills will be introduced later this month, Linebarger said. One, coming from Rep. Pete McCloskey, R-Calif., will call for the registration of men and women within 10 days of their 17th birthdays.

"We are strongly opposed to

compulsory national service," Linebarger said. "This kind of legislation only serves to whitewash attempts by the military establishment to maintain a pool of military-readied individuals under the guise of national civilian service."

Rep. John Cavanaugh, D-Neb., will also propose a compulsory national service program, leaving eligible persons to choose between military or civilian service, Linebarger said. Information on both bills was obtained from reliable sources in Washington, D.C., he added.

Linebarger ended his discussion of legislation with a brief discussion of the "Montgomery Draft Bill," which has not yet been assigned a number.

Sponsored by Rep. G.V. Montgomery, D-Miss., the bill will call for the registration, classification and induction of 100,000 to 200,000 women and men into the armed forces each year.

In addition to calling for "no" votes on all draft and draft registration bills, Linebarger asked students to write their representatives.

Lincoln's patent 6469 never made history texts

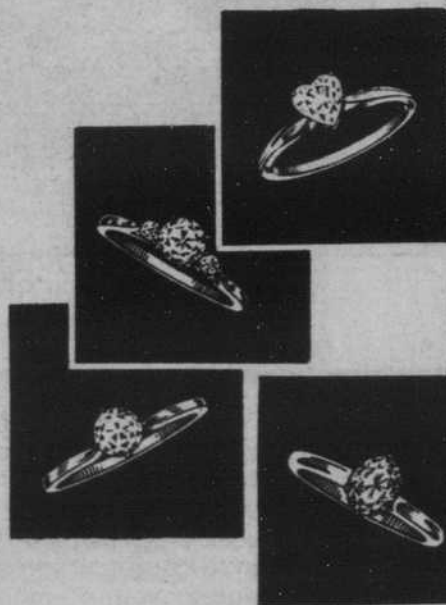
Today marks the 170th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, although in many states Americans will wait until February 19, President's Day, to celebrate.

Most celebrants will remember Lincoln the President, or Lincoln the Great Emancipator, or Lincoln the log splitter, but few will observe the birthday of Lincoln the inventor.

The only U.S. President to hold a patent, Lincoln in 1849 invented a device for lifting ships over dangerous shoals by means of buoyant air chambers.

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