

More than half won't go

Draft registration rejected in Lane County

By MIKE RUST
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Apparently, the response to draft registration was "no thanks" in Lane County.

Although final figures are not available, it appears that more than half of the eligible 19- and 20-year-old men in Lane County did not visit local post offices to register for the draft.

Alan Siporin of the Eugene-based Coalition Opposed to Registration and the Draft describes the low registration turnout as "incredible."

Siporin estimates that less than half of the young men who were supposed to register for the draft actually did so. Non-compliance was greater in Springfield than in Eugene, he adds.

Although CORD offered draft counseling and distributed leaflets at local post offices, most of the response to registration originated with the would-be registrants themselves, Siporin says.

"Most of the credit goes to the 19- and 20-year-olds who had



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the courage not to register in the face of threatened penalties."

Nineteen- and 20-year-old men who do not register could face a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or five years in prison.

"We didn't see our role as getting people to turn away," says Siporin. "We saw it as an opportunity to educate the pub-

lic. This is a bonus."

About 150 young men sought draft counseling through the CORD office during the registration period. Counseling is continuing, and the coalition soon will "re-evaluate" its status and determine its activity for the fall, Siporin says.

In the fall, the U.S. Supreme Court will rule on the constitutionality of the registration of males.

Last month, a federal three-judge panel in Philadelphia ruled the current registration system unconstitutional because it excludes women. The ruling was prompted by a 1971 suit against the federal government.

Supreme Court Justice William Brennan stayed the ruling, citing the danger to American military capability. However, Brennan also said that if the lower court ruling is upheld this fall, the registration lists can be destroyed.

The Supreme Court has never issued a ruling on sex discrimination and conscription.

Reports on the nationwide turnout for registration are mixed.

One anti-draft organization in San Francisco has given Siporin a nationwide estimate of 30-percent noncompliance. However, this estimate is based on incomplete reports.

In Portland, the final number of registrants was greater than expected. About 8,000 young men turned out, a 40-percent increase over the 5,200 that officials originally estimated were

eligible.

Selective Service officials have described registration as going "smoothly" and "extremely well." Later this month, government computers will compare the names of those already registered with a "master list" of some four million eligible young men.

Officials have said registration forms will be accepted this week, although the late forms represent a technical violation of the law.

Tennis court repaving begins

By TAMARA SWENSON
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Tennis enthusiasts will be able to resume play on the 15th Street tennis courts by early fall, after the resurfacing is finished.

Work on the courts, which were condemned last spring for having unsafe playing surfaces, began this week and should be completed by the time students arrive back for fall term, says Ray Hawk, University vice president for administration and finance.

The courts will be resurfaced with asphalt, then covered with an acrylic surface before the lines are painted, says University Architect Jon Kahananui.

"The most practical method of resurfacing the courts was to pave them with asphalt — using a fine grind gravel," Kahananui says. "Since asphalt is not an acceptable playing surface, it will be covered with an acrylic surface."

"This should give the courts a reasonable playing surface."

Bids on the final acrylic surfacing, which will be a binding



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The 15th Avenue tennis courts.

and filling coat, have not been let out yet, Kahananui says. The asphalt surfacing will be done by Wildish Construction, which is under contract to the state.

The entire surface of the courts will be paved, while only the playing surfaces will receive acrylic coating, Kahananui says.

Funds to resurface the courts — which have been called the

best courts on campus in the past — are being provided by the dorm reserve fund, the Athletic Department and the physical education department, Hawk says.

The dorm fund is paying for the current work, but the athletic and physical education departments will each eventually pay a fourth of the cost, while the dorms pay for half the costs, Hawk said.

The University also hopes to secure funds from donors to pay for part of the resurfacing, Hawk says. "So far, the Athletic Department has secured the donation of the construction companies profits — \$4,100."

"Those courts have really done very very well over the past 40 or possibly 50 years," Kahananui says. "That's pretty darn good. When I played tennis for the University — too long ago to tell — they were the best courts to play on."

"There's no reason they won't be the best ones again (after they are resurfaced)," he says. "And no reason they won't last another 40 years."

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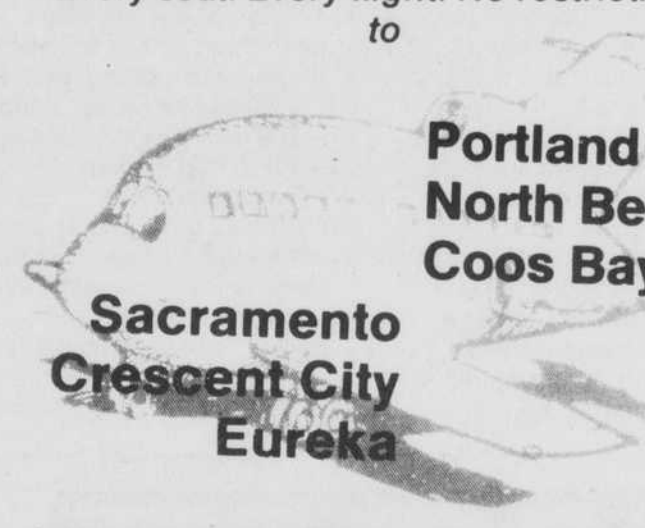
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