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The remains of the Outsider's breakfast await busy hands.

Congressman AuCoin opposes federal law

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A new federal law requiring colleges and universities to enforce military draft registration is "redundant and unnecessary" and should be repealed, Oregon Congressman Les AuCoin told a House subcommittee Feb. 21.

In congressional testimony, AuCoin said the law known as the Solomon Amendment is an attempt by the government to dump enforcement of the controversial draft-registration requirement onto colleges and universities.

"I see no logical reason to ask an educator to enforce a law that has nothing to do with a student's academic or financial status and is clearly discriminatory," AuCoin said.

AuCoin's testimony came during hearings by the Postsecondary Education Subcommittee to consider regulations which are scheduled to take effect July 1. Under a complex procedure, the regulations require all students applying for financial aid to fill out a draft-registration compliance form stating that they are either registered for the draft or giving the reason why they are not required to register. Women are not required to register for

the draft, but they have to fill out the compliance form, anyway.

In addition, male students who are required to be registered for the draft must then submit to the college or university the Registration Compliance Letter they received from the Selective Service System when they first registered. Additional provisions are made in the regulations for students who have lost their Registration Compliance Letters.

AuCoin urged the subcommittee to disapprove the regulations, noting that "laws are already on the books to punish those who refuse to register for the draft — laws with teeth. The current penalty for non-compliance is a \$10,000 fine or five years in prison, or both."

AuCoin said "those in Congress who are concerned about non-compliance are attempting to dump this problem onto our colleges and universities instead of pushing for stricter enforcement of re-evaluation of the registration system."

The justification for the Solomon Amendment "is even more suspect," AuCoin added, "when one examines the shaky connection between draft registration and student

assistance."

According to the Department of Education, of the 600,000 young men who have not registered for the draft, less than 60 percent will enter the higher education system, and less than half of that 60 percent will apply for financial assistance.

"In practice, the certification requirement comes down to little more than a witch hunt for less than three percent of the total number of young men who are required to register for the draft," AuCoin said. "But worst of all, by approving this law, Congress has declared that only those who need federal assistance to go to college will be compelled to obey federal laws. This is plainly discriminatory. The statute makes no effort to reach wealthy college students or students covered by Social Security. It does not apply to draft-age recipients of other federal programs."

"Instead, a single group of draft-age males — those who need college assistance — have been singled out, without supporting evidence that they are less likely than any other group to comply with registration requirements. Thus, student aid has become the whipping boy of our failed registration system."

Bergmans have baby boy

"It's an awfully exciting thing that people can't explain," beamed Barry Bergman, the new proud father of a baby boy.

Joel Bergman was 7lbs. 15oz. at birth, March 29, 1983.

Mrs. Bergman quit working in December, to have plenty of time to prepare for their first child. She can take as much time as necessary off from work. "She's not under any pressure," smiled Bergman.

At night, Joel keeps his parents up quite often. A good night's sleep would be four to five straight hours without waking up.

Joel has long eyelashes that

he inherited from his parents. He also has big feet. "We don't know where they came from," smiled Bergman. Joel's admirers have also picked out characteristics that are common to both his parents that are harder for the Bergmans to see.

Bergman explained how special the moment was for him when his son was born, but said it isn't the same thing to talk about it. He said it has to be witnessed. "I'll never forget it," exclaimed Bergman.

"Parents with many children might get used to it, but that first time is so special," he concluded.

Cornish accepts Thiessen

After a year of "harassing," numerous phone calls and letters, senior Dale Thiessen has been accepted to Cornish Art Institute.

And his acceptance is quite an honor.

Cornish, a prestigious art school located in Seattle, Washington, enrolls only 500 students annually and "one must have a talent and be willing to work at it. A lot of the classes are one-to-one," explains Thiessen, "and they don't want to waste your time." Tuition, because "design is the most expensive department," will run him a cool \$9,000.

Thiessen applied last spring but "didn't think I had much of a chance." He figured that he had to begin early and keep contacting the school, to gain admission. Marion Gent, records clerk, helped Thiessen in sending out his grades, etc, but he mainly attained this goal independently. "I would just rather depend on myself," he smiled.

In mid-March, Thiessen went

for an interview with the director of the design department. With him he took a portfolio including plans of a house he designed, photos of a model home, various art projects, a kaleidoscope, and a presentation of why he wanted to go to the college. He smiles at the memory of the director's office: "Here I was, trying to present this orderly portfolio in this — this closet." He laughs about having to practically crawl over a file cabinet to enter.

Thiessen plans to study commercial interior design. He's taken basic drafting, architectural drafting, drafting explorations, and Art I. "I am far from being an artist," he quips modestly, "I'm not going to go to the college and expect miracles."

Unlike the average college freshman, Thiessen's lifestyle on campus "won't be too bad." His dorm is 12 stories high, there are 24 restaurants and an athletic club on campus. The house across the street is "really posh posh" — worth \$2 million.

Tell us what you think . . .

by Richard Bloom

The Amplifier is administering a perusal of student opinion concerning the numerous controversies revolving about the May Day festivities. We would be deeply gratified if you could seize this opportunity to complete this survey, thence submitting the aforementioned document to Pat Cole's box in the lower office. We are much obliged.

- 1) Is the present princess selection system...
 - A. a popularity contest
 - B. a mockery of a travesty of a sham
 - C. a serious competition based on genuine talent and merit
 - D. none of the above
- 2) Should the selection system be based on...
 - A. pie eating
 - B. mud wrestling
 - C. bingo
 - D. a serious competition based on genuine talent and merit
 - E. none of the above
- 3) Should the princess's escorts be chosen by...
 - A. a raffle
 - B. an election
 - C. the princesses' choice
 - D. a serious competition based on genuine talent and merit
 - E. none of the above
- 4) The princesses' dresses should be...
 - A. white
 - B. different colors
 - C. black
 - D. they shouldn't wear dresses, they should wear bikinis
 - E. colors should be picked by a serious competition based on genuine talent and merit

- 5) How much money should the princesses be allowed to spend on dresses?
 - A. as much as they want to
 - B. more than they want to
 - C. less than they want to
 - D. \$497.63
- 6) Does May Day disrupt class time...
 - A. a lot
 - B. a little
 - C. yes, but who cares
 - D. none of the above
- 7) Is May Day...
 - A. a pagan fertility rite
 - B. a communist worker's holiday
 - C. a celebration of spring
 - D. something we made up to break the monotony
 - D. A, B, and C
- 8) Where does money for the dresses come from?
 - A. the defense budget
 - B. lockers of unsuspecting students
 - C. the Howard Hughes fund for pointless traditions
 - D. the tooth fairy
 - E. the princesses' pockets
- 9) What are the responsibilities of the May Day Queen?
 - A. keep a straight face
 - B. preside over all important events
 - C. nothing
 - D. be seen and not heard
- 10) What is a May Pole?
 - A. an extremely rare bird found only in the heart of the Amazon jungle
 - B. something that people dance around
 - C. a type of oar used by kayakers in the flood season (April & May)
 - D. an unbelievably insignificant piece of wood

- 11) What day is May Day?
 - A. December 25
 - B. classified information (CIA secret files)
 - C. some day in May
- 12) What was the first civilization to institute May Day?
 - A. The Mongolians under Ghengis Khan
 - B. Bolshevik Russia
 - C. Hitler's Third Reich
 - D. Mao's China
 - E. Antelope, Oregon, U.S.A.
 - F. none of the above
- 13) May Day represents...
 - A. sexist propaganda
 - B. actual screening for our nation's future modeling stars
 - C. another overt attempt by the establishment to promote conformism and force us to assume "adult roles"
 - D. an encounter session
- 14) Do you think that alcohol and May Day...
 - A. are inseparable
 - B. have no obvious connections
 - C. moral sins
 - D. that anyone who even mentions intoxicants during May Day should be drawn and quartered, hung by their thumb-nails, and fed to starving wolves (all the while being forced to listen to the original live version of "Saturday Night Fever.")
- 16) May Day princesses should dress...
 - A. formally but fashionably
 - B. in togas, wreaths, and sandals
 - C. in high heeled shoes and scarves
 - D. now and then
 - E. all of the above, layered