

Editorials

Ideals or duty?



The draft—a right to serve your country or the way to become an amateur death dealer? This question of our country's conscription policy is a hotly discussed issue among millions of concerned Americans.

Are our government officials putting yesterday's values on today's youth? Is a man who refuses to serve, leaves the country, or receives a conscientious objector classification really any less patriotic than the man who enlists? Each man does as he feels is best.

Is the ordeal of years in prison, harassment, and being branded a "commie" or coward worth it? A few thousand young men say yes. Tens of thousands of men enlist every year. These men are either satisfied with the system or have not been moved enough to say "hell no, I won't go."

But these two groups of men, the

resisters and service men, each have stood for what they believe in. Where then, are the handful of men who evade the draft through dishonest means classified? Can cheating on your physical or psychiatric examination be classified as standing up for your ideals? Isn't this really crawling away with them?

A C.O. classification IS hard to get, but not impossible. There are many people ready to aid a man seeking this 1-O classification. This does not exempt him from the draft, but it does relieve him of his military obligation. He can still be drafted for civilian work, i.e. hospital work or work in a slum project.

THIS is the time to research and decide, not two days before your eighteenth birthday. This is your life, your country, your decision. Be ready.

It's your life—so shape up!

Jogging is just catching on in America. But it's "kid stuff" for the Tarahumara Indians in Mexico.

From childhood, the Tarahumaras, both male and female, are conditioned to run continuously for 120 miles. At a speed of six or seven miles an hour. At an altitude of 8,000 feet.

"These marathon demonstrations of Groom, M.D., "are convincing evidence really phenomenal endurance," says Dale that most of us, brought up in our comfortable and sedentary civilization, actually develop and use only a fraction of our potential cardiac reserve." Dr. Groom teaches at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center.

There is another extraordinary fact about the Tarahumaras. Not one of the Indians could remember an instance when a runner ever dropped out of a race because of chest pains or shortness of breath.

Many sedentary Americans cannot run around the block without gasping for breath. Some people, in fact, feel shortness of breath with no exertion at all. For them, labored breathing—even if it lasts only a few minutes at a time—may mean trouble.

Shortness of breath can be a symptom of such respiratory diseases as asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, and pneumonia. It can mean heart disease with lung congestion. Smoking complicates, and sometimes causes, these problems.

For information about jogging read: *Aerobics* by Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper, or *Jogging*, by Bill Bowerman and W. E. Harris. Don't be too embarrassed to get on your togs and jog—it's your life!

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From: The Oregon Tuberculosis and Respiratory Association

Generals Comment

by Jenni Raies

The Vietnam war, the draft issue, and the moratorium have all been controversial not only in Congress and with the general public but here at Grant as well.

When questioned about any one of these issues, answers varied from reluctance and indifference to definite statements and strong convictions.

Senior Gary Cogill feels, "I am against the moratorium and can see no way where it will benefit anybody. I think Nixon's doing pretty good."

Along with Gary, Lahna O'Connor, also a senior, states, "I feel the futile attempt by a small percentage of students to protest the Vietnam war revealed the childishness and immaturity existing in our school today. I am a peace-loving individual, but wearing a black armband or cutting class isn't going to save the lives of those Americans who have died, are dying, and will die. Instead, we should give our support, now, when it's needed most."

"I wear an armband because it is my small stand in the war against the war," Margaret Hadden explained. "It may seem insignificant but if one person who was formerly pro-war or who didn't care, notices it and it makes him think just a little more about this ridiculous war, then it has served its purpose."

Dave Taylor, a senior, expresses his opinion by saying, "An interesting fact is that North and South Vietnam are not separate countries. They were divided only temporarily by the Geneva accords and it was intended that they be reunited by a democratic election in 1954. At this time the U.S. refused to sanction these elections because all reports showed that the South would have voted overwhelmingly to be reunited with the North. The United States, then pursuing a strict opposition to any form of Communism, forced our policy on an unwilling

people in a move that denied them the most basic form of self-determination," he continued.

Adding to the view, junior Greg Weaver declared, "Our presence in South Vietnam is completely unnecessary: there are too many deaths; a corrupt "puppet" government; and no more support from the South Vietnamese."

"We should be there," encouraged Martha Ojard. "Not only are we defending the ideals of our country, but we also have moral obligations to South Vietnam and those obligations were made before we really got involved."

Kathy Eckroth disagrees with this statement. "We should not be there. We are a democracy boasting of the right for people to choose their own government. And yet we are forcing the Vietnamese people to accept our government, as opposed to the Communists. The Communists went in and gave the people food and such. I wish we'd just pull out and forget about promoting the all-American dollar!"

"I do not think we should have sent our forces to Vietnam," commented Don Stamm. "But now that we have been there for such a long time, I do not feel we should pull out right away. We sort of have an obligation to fight and help protect them. If we were to pull out right now, then Vietnam would undoubtedly become Communist and just one more country for the Communists to chalk up. If we remain in Vietnam and fight, gradually taking out troops like Nixon is doing, then maybe the Commies will think twice before they try to overthrow another country's government."

Senior Gregg Cotterell exclaimed, "It doesn't really bother me yet!"

Many students had no desire in voicing their ideas in this area. Perhaps their lack of knowledge on the subject contributed to this fact. Perhaps they've never thought about it—yet.

Cinema Scene by Mary Ann Hutton

Semi-habitually a new column will be appearing primarily concerning new movies soon to be released. This sudden rise in culture can be attributed to an interesting new idea now taking shape.

HIGH SCHOOL and college newspapers were recently notified of a new type of "council" being formed of editors and entertainment editors for the purpose of previewing films. It is hoped that through this system concerned theater people will get some idea of young response before the show opens. The "council" will also be consulting upon the various advertising campaigns to be used on the movies.

From the council's side of it, the advance showings provide an excellent opportunity to review, that is, preview, a film in the paper to promote interest and intrigue well before its release. Also, a greater number of films can be reviewed without the hassel of stiff box-office prices.

The first screening certainly had to be one of enough calibre to arouse interest in the organization. Whether or not any interest was aroused is still to be seen but an abundant amount of laughs was something immediately apparent.

"TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN" has got to be one of the very best movies in a long time. Released by United Artists, the original screenplay was in part by Woody Allen . . . directed by Woody Allen . . . starring Woody Allen. Surprisingly, though, even anti-Woody Allen people could find this a most enjoyable show since it is mostly comprised of ridiculous situations that could make Mt. Rushmore grin.

Semi-documented, "Take the Money and Run" is the life of a loser, Virgil Starkwell, who, from early childhood, is addicted to crime. (An unfortunate occupation for one who always gets his hand caught while stealing pennies from gum machines.)

VIRGIL BOUNCES in and out of jail and eventually marries a young laundress (Janet Margolin) whom he meets while trying to steal her purse. Stam-

mering and stumbling Virgil manages to end up in prison again after another robbery failure. (The penmanship of his hold-up note was so bad it took a meeting of the entire bank staff to painfully decipher his message.)

His well-planned escapes always fail (carving a gun out of a bar of soap is a perfect escape weapon—except on a rainy night) but his bumbling mistakes usually come through (All but one prisoner is notified of the cancellation of a planned mass-escape). A legitimate release results when Virgil volunteers to be a guinea pig for an un-tested drug—with a parole as reward. Only one slight side effect was noted: for a harrowing two hours Virgil turns into a bearded, round-hatted, prayer-mumbling rabbi.

OTHER EXPERIENCES include working on a chain-gang where he received only one hot meal a day—a bowl of steam. Impossible escape from this was proven possible in a riotous "twelve-legged race"—not recommended viewing for those with a weak heart, shortness of breath, or laryngitis. Another "perfect crime" is foiled by a gang robbing the same bank at the same time which results in an applause contest. (Virgil holds his hand over each group as those in the bank applaud for "The Gang I Would Most Like To Be Held Up By.")

Virgil never made the "Ten Most Wanted" list but he did manage to receive the coveted "Criminal of the Year" award with 52 counts of robbery and an 800-year sentence. In the end Virgil admits that crime definitely does pay—good money, interesting people, lots of travel, etc.

Seekers of social comment, political satire, and "the trouble with you people is . . ." type movies could strip the film apart and probably become satisfied. But the marvelous greatness of this show stems from being a number one comedy without needing any of that.

Rating: M
Tentative Opening: Late Oct. or Dec.

CLASS NOTES

SENIORS! THE COUNTDOWN IS HERE!

"10 - 9 - 8 - 7 - 7 - 7 . . ." Yes, we've got only seven days until G-day; that's 168 hours to work and make this a real turn-on, tune-in, flip-out sale.

The senior calendar is a busy one, and making money is one of our greatest necessities. Money is needed for the senior prom, ads in THE GRANTONIAN, and MEMOIRS, graduation items, and many, many other things. And don't forget, we want to give a very special gift to the school. The garage sale and rally ribbon sales are two of our biggest money-making ventures. So, see members of your council to find out how you could be of the most help; only seven days until G-DAY!

Remember, you are the senior class. So, get up and Get Out—and MOVE!!

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