

# opinion

## Draft, anyone?

What if there was a war and nobody came?

That's obviously the question some politicians, who want to reinstate the draft, are asking.

You say you're free, American and between the ages of 18 and 26, and you haven't heard anything about the reinstatement of the draft?

Obviously, some politicians want to keep you in the dark.

There are a few senate and house bills before the United States Congress, right now, that are asking for some form of draft reinstatement in the United States.

One such house bill proposes a National Youth Service Draft. It was introduced on Feb. 15 in part by California Rep. Pete McClusky. This bill would give an option to anyone (women included) between the ages of 18 and 26 to serve two years in the military, one year of civilian service, or take a chance on the draft lottery. Is this a case of "you're damned if you do, and you're damned if you don't?"

Opponents of the current all-volunteer military say that the resources of men and the quality of enlistees are dwindling. There aren't enough people enlisting. Another con to the all-volunteer military is the cost factor of advertising materials to recruit the number of people needed to serve.

Proponents of the all-volunteer military argue that registration for wartime mobilization is a threat, not a reality. They believe that the next war of size will be fought with nuclear arms, not over a period of several months with rifles and tanks.

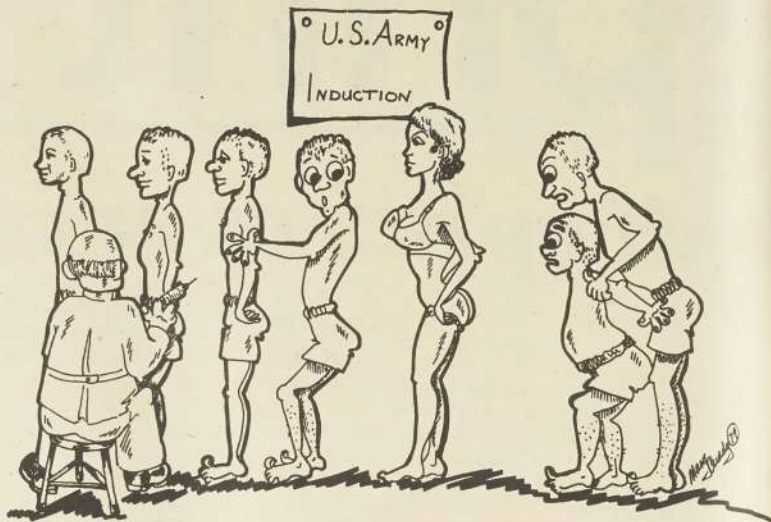
It appears that we're not being told about the bills. If gradual introduction is at play here, then someone is guessing wrongly about the integrity of American youth.

Find out the answers to your questions now. Will there be college deferment? Will women be drafted? What will be the age limit on draftees?

Tell your congressmen how you feel about conscription. Write them and tell them that you agree or disagree with the draft lottery system.

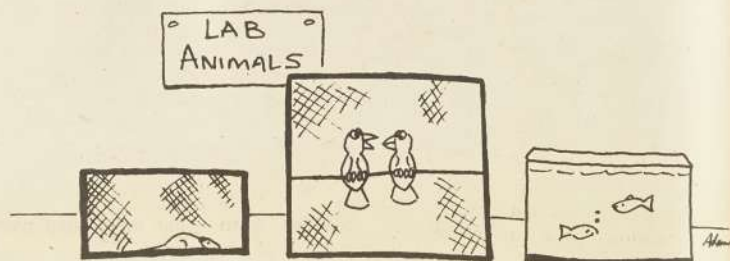
Don't let the draft slip back in with no input from the ones most affected by it. If you do, don't be surprised when your letter comes.

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## KAMPUS KWIPS

BY Jim Adams



"I DON'T CARE WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US NOT BREEDING IN CAPTIVITY, IT'S BORING IN HERE!"

## feedback

To the Editor:

What began as the Oregon Cattlemen's Association's rebuttal to an article written by Malheur Field Station Director, Denzel Ferguson, dealing

with public grazing has evolved into an attempt to change the entire concept of the institution. The OCA originally felt that state funds should be withheld

from the station unless Ferguson was fired, feeling that he had undue influence on those attending or visiting the complex. More recently the finger has also been pointed at the station as a whole.

Ferguson does not attempt to use the station as a podium to air his views to any and all who stay there. He has done an excellent job of directing a very successful summer program making it one of the finest field stations in the country. To visiting groups he is quick to recommend points of interest, not points to ponder. As for students attending classes, there is very little time for personal interaction and most of it with their respective instructors. If the argument is directed toward Ferguson's grazing stand point, the issue, if indeed there is one, should be settled by direct personal

communication with those involved and not with an extreme measure that would have far reaching and detrimental effects to any person wishing to use Malheur Field Station for research, education or recreation.

There is absolutely no reason why a single vested interest group should be able to impose a change in policy on an institute that provides outstanding opportunities for in-depth studies on unique physical and biological features. The ranchers believe that the station is not "compatible with the area" and that the education is not handled properly in that the teaching is done in a "biased manner." The fact is that the objectives of the courses deal with ichthyology, geology and photography; not environmental politics.

I am appalled to learn of

the lack of interest and communication expressed by those who have been involved with the station. A hearing for the proposed bill to withhold state funding is to be reviewed by the Oregon State Legislature March. The main point of concern is that the proponents of the bill have money, influence, and are vigorously lobbying Salem. The outlook is encouraging. What is needed are letters to local Senator Representative, with carbon copies sent to the House Ways and Means Committee. A call to the individuals would be just as effective. Your support is needed as soon as possible.

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