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(The way it is)



Letters to the Editor: Could you kill in combat?

Dear Spillyay Tymoo,

Starting July 21, young men ages 19 and 20 will be asked to register for the draft. Although the President claims that this registration does not mean that there will be a reinstitution of the draft, the fact is that the comeback of the draft is a very real possibility (especially if people do not make clear to their Congressmen and to the President that they don't want a draft).

There have been only three years in U.S. history when there's been registration without a draft. Registration, therefore, is not a step that anyone should take without thinking through what it means and what their options are.

If you're being asked to register, you should ask yourself honestly, how do I feel about participating in war? Could I, in good conscience, kill another human being in combat? If you have any hesitancy in answering these questions affirmatively, you might do well to start thinking if you qualify for conscientious objector (CO) status. This is a legal provision under which people who cannot in good conscience participate in war are exempted from combatant military service (alternative

service is required).

Although there will be no formal provision at registration for declaring one's self a CO, those who wish to file for such recognition need to start working on it now. If you wait until the draft actually comes, around to you, you will probably have only ten days both to think the issue through and to prove convincingly to your draft board that your position is sincere. So the time to consider this is today.

If you want information on registration and the draft, or a chance to discuss this problem, there's a new group Central Oregonians for Peace and Justice, that can help. To get in touch with us, just give me or Lewis Pitt a call; or write COPJ P.O. Box 6685, Bend, Oregon 97701, giving your phone number, and we'll get back to you promptly.

Don't worry about our trying to lay a line on you. Our aim in our counseling is not to impose our convictions on anyone, but to help them discover and act on their own convictions. COPJ is entirely a volunteer organization, and any aid we give is free and confidential.

Yours,
Hank Morrison

"Captain" second in class standings

Dear Spillyay,

Well I've recently completed my training and have been assigned my next duty station. My military occupation will be as a warehouseman dealing with the ordering and shipping of supplies to using units.

I have two pieces of information for those who are curious about my progress. During my five weeks of training, I earned a 96.3 percent average and finished second in overall class standings. The next bit of news is that I have been meritoriously promoted to private first class. In regular proceedings I wouldn't have rated a promotion for at least a couple months.

I would like to give special thanks to those few who have taken the time to write. I realize it's impossible for those who haven't been placed in a different environment away from to know how homesick and lonely a person can get.

I haven't been away from home all that long, but I miss it very much. I guess that's why letters from home are so important, for a person faces more pressures than you will find at home.

I've found that there are many different racial views and have witnessed the discrimination. I have been called a few choice names and stereotyped as the same Indian that was portrayed in old western

movies.

I have tried to shrug off these opinions, which come from very ignorant people, and explain some of the Indian's background—also break up the myths of how Indians live and act. But it never ceases to end. There is always on person so ignorant I just can't seem to open their eyes and let them see things as they are and not how they seem to be.

Another discovery I've made is finding the true essence of friendship. And it was made possible by two strangers. My third week here I received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barnhart of Portland.

They seen my letter and sent me a card encouraging my decision to enter the service. Since their first letter, I've had continuous correspondence with this nice couple. They have extended many invitations to visit them and I will, if possible, take them up on their generous offer. If really appreciate their open-heartedness. I believe it takes someone like this to open your eyes and see who are your friends.

I hope someone realizes what I am saying, for I really don't blame people for not writing, but there's probably someone out there that does need the support and encouragement. The picture in their mind is that no one cares about their progress or acknowledges their initiative to step out and

Greetings,

There comes a time in every young person's life when they must make a decision on their own. I emphasize own in that when I was young I felt pressure from outside forces to be what they wanted me to be. At that time, I feared for what this country's leaders were using its most productive asset, the young adults.

We now don't really have to look that hard to see our mistakes of the past.

In the past, I wished for alternatives to being obediently dead in a corporation war. I thank God for making it possible now to say, as an

Likes Toe Ness

Spillyay Tymoo,

Really, there's nothing more enjoyable than reading (and giggling about) the "Toe Ness" section of your newspaper. YIKES

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Kathy Greene,
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Commission on Indian
Services
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American, that there are realistic alternatives for young men of draft age. Not in the style of the past, that of hostile resistance, but of searching your heart of hearts and speaking truthfully of how you feel about taking another human being's life for any reason. This is the question that you have to ask yourself: NOW.

I never went to war and pray my son will never have to go. Some say it is un-American to talk against serving your country. But the best way to serve is to be what God intended you to be. Individual freedom is what America is all about. President Carter claims

to be against a peacetime draft and Oregon's Senator Hatfield states clearly that registration will lead to the draft.

So, young brothers, know you are not alone in this battle. Don't fear the consequences of whatever your sincere decision may be in registering, but know that there are alternatives available to you. The decision that you make now will affect the rest of your life. Aid in knowing the alternatives can be found by writing: Central Oregonians for Peace and Justice, P.O. Box 6685, Bend Oregon 97701.

Sincerely,
Lewis Pitt, Jr.

Letters lift his morale

To Spillyay Tymoo,

Hi everybody! I just thought I'd drop a few lines to everybody at home to let the people know I'm just fine and that I'm all right.

I'd like to thank all the people who turned out for my name-giving dinner. It was quite an honor to have most of the elderly people present. I'd also like to thank all former

servicemen for their advice. It sure has helped me through some troubled times when I felt like giving up.

Please feel free to write a letter. It always helps my morale.

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Not a Modoc

Dear Editor,

Our son Jim Wahtah was listed in your paper as one of the Winners in the boys 7 to 11 years War dancing at this years Pi-Ume-Sha. However he was listed as a Modoc. We live near Chiloquin & Kalamath Falls, but our family is from Warm Springs. So our son is Warm Springs, Paiute, Shasta.

Thank you,
Mr. & Mrs. Butch Crume

We goofed

The photo of the Pi-Ume-Sha Fun Run in our July 1 issue (Sports page) identified the young girl to be Gayleen Adams.

The girl happens to be Shauna Craig, daughter of Madeline Craig, who pointed out the mistake to the editor.

We regret the mistake, which was unintentional, and hope it hasn't caused any undue embarrassment to either of the girls.

Tribal Council Agenda

July 14 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Reciprocal Agreement/Ore Dept Justice Authority-Responsibility/Ore St Police Properties - Abbott & Griffith
RE: Dennis Karnopp
2. 2:30 p.m. Enrollments

July 15 Council/Committees Workshop

Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge - 9:30 a.m.

July 16 Council/Committee Chairman Budget Workshop

Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge - 10:00 a.m.

July 21 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Soils Inventory-Ken Englebreton/Consultant - Update on Forest Inventory
2. 1:30 p.m. Management Reports/Tribal Court

July 22 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Health Code Update
2. 1:30 p.m. Credit Code - Bob Finch
Credit Union - Bob Finch

July 28 WSFPI Board Meeting

Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge - 9:00 a.m.

July 29 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Realty
2. 1:30 p.m. Learning Center Progress Report

July 30 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Celilo-Wy'am Board - Shirley Iman
2. 1:30 p.m. Policy re Sovereign Defense - Dennis Karnopp
Dun & Bradstreet report - Dennis Karnopp
Policy re Ore Employment Law
IRS Policy re Council Fees - Dennis Karnopp

July 31 Housing Tour - Ed Manion

Thanks,
PFC., Ray Moody