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## Court ruling threatens future of Evergreen vets

by Dave Coble

Military veterans attending Evergreen will face cutbacks in their G.I. Bill benefits if they don't spend enough time in class, according to a court ruling handed down June 23.

As a result of the ruling, Evergreen administrators may consider curriculum changes that will affect all students.

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled against TESC and in favor of the Veteran's Administration in a legal challenge to the VA's "seat time" regulation initiated by Evergreen and five Washington community colleges. The "seat time" rule is a regulation stating that benefits received under the G.I. Bill should be granted on the basis of the amount of time a student spends in a classroom each week, rather than for academic credit a student receives.

The ruling does not affect Evergreen's status as a VA-accredited school. The only effect of the decision is to redefine who qualifies as a "full-time" student. Veteran students in independent study and internship programs, and other programs not meeting in a faculty-supervised classroom for at least 10 hours each week, will no longer be able to draw full VA benefits, even though the school is granting them full-time credit. These students will qualify for tuition and fees only. The new ruling will probably become effective in fall quarter, 1980.

There are approximately 220 students receiving G.I. Bill benefits at Evergreen. This includes persons receiving entitlement as widows and orphans of wartime casualties and dependents of medically disabled veterans.

Evergreen filed suit against the Veteran's Administration two years ago when the VA announced their intention to begin enforcing seat time requirements. Evergreen won the first legal round in February of 1979 when Judge Walter T. McGovern of the U.S. District Court in Seattle ruled in the school's favor. McGovern's ruling stated in effect that if the

school deems a student full-time and grants him full-time credit, then the VA should also accept the student as full-time.

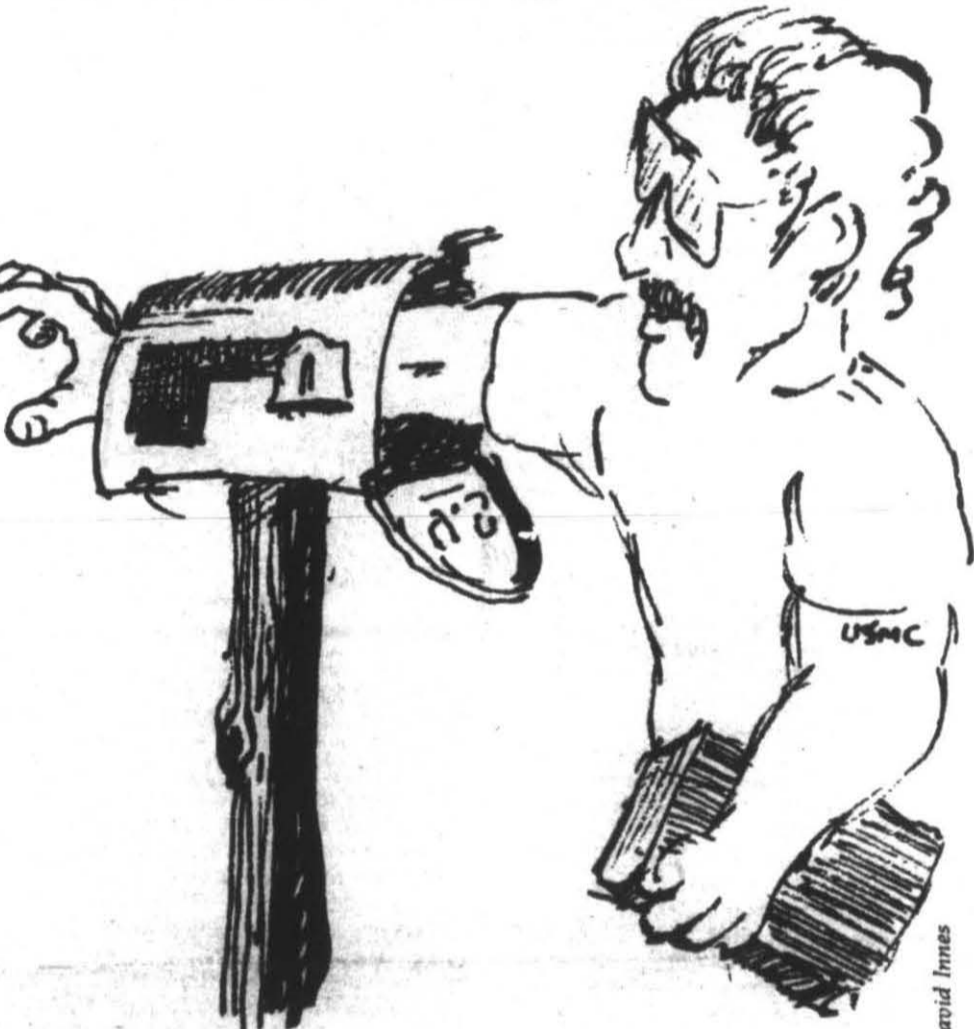
The VA appealed Judge McGovern's decision and two weeks ago the appeals court overturned his ruling.

Still undetermined from the court ruling is the possibility that the VA might require some students to pay back past benefits by making enforcement of the seat time rule retroactive. Assistant State Attorney General Richard Montecucco, who represented Evergreen in the suit, said "It will initially be up to the Veteran's Administration to sort that (the question of overpayments) out. If they decide there won't be any overpayments, that'll be the end of it. If they decide there will be, then we'll get it before Judge McGovern and take a second look at it."

Last year the VA sent letters to Evergreen veterans warning that if they have been receiving benefits without adhering to the seat time rule, they might have to pay back money to the VA. Evergreen President Dan Evans says this move was meant to intimidate. In two other court challenges to the seat time rule by other colleges, overpayments have not been charged. William Jackson, Evergreen's Veteran's Coordinator, deems it "extremely unlikely" that the VA will do a complete audit of veteran students at TESC, and says that VA officials in Seattle do not expect any overpayments to be charged.

VA State Director Dick Murphy in Seattle told the CPJ that the court decision is being examined by the VA Central Office and he expects a decision shortly on how the ruling will be enforced. Murphy declined to comment on the subject of overpayments, stating that must be determined by the Central Office.

TESC's suit was based on an ambiguity in the G.I. Bill as passed by Congress after World War II. Nowhere does the bill define a "class session" or "semester hour." The VA established their own class time requirements based on their interpretation of the bill. Evergreen's suit challenged the VA's statutory rights—that is, the power granted them by Congress to interpret and regulate the law. The VA claimed in the suit that they do indeed have regulatory authority, and further claimed that VA regulations are not subject to judicial review.



David Innes

The circuit court decision, rendered by Judge Byron Skelton, reversed Judge McGovern's district court ruling that the VA did not have authority to issue the

regulations in question, but upheld the district court by stating that the regulations should be subject to judicial review.

A "class session" by the VA's definition is 50 minutes long. In order to qualify for full-time benefits a student must have 12 class sessions (10 class hours) per week, and be receiving full-time credit (12 or more quarter hours).

Traditional schools have encountered

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## Attention all draft-age men!

by Ben Alexander

All men born in 1960 or 1961 should seek draft counseling immediately, according to Glen Anderson of OCARD and the Thurston County Draft Counseling Center. The decisions involved in draft registration "are among the most important decisions a person makes in his entire life," he says, "and they deserve at least the amount of consideration a person puts into deciding 'what college will I go to' or 'who will I marry?'"

Men born in 1960 must register during the week of July 21, and men born in 1962, during the week of July 28, leaving very little time. It is important, Anderson emphasizes, to seek counseling before you register, so you will understand all the questions involved. He added that registering is not a question of simple patriotic duty, for it brings up the desirability of supporting an aggressive interventionist military policy. As attorney David Landau of the ACLU told the L.A. Times, "The decision to register may not be much better than the decision not to."

The question of whether or not to register is of huge importance. Resistance to registration makes you liable for a maximum \$10,000 fine and five years in prison, not to mention the moral dilemmas involved. Any such decision must be based on a thorough review and evaluation of one's values and beliefs.

Draft resistance has an age-old history (for more on this, see the CPJ of Jan. 31,

1980). In the Vietnamese War, approximately 570,000 men broke draft laws, according to Jack Colhoun of The Guardian. Of these, only a very small percentage were prosecuted, and most of the convicts were given probation. In 1972, the average sentence was 1 1/2 years with no fine. Terms of probation were three years, with SS-approved work for two of those years. People were prosecuted for a wide range of offenses, from failure to provide a mailing address, to counseling, aiding and abetting any person to violate draft laws.

Still, Anderson speculates that fines and

sentences may be heavier with the return of registration, to set an example. Also, the Selective Service is seeking exemptions from the Freedom of Information Act, which would provide them with records that would greatly ease tracking down non-registrants. In general, the SS is doing everything it can to streamline procedures.

Part of the new streamlined procedures is the Post Office registration system, and the absence of draft cards, both of which reduce the opportunities for effective protests. The postal employees are under orders to accept all information and give

no hassles to anybody. The SS wants as little trouble as possible.

In spite of this, the War Resister's League and the National Resistance Committee are actively promoting resistance and protest, and the NRC plans extensive demonstrations at post offices throughout the country.

The Olympia Coalition Against Registration and the Draft (OCARD) and Thurston County Draft Counseling Center have not taken a stand on the issue of resistance, though OCARD is promoting legal political opposition. Both of these groups recommend writing on the registration form if you want C.O. status, although there is no space provided to indicate that belief. Ironically though, there is a space to indicate if you would like an army recruiter to call you!

Both of these groups need volunteers desperately, especially people who have experience with counseling or interpersonal relationships. If you need more information or advice about the draft, resistance, etc., here are some helpful organizations:

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Tumwater, WA 98501 357-3404  
Hours: Mon-5:30 p.m.-9 p.m.  
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no problems with the seat time requirement since they generally grant one credit for each hour of classroom instruction on a weekly basis. Evergreen entered the controversy because of its policy of granting credit by contractual agreement.

The appeals court ruling states in part, "... in the case of Evergreen State, there is little or no classroom instruction to support the semester hours offered... the school offers no set classroom courses... a few Evergreen State "learning contracts" submitted as Exhibits in the district court illustrate the deficiencies illustrated above."

The ruling goes on to cite three "typical examples" of Evergreen learning contracts: a student who received three quarters of full-time credit for hiking through Mexico and Guatemala and writing a guide book; a student who received full-time credit for skiing and rafting in Idaho; and a student who received full-time credit for "Inter-Cultural Research in Brazil."

The ruling implies that these examples are standard academic offerings at Evergreen and are indicative of the school's "deficiencies."

In 1978 Congress mandated the VA to commission a tax-financed independent study of the seat time rule. The 400-page study, entitled the Shannon Report, examined numerous "alternative" educational programs around the nation. The report concluded, "The VA is erroneously equating educational value with "seat time"... Current regulations defining "seat time" have had the effect of improperly setting institutional policy not only in terms of attendance requirements, but also by limiting the veteran's choice of educational courses or programs."

The report recommended that the seat time rule be abolished and that the VA should accept each institution's definition of a full-time student. Another report, filed by the VA's own advisory committee, came to a similar conclusion.

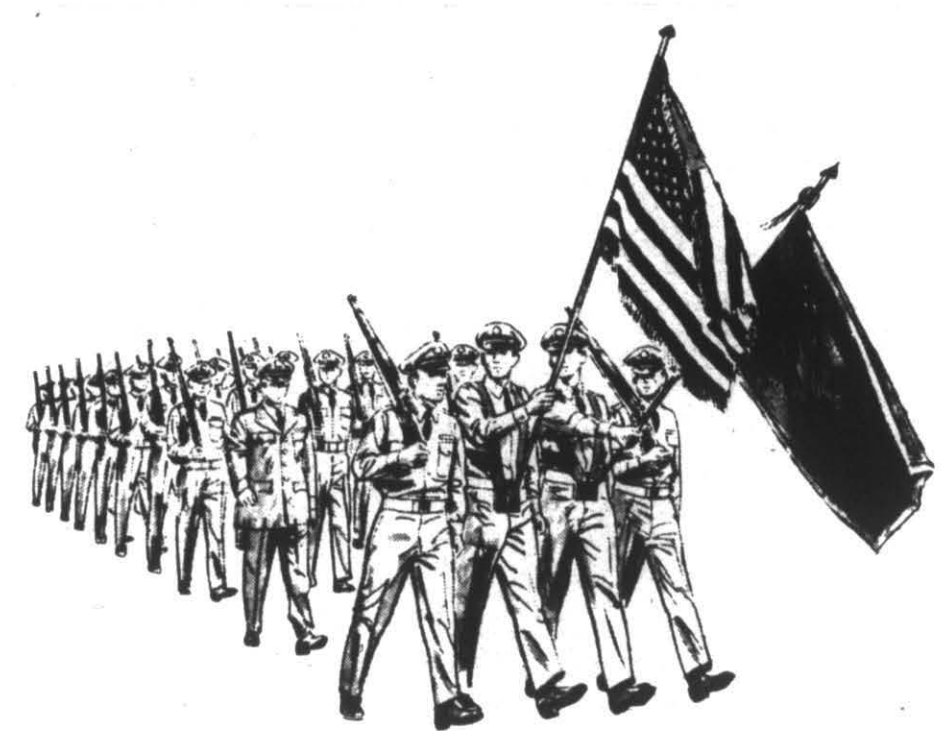
In compelling Evergreen to file suit, the head VA administrator, Max Cleland, apparently discounted or overlooked the findings of these studies commissioned by his own organization.

Educators and accreditation teams from more traditional academic institutions have been unanimous in their acclaim of the educational structure at Evergreen. The results of their reports are publicly recorded.

The only exhibits mentioned in the Ninth Circuit Court's ruling to illustrate the educational offerings at Evergreen are the three previously cited individual contracts where students received college credit for non-academic pursuits. The decision did not mention any other examples of contracts, the Shannon Report, or the VA's advisory committee report.

President Evans says it doesn't seem "reasonable" to carry the matter to the U.S. Supreme Court, the school's only remaining legal recourse. Richard Montecucco stated in a memorandum to Evans, "We could file a petition... with the United States Supreme Court, but I don't believe there is much hope for any success in that direction."

Two previous challenges have gone in



favor of the VA, establishing ample legal precedent in their favor. The circuit court ruling concurred with the previous decisions by concluding that the VA is empowered to enforce the seat time requirement by Title 38 of the United States Code.

In a remark to The Daily Olympian, President Evans accused the VA of being "grossly selective" in its enforcement of seat time regulations, stating, "They haven't bothered Harvard or other places where they'd really get a reaction." Evans continued, "I still think they're wrong in not believing that there is more than one way to educate and to quality education... they make no distinction between a student who spends an hour in an individual conference with a Nobel Prize-winning professor and one who sits in a huge lecture hall for an hour listening to a teaching assistant."

The only light at the end of the tunnel for Evergreen veterans appears to lie in Congressional legislation. A bill currently before Congress, the G.I. Bill Amendments Act of 1979, includes some provisions for alteration of the seat time rule. According to Veteran's Coordinator William Jackson, a vigorous letter campaign to both the Washington Congressional Delegation and the House and Senate Veteran's Affairs Committees might still produce a favorable change in the law.

Jackson said the Veteran's Administration Regional Office in Seattle will continue to process Evergreen student certifications according to past procedure until the VA receives additional interpretation of the new ruling. Veterans who are currently satisfying the seat time requirements have no personal cause for concern, and it is unlikely that those now enrolled in learning contracts will have to pay back money. Future curriculum planning, however, must be taken into account. In certain circumstances internships may still qualify for full-time benefits, but students on individual contracts will probably only receive tuition and fees.

Veterans comprise approximately ten percent of Evergreen's student body. The school administration, hard-pressed to increase enrollment and not wishing to exclude veterans from academic programs at Evergreen, met Tuesday morning to consider possible solutions to the seat time ruling. Larry Stenberg, Dean of Enrollment Services, said, "The chief commitment of the college right now is to make sure we can give the veteran some very clear, concise information so that they can make informed decisions about their education."

Asked if general curriculum changes were being contemplated, Stenberg said, "It's somewhat premature to consider dictating to the curriculum based on a court decision until we've had a chance to work with the state approving agency, and we're going to be negotiating with them in the next couple of weeks."

The approving agency is empowered by the VA to determine which courses of study are full or part time.

A problem veterans are likely to encounter is that some group and coordinated studies contracts do not satisfy the

seat time rule as full-time courses. Stenberg said the school would be looking at programs from last year to determine how many did not satisfy the rule. Of those that didn't, the administration wishes to know which of them may have had a course option that would have satisfied the requirement.

Registrar Walker Allen said that imposing seat time requirements for all programs removes options for faculty to proceed with education as they feel it is most appropriate. "The question for the institution," Allen stated, "is do we want to establish a requirement that will be levied on all students when there are a limited number of veterans who may be impacted negatively?"

The veteran community at Evergreen has not yet reacted strongly to the ruling. Most are confused about the decision, and the issue will remain cloudy until the district court, the Veteran's Administration and Evergreen's administration decide exactly how the new rule will be implemented. According to employees of the school's Office of Veteran's Affairs, only one student has withdrawn from classes in reaction to the court ruling. However, several who had been considering coming to Evergreen are vacillating, and many students have called in with concerned queries.

Most students eligible for G.I. benefits are not eligible for financial aid. In addition, veteran students as a group are older than most Evergreen students and many have dependent spouses and children. Without the G.I. Bill, it is impossible for many of them to attend college. TESC has always stressed self-motivation and "real world" experience as an integral part of an Evergreen education. Unless veterans are capable of providing their own finances, many of Evergreen's learning options are no longer available to them. A married full-time veteran student who one child now receives about 13,800 each school year to defray his educational costs. Under the new ruling, the same student taking an individual contract will receive \$618—a financial loss of almost \$3,200. In addition, many veteran students must work to support their families, and individual contracts have previously afforded them a way to get college credit on their own time. These students would not be able to attend college if it meant scheduling daily class sessions.

The VA is the only federal, state or local educational assistance program that bases its payment on the amount of time a student spends in class. The only stipulation in other programs is that the student must be earning credit applicable to a degree.

Future veteran enrollments are likely to be a problem. Many veterans are attracted from outside the Olympia area by Evergreen's alternative style of education. Under the new requirements, few students are likely to go to the effort and expense of moving to Olympia if they see their benefits endangered and are unable to take advantage of Evergreen's educational options. Current and prospective students should be aware that their benefits are in no way in jeopardy, as long as they adhere to the seat time requirement.

## Citizens' Party trying for a foothold

by Ken Silverstein

A recent poll shows that 58% of American voters are dissatisfied with the choice of Jimmy Carter or Ronald Reagan for president. Over 40% of registered voters consider themselves independents, not affiliated with either of the major parties. Only 50% of all registered voters bothered to cast a ballot in the 1976 presidential election.

The "Citizens' Committee" recently founded the Citizens' Party to represent the millions of Americans who feel they are not represented by the Democrats or Republicans. The party, whose general philosophy can loosely be described as "leftist populism," recently nominated environmentalist Barry Commoner and American Indian activist La Donna Harris for president and vice-president. As Studs Terkel said at the party's founding convention held April 11-13 in Cleveland, the Citizens' Party is out to "reclaim the American dream from the predators who have stolen it."

In August of 1979 the "Citizens' Committee," which had formed several months earlier (and included Maggie Kuhn of the Grey Panthers, Mother Jones editor Adam Hochschild, and political consultant Don Rose) announced the intent to form a new political party with goals and objectives including:

1. Public control of the energy and other key resource industries, such as banks and credit institutions, utilities of all types, the railroads, etc.
2. An end to nuclear energy and a conversion to solar and other renewable energy resources.
3. An immediate and significant reduction in military spending which is inflationary, unnecessary (35,000 nuclear warheads would seem to provide sufficient "defense"), and could be better spent elsewhere.
4. A guaranteed job for everyone who wants to work. This could be accomplished by federal, state, and local governments creating jobs in fields such as housing, energy, health care, environmental clean up, public transportation, educa-



tion, day care, etc.

5. Stable prices for the basic necessities—food, fuel, housing, and health care. This could be achieved first through price controls and then by restructuring those segments of the economy so they produce goods and services for use instead of profit.

6. Support for human rights at home and abroad. Domestically this would mean working for the ERA and women's rights, national health insurance, and affirmative action and other programs designed to combat racism. Overseas it would mean the end of aid to countries that violated the rights of their citizens and a strict policy of nonintervention in the internal affairs of other countries.

7. Democratic control of the economy. The founders of the Citizens' Party felt that large corporations' control of the economy was the major cause of America's economic, social, and political problems. They proposed "citizen control of major investment and resource decisions." This control, they stressed, should be as decentralized as possible.

They rejected the socialist solution of nationalization of all the economy's productive forces and instead proposed different answers to situations which they felt were qualitatively different. Commoner explained what some of these answers would be in a recent interview. "Let me take one extreme—the railroads. Social control means rebuilding the railroads. How do you do it? There's no way of rebuilding the railroads without owning them. Nobody else wants to own them. The reason why they are being ripped apart is that they are taking out the pieces that don't make a profit. So you say, we are for social control of the railroads which means rebuilding the railroads, which means nationalizing them."

"Now let's go to another example—the Youngstown steel plant. U.S. Steel has abandoned the plant. The steel union wants to take it over. The company is trying to block them. Our position is that there is a social governance issue there. What we're in favor of is that the workers should take the plant over, getting the

necessary capital in the form of loan guarantees, etc."

"Will we be in favor of public ownership of that plant? Hell no. Imagine going to the union and saying, 'You want to buy that plant? Move over, the U.S. government is going to buy that plant.'"

"Now there are two lessons. One is that governance is the key thing. The second is that I don't think it makes any sense to decide what to do without looking at the specifics of a particular industry." (In These Times, 4-23-80)

Nationally, the Citizens' Party has grown rapidly. There are now close to 200 chapters in various communities across the country, and the party will probably be on the ballot in about 40 states (including Washington). If the Commoner/Harris ticket gets 5% of the vote in November the Citizens' Party will qualify for 9-12 million dollars in federal funds and become by definition a "major party," thereby eliminating the difficult task of gaining ballot access in 1984.

Sources inside the Citizens' Party fear that independent candidate John Anderson will garner enough votes to prevent Commoner from reaching the 5% goal. They point out that, in spite of his liberal media image, Anderson's voting record is extremely moderate. (For a closer look at Anderson's record, see the CPJ of April 24, 1980.)

On the other hand, according to campaign manager Bill Zimmerman, the Citizens' Party could potentially benefit from Anderson's candidacy. Anderson's campaign legitimizes voting outside the two-party system, he points out, and liberal voters may realize that on many issues Anderson is basically conservative.

A Thurston County chapter of the Citizens' Party has recently formed (a Seattle chapter started in December and a group is now forming in Bellingham) and is considering running candidates in the local elections in November. There may also be a candidate for governor of Washington State running on the Citizens' Party ticket this fall. The party's state convention will be held July 26 at the Langston Hughes Center in Seattle (Barry Commoner will be speaking there during the early afternoon).

The Thurston County chapter will be holding an informational meeting on Thursday, July 24 at the Olympia Public Library. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. For anyone wanting more information on the Citizens' Party, call 943-8077.

## McDermott: "a progressive, Dan Evans-type"



by B. Shannon

There is someone new in the political limelight in Washington State. His name is JIM MCDERMOTT and he is running against Dixy Lee Ray for the Democratic nomination for governor in September. The race is just getting into stride and promises to be one of the most hotly divisive and contagiously interesting showdowns in many a year.

McDermott tried to get the nomination once before in 1972 but failed. He had then served only one two-year term (from 1970 to 1972) in the State House of Representatives from the 43rd District in Seattle. According to Lynn Wilson, press aid to the current campaign, McDermott had come out of the Navy, where he was a psychiatrist, disturbed by what he had seen during the Vietnam War. "He just wanted to be able to keep the same from happening again... Politics was the best avenue," she said. After losing the governor's race he returned to his child psychiatry practice.

In 1974, McDermott was elected to the State Senate from the same district. Later, he became Chairman of the Education Committee where he earned respect for his ability to work the political apparatus. In response to Judge Doran's 1975 mandate—that the Legislature define and provide adequate means for basic education in the state—McDermott stripped the

initial House proposal bare, led his committee's rewrite of the bill, and introduced a fresh version that passed both Houses with astonishing speed and support. The Washington Basic Education Act of 1977, moved our public school systems out of "the dark ages and into the twentieth century," according to Jim Sjoland. (Sjoland, an Olympia resident, works for the state Superintendent of Schools and is a McDermott campaigner.) The act has become a model, says Sjoland, who extolls another of McDermott's apparent virtues. "What I like about him best is his willingness to listen to new ideas!"

In 1978, McDermott was reelected to the Senate. He became a vice-chairman in the Ways and Means Committee which gave him experience at fitting program goals into budgets. He came away a self-confessed realist. His "honest" appraisal of the upcoming billion-dollar shortfall in the state's treasury is a guarded call for more taxes. McDermott has gone on record favoring a state income tax... yet he knows a political pipe-bomb when he sees one. He is considering alternatives to such a tax but he prefers to wait and see.

He is not the quintessential liberal. While McDermott's record is more "liberal" than any of the other candidates for governor, he does not completely endorse the extremely liberal platform adopted at the state Democratic conven-

tion in Hoquiam on June 14. Rather, he "considers himself a progressive, (the) Dan Evans-type who wants a positive environment for the citizens of the state," says Lynn Wilson. He will take "a problem-solving approach" to government. When asked about the meaning of the word "positive," Wilson describes McDermott's personality. He is a "good leader and he motivates people very well... in an upbeat way." She contrasts his manner with the closed doors and decrees of the current administration.

The following is a list of a few urgent issues facing Washingtonians and McDermott's respective stands:

**Energy:** McDermott wants a "public forum" to decide on the state energy plan. (P-I June 25, 1980) He would create a "concerted state policy for state alternative energy sources." His priorities are as follows: (1) Conservation; (2) Alternative Energy Sources, including a Solar Bank that could make low-cost loans to homeowners wishing to go solar; (3) Nuclear power as a "last resort"; (4) Coal still must be evaluated. (Wilson)

**Education:** McDermott would "follow through, fulfill what we set out to do, (whatever is) not being implemented." (Wilson)

**Nuclear Waste Disposal:** McDermott does not want the state to become "the" national dumping ground. "What Jim really wants is a regional compact between states, something that everyone will work on." (Wilson)

**Northern Tier Pipeline:** He sees no need for it and "doesn't understand why they are pushing so hard for it." The legislature should be the final arbiter in the dispute, not the feds. (Wilson)

**Prisons:** The current situation is a "mess" due to poor planning. McDermott would immediately try to secure McNeil Island Penitentiary from the feds with the help of Sen. Magnuson. McDermott would review the entire prison situation, including parole board functions, and make the board representative of more than just law-enforcement people. He would request that the Council on Crime and Delinquency supply four names for the board, as previous administrations had done until 1976. (Wilson and P-I June 25, 1980)

**Land-Use:** McDermott favors land-use plans "that have teeth in them" at the local level. He wants to give local areas the tools to "do it themselves" so that incoming interests can't run roughshod over local interests. For public lands, the public interest must be served. With this goal in mind, he introduced a bill in 1980 that restricted the export of whole logs harvested on public lands. This bill died in infancy, but could have helped keep local mills running. (Wilson)

The McDermott people are now running a "typically volunteer campaign" with only one full-time, paid staff member, Wilson said. Many loyal Democrats who feel betrayed by a "closer-Republican" governor have become very active, says Sjoland. The Thurston County Precinct Democratic Caucus was overwhelmingly in favor of McDermott. At the State Convention, well over 70% of the delegates polled put their support behind McDermott, signalling a long and divisive battle in the primary week.

Though big-business and big-labor have donated heavily to the incumbent's campaign, McDermott's people have secured several individual endorsements and \$5-10 donations stream in at a rate of about \$500 a day, according to Wilson. Among the union endorsements are the United Transportation Union and the Washington Education Association. Of the WEA endorsement, Sjoland says that "tens of thousands of dollars will fall." Wilson calls \$450,000 a "pie-in-the-sky budget," an amount already amassed by the incumbent, Dixy Lee Ray.

McDermott plans to spend this money on paid advertising, since he is not too well known state-wide. Yard signs, mailers, and fundraisers are planned locally. Sjoland says that a "Paranoid Party and Masquerade Ball for State-Workers" is coming up soon. On July 26, a champagne breakfast fundraiser will be held. Sjoland asks anyone interested in the campaign, or the parties, to call him at 866-3953 from 7 to 9 in the evening.

## An addicting way to waste one's time

by Jefferson Allen

For many people a Frisbee® is a casual plaything left over from an era of Hula-Hoops and the Beach Boys. But for a growing number of disc enthusiasts, Frisbee® is an addicting way to waste one's time.

In the past ten years, disc sports have diverged into many different areas. One of the first invented is called Ultimate, a competitive, non-contact game. Two seven-member teams play on a 60x40-yard field with 30-yard end-zones. To score a point, the offense passes the disc up the field and into the end-zone. Any incomplete pass results in a turnover to the defense. Ultimate is a fast-moving sport like soccer or basketball, but the floating nature of the disc adds a unique twist to the play.

Double Disc Court is like doubles tennis in organization. Two discs are used, and instead of a net there is a neutral zone in between the squares the players stand in. Two points are scored if the opposite team is caught with two discs in their square. Points are also gained if the other team drops or mis-throws the disc.

Another development is Folf or Frisbee® golf. Trees and other targets are used as holes. One must possess a variety of skills, especially in distance throwing and accuracy, to be good at Folf.

Maximum Time Aloft or MTA is another individual disc sport. The throw must have the right amount of power and angle to "shelf" (level out) into high altitude air currents. In order for a MTA

throw to qualify, a clean, one-handed catch must be made.

Freestyling is probably the most amazing and exhilarating disc sport. It is a series of cooperative throws and catches usually done by a two-person team. Since its birth in the early seventies, state-of-the-art disc freestyle has risen to an incredible blend of body and disc movement. A basic skill in freestyle is the "nail delay." By catching and spinning the disc on one's finger (delaying), one is able to prolong the spinning energy of the disc while performing.

These are a few of the ways that disc has progressed. Tournaments, on a local, state, national and international level have helped in these developments by bringing Frisbee® freaks together.

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The Folf competition was played in three rounds on two 18-hole courses. Many of the holes were par two or three, and required throws up and down small hills and forested areas. Lowell Shields won by having the lowest cumulative score. The Double Disc Court competition



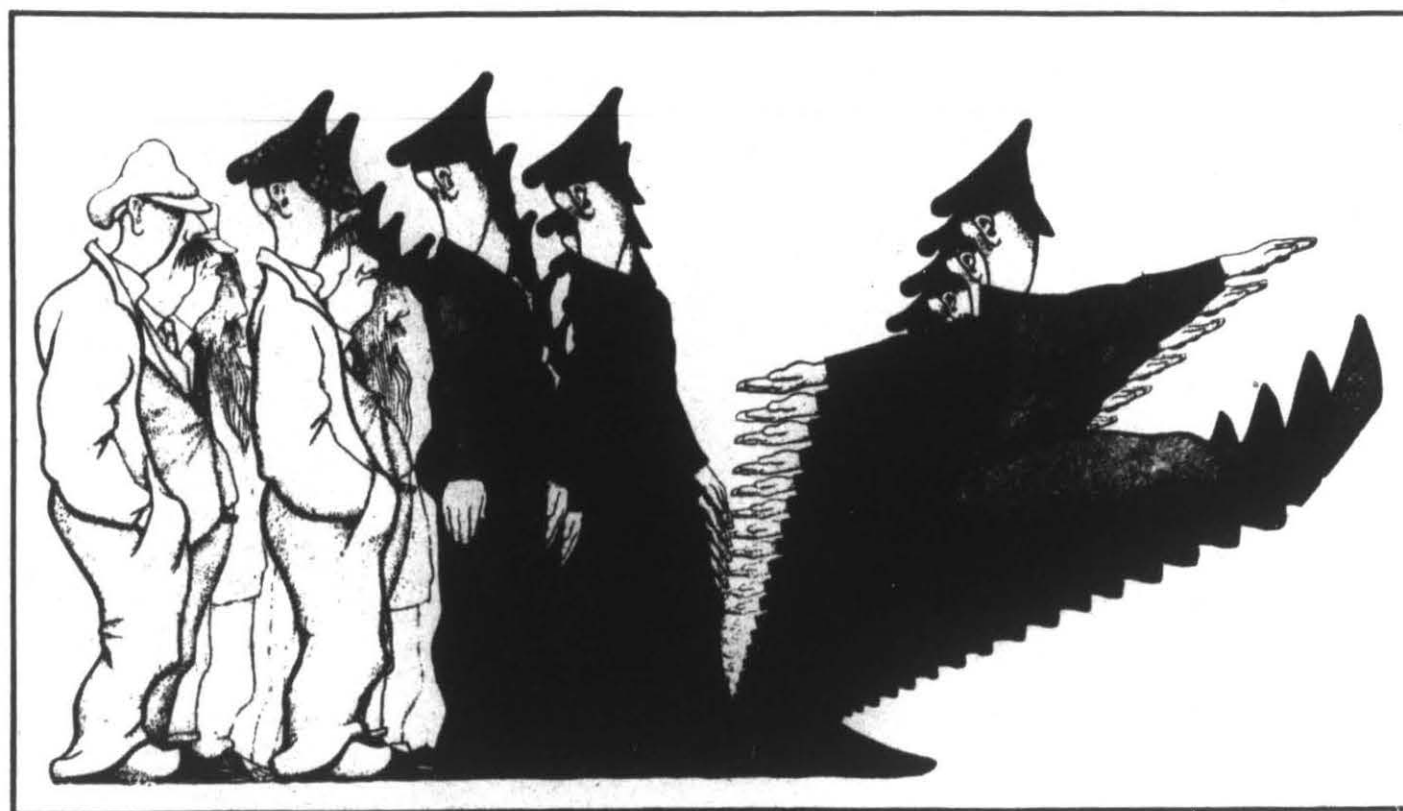
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had a round robin elimination system. Al Bonopane and Charlie Duvall won by having the best won/lost record.

Weather conditions for the tournament were near perfect and the Sunday finals drew a sizable crowd to the park. For a \$10 entry fee, the player received a t-shirt, a mini Frisbee®, and a salmon

dinner on Saturday night. Also held Sunday were exhibitions in MTA, Ultimate, Canine Disc, and Freestyle. A Frisbee® tournament is not an everyday athletic event and because disc is new sport, there is a feeling of subculture among the players. Enjoying one's self is often more of a priority than the competition.

## Registration is first step on the warpath



by Ben Alexander

Four million young men between the ages of 18 and 20 must sign-up for draft registration, the first step in military conscription, according to an order issued by President Carter last Wednesday, July 2. All young men born in 1960 and 1961 must register at their local post office between July 21 and August 2, or face possible prosecution with a maximum penalty of a \$10,000 fine and five years in prison.

The appropriation to renew registration, passed by Congress on June 25, and Carter's subsequent order have raised as little fanfare as possible. Upon signing the appropriations bill, Carter refused to comment at all. With the order to resume registration, Carter gave a five-minute statement centered around the laughable idea that renewed conscription is meant "not to threaten war but to preserve peace," and emphasized the dubious assertion that he is "not in favor of a peacetime draft."

The mass media is only paying lip service to Carter's ridiculous rationalizations. A survey of the major national newspapers shows that the L.A. Times felt that Carter's order only merited a brief, page 6 article, although it affects the lives of four million Americans. The Washington Post relegated the news to a two-sentence announcement in their News in Brief section, and the N.Y. Times felt that Congressional appropriations for the draft was worthy of page 14 mention. The Christian Science Monitor, has yet to write an article longer than two sentences on the return of the draft.

Why this intense downplaying of what seems to be a major news story? Ob-

viously, the Carter administration and the Pentagon are running scared. In 1972 the draft system broke down because non-compliance was so widespread. According to the Central Committee for Conscientious Objection (CCO) between 1964 and 1973 over 219,000 men were reported to the Justice Department for refusing to register. Add to that the 370,000 men (50% of all registrants) who applied for C.O. status between 1970 and 1972, and you have one hell of a mess, as Nixon realized when he called off the draft in 1972.

Because of the Vietnam-era experience, plans for the new registration, and the draft when it comes, severely limit exemptions, and opportunities to gain C.O. status. In fact, one internal Selective Service document made public by Rep. Robert Kastenmeier (D-Wis) claimed that 42% of registrants in 1971 received C.O. classification. Los Angeles lawyer Bill Smith believes that the report's author, Major Don Guritz "deliberately overstated the percentage and actual numbers of Selective Service registrants classified as C.O.s during the Vietnam War to support his conclusion that the C.O. classification be severely restricted."

Carter has good reason to fear widespread resistance. The U.S. Student Association (USSA) recently issued a call "to all young men of the ages 19 and 20 to seriously consider refusing to comply with military draft registration." The USSA, which represents three million college and university students, stated, "The massive failure to register for the draft by patriotic youth of our country is necessary to prevent this unjust law from being enacted." They also announced a "full scale campaign to impede and prevent the return of the draft."

Numerous churches and church groups have announced various degrees of opposition to the new registration and the draft, including the Disciples of Christ, the Episcopal Church, the Sojourners, and activist ex-priest Phillip Berrigan. Also, the National Resistance Committee is gearing up for a series of nationwide demonstrations beginning on the weekend previous to resumption of registration.

On the legal front, the ACLU has filed suit in U.S. District Court of D.C., charging that draft registration is unconstitutional because it applies to men only. The lawsuit contends that exclusion of women is unconstitutional because it is not "substantially related to any important governmental objective," and takes note of support for registering women by Carter, the Department of Defense, and Selective Service Director Roster.

The strategy behind the lawsuit is that the administration would drop the whole issue if women were forced to register, for the subject would become too volatile. Another lawsuit being discussed, based on the same strategy, would contend age discrimination. The debate over the necessity and meaning of registration and the draft is far from closed. Proponents claim that registration would save valuable time, invoking those all-powerful words, "in case of national security emergency."

However, just one week before Carter announced his intention to renew registration, Selective Service Director Bernard Roster completed a report claiming that registration would save only seven days, and was too expensive and unnecessary. Pentagon officials have been split on the issue.

Much debate has focused on the draft itself. Though Carter claims up and down

that he is against the peacetime draft, opponents point out that we have never instituted registration without it leading to the draft and war. Milton Mayer of The Progressive sums up the argument:

"There is no war without an army. There is no army without conscription. There is no conscription without registration. And there is no registration—not with thirty minute ICBMs flying around—without advance registration. (There wouldn't be time to mobilize the advance registrants, so the registration has to be followed by peacetime conscription.)"

There seems to be no answer, with the radicals pointing at historical evidence, and all good Democrats standing firmly by the party line. For an unbiased opinion, one must look beyond the United States. Stanley Reynolds of the conservative British Manchester Guardian, says this about American draft registration:

"Registration would mean young Americans were all classified and ready to call up. It does not mean there would be a draft. Given five minutes examination you can see that this is ridiculous. It took, in my day, 18 weeks to create the greenest of troops, to complete nine weeks basic training and then another nine weeks so-called advance infantry training. Nowadays, with much more complex weaponry, the training is obviously going to take much longer, and it is obvious as well that if they register the men they are going to call them up no matter what they say now."

The question remains, if the draft is such a political hot potato, and it does not effectively meet the military's needs, why is Carter pushing it, especially in an election year? Reynolds offers one answer, when he says "the draft is returning because the generals have at last realized they need those smart-alec college boys because the volunteer army does not have the mental capacity to handle complicated weaponry."

Glenn Anderson of OCARD and the Thurston County Draft Counseling Center offered another explanation. He pointed out that this administration has led the nation into a recession. He claims that the draft, and the whole "get tough on Afghanistan" routine are part of a plea for "national unity" (words almost as ominous as "national security") in the face of a foreign crisis—a diversionary tactic to shift the nation's attention away from problems at home, at least until after the elections. Anderson added that many influential politicians, such as Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) have always opposed the volunteer army, and have pressed for the draft's return ever since it ceased in 1972.

Though there may not be one simple answer to the question of Carter's motives, one thing is certain. As activist Sidney Lens pointed out, "We aren't registering people just to see if they have good penmanship, we are registering people because they are going to be drafted! They are not going to be drafted before November, because that is election day, and Carter is liable to lose the election if he insists on drafting 2-4 million people."

## NOTES

### RESIST THE DRAFT

Come to a benefit for the Thurston County Draft Counseling Center for a mere \$2. On July 20, the eve before draft registration is scheduled to resume, Paul Becker presents an evening of guitar and folk singing at the Gnu Deli. Show your opposition to involuntary servitude! Show starts at 7:30.

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL PLANNING

Working persons and others interested in returning to college but unsure of how to set or achieve their academic objectives may want to consider a noontime course offered this summer by The Evergreen State College. Called "Educational Planning for Part-Time Students," the course begins July 22 and continues through August 21 at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays in downtown Olympia.

Course instructor Earlyse Swift currently serves as educational outreach coordinator at Evergreen. Her two-credit class will explore educational opportunities in Thurston County, including those available at Evergreen and other institutions of higher education which serve this area. "I'm not going to be pushing Evergreen," says Swift. "Instead, I want to encourage interested back-to-schoolers to explore what's available locally and select what best enables them to complete their education."

Preregistration for her class, which costs \$42, may be arranged by calling 866-6128 weekdays during regular working hours. Persons may also complete registration at the first class meeting at noon July 22 in State Office Building Two (DSHS), Conference room 48.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our old-fashioned ice cream social was such a success last year, we decided to make it a yearly event. Come join the fun on Friday July 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The place is Olympia's Sylvester Park on Capitol Way between Legion and 7th. There will be ice cream and cookies plus loads of musical entertainment, including the Harlequin Players with music from "The King and I," the Kitchen Band, the Blackberry Jammers, the Senior Center Singers, and the Olympia All City Band. Sponsored by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

### ESSAYS FOR PEACE

Unilateral Friendship is offering \$2,000 in prizes for essays of 1000 words or less on the following theme:

"The Drift Toward War Between the United States and Russia Seems Inevitable: What Fresh Ideas Could You Offer Toward a Constructive New Relationship Between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.?"

Participation is unrestricted. Essays will be judged for originality rather than literary excellence. Priority will be given to imaginative and heretofore unexplored approaches.

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All essays will become the property of Unilateral Friendship. The top 10 essays will receive wide international publicity.

Entries must be received by October 1, 1980. Judges' decisions will be final. Prizes will be awarded December 1, 1980.

### BANDSTAND 2000

We the producers, Michael Zwerin, Play Gutierrez and Ben Goldfarb, of "Bandstand 2000" need people to dance for the production. "Bandstand 2000" is an informal futuristic look at America's No. 1 discshow, American Bandstand. Our attempt is to show what we think American Bandstand will be in 20 years. The bands are Customer Service, from Evergreen, and the Beakers out of Seattle. The music is ultra modern and can only be placed in a class by itself.

This is an experimental production and will be closed to the public. The audience will be by invitation only.

If you are interested in dancing and want to hear the music we are using, feel free to come to an audition or any of the practices. Rehearsals are every Monday and Wednesday 7-9 p.m. in the 4300 lounge on the 4th floor of the library. For further information, you can contact: Micheal at 754-HEAT or Play at 866-0542 or leave name and number with the TESC S&A office.

### CITIZENS' PARTY

The Thurston County Citizens' Party will be holding a benefit spaghetti dinner on Friday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m. The dinner will be at 1521 Bowman—1 block up from the Co-op—at Bowman and Thomas streets. For \$3 there'll be spaghetti, salad, French bread, and music. Bring your own beverage. Tickets can be bought in advance by calling 943-8077, or on the night of the dinner.

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## Empire is a fun fantasy for all

by Ann Geddes

The same trumpets, the same print fading over the edge of the screen... But no, you haven't returned to Star Wars for the twelfth time. It's a new movie, The Empire Strikes Back, complete with new monsters, a new sage and an integrated cast.

When we last saw our heroes, everything was hunky dory. Luke and Solo received gold medals for a job well done. The Death Star blew up into so many hunks of metal forever floating through the universe. Yet Darth Vader, the arch-villain with throat problems, escaped.

Now, after three years and 19 million dollars, Vader returns with his evil empire reassembled. As in Star Wars, his hierarchy is based on fear and absolute obedience. Three of his admirals are Xed out for minor infractions within 20 minutes. Darth cannot tolerate mistakes, nor does he appreciate apologies. One wonders where he finds so many incompetent admirals.

The plot is simple. As in the original movie, Vader tracks our heroes back and forth across the universe. His decrepit ship hides in unexpected harbors. Darth

perseveres and the heroes are discovered, but not before Luke takes a Freudian plunge into his past and future. We are left doubting the sweet blond hero's ability to triumph over evil. This time there is no neatly packaged ending as in Star Wars. This movie leaves us in frustration just like all the old Batman and Robin reruns.

Now that Obe Wan is dead, another sage materializes to take Luke under his wing. Yoda, the small whimpering puppet is much more than he seems. The roll of his eyes seem too human to be a puppet's. (They were deliberately fashioned after Albert Einstein's.) His facial gestures, like that of a four-year-old boy or an eighty-year-old man, convince us that he cannot be make believe. Grover of Sesame Street has made the big time.

As a Jedi knight apprentice, Luke trains briefly with Yoda on a steamy jungle planet. Here he is given a true explanation of THE FORCE as taught by Yoda. However, Luke departs abruptly in mid-training and we are at a loss as to whether he will return. The answer, of course, lies another three years and unpeeped million dollars away.

Although the story line is generally

banal, relentless action obscures it even more. The film moves too fast for one to absorb the nuances of each particular scene. The animation is beautiful, but one barely has time to appreciate a new gargoyle before yet another figure appears. We are constantly being moved from planet to battle to stardip.

This is a good movie for children, it gives them a sort of pleasure that no Walt Disney movie or Saturday morning cartoon can. It sets them completely into another world, like a fond book read many times over.

Such a fantasy of good I find very soothing to the soul. Whether or not it has any basis in reality is beside the point. If the fantasy can make one believe that good can prevail, then it has proven its worth. At least on leaving the theater it makes me hope for it.



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