

A&M System

(continued from page 1) Tarleton State College and Prairie View A&M, all presently governed by a system board of directors headed by Clyde H. Wells of Granbury.

DeBusk's proposal, which, according to the Chronicle, would receive detailed study by the Coordinating Board of Texas campuses, such as UT at Arlington, UT at El Paso, UT at Dallas, UT at San Antonio and UT at Midland-Odessa.

"I am always amazed," DeBusk was quoted as saying "at the number of people who are willing to serve on these boards of regents, considering there is no pay for it."

"Under this concept, this Coordinating Board would retain overall supervision of the separate boards of regents.

"You'll say this is asking control and not coordinating, but this is not exactly it. There's no sense in 18 men (on the Coordinating Board) spending their time and there's no sense in having a staff just to give these people good paying jobs if we're

not effective." "If an institution or a system is stronger than the Coordinating Board, then there is no reason for use to be in existence."

The Chronicle also reported that DeBusk said the advocated tuition hikes based on the cost-of-living index. He was quoted as saying that tuition should be an escalating percentage of the cost, rather than a legislatively-fixed sum.

DeBusk, 55, was appointed to the Coordinating Board last October, the Chronicle said, and was elevated to the chairmanship Saturday.

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The Draft, 1970 Style

(continued from page 1) 1971 on, the draft pool will consist only of these men who become 19 before Jan. 1 of the year in which they are a member of the primary group, and those members of the deferred group whose deferment has expired.

Back to the deferred group. Obviously, none of them is subject to call during 1970. They don't get off free, though. The men in the group retain their original ranking, based upon the drawing last December, and assume that ranking upon losing their deferment. This is regardless of how many drawings have been held since the one in 1969 when they obtained their ranking.

For example: Bill Jones was born on Sept. 1 and was ranked no. 1 in the drawing for 1970. But he has a student deferment.

Assume that in the drawing for calendar year 1972, Sept. 1 is ranked 366, while Dec. 23 is ranked no. 1. During 1972, Jones loses his deferment for some rea-

son. Since he was ranked no. 1 by the drawing for 1970, the year in which he first became a member of the overall draft pool, Jones will be subject to call immediately, along with those born on Dec. 23 who are member of the 1972 draft pool.

If all those born on Dec. 23 and ranked no. 1 for 1972 have been drafted, Jones is called up.

If, by chance, not all those in his draft board who are ranked no. 1 for 1972 have been called yet, Jones will be ranked among those left according to the alphabetical drawing that was held for 1970, the year he became a member of the draft pool.

If all the men whose last names begin with the letter designated as no. 1 for 1972 and whose birthday is ranked no. 1 for 1972 have already been drafted, Jones, whose last name begins with the letter ranked no. 1 in the 1970 drawing, loses again—he will be drafted immediately.

The main point is that a man's draft ranking is determined by the drawing held for the year in which he becomes a member of the draft pool, no matter when he actually becomes a member of the primary group, those classified I-A or I-A-O and subject to induction.

Finally, for those who make it through a calendar year as a member of the priority primary group without being called up, the waiting is over: they will be assigned a lower draft classification, and will not be subject to call unless all men in the primary group are called up.

The new lottery system has some definite advantages for selective service registrants.

To begin with, a man's period of prime vulnerability is limited to the one year he is in the primary group. Also, his vulnerability is for a fixed length of time—one year now, instead of seven or more under the old system.

The established length of prime vulnerability, along with a man's knowledge of his lottery ranking, will enable him to better plan his life. He will know whether to enlist, go to school, get a job, marry, or do whatever else he wants to do.

One major criticism of the new system, aside from the criticism that it is an involuntary conscription system, arose soon after the drawing.

Mathematicians and scientists did some quick figuring after the December drawing, and found that the odds against the 1970 lottery ranking occurring again are 100,000 to 1.

In addition, they said, the average of the rankings of all the days within any given month should be equal or close to the average of all the rankings, 183, if indeed the distribution is random.

When the 1970 rankings were averaged by the month, only those months around the middle of the year approached the required 183. For the first months in the year, averages ranged as low as 150, and for those near the end of the year as high as 220.

Investigation revealed that when the capsules containing the days of the year were placed in the drawing box, they are placed in groups of a month. Little mixing was done.

As a result, a case pending in federal district court may require the Department of Defense to hold a new lottery, one that is truly random.

The basic lottery idea is a fair one, but the method of randomizing the days of the year is faulty. Instead of a hand drawing, the days of the year and letters of the alphabet should be fed into a computer program to produce a random sampling. In approximately two minutes, the most random distribution possible would be achieved.

Smith Clarifies 'Check List'

Lists of students who write bad checks to the university are not circulated off-campus, according to Robert Smith, assistant controller.

Smith clarified a statement attributed to Student Senator Joe Nix in the Jan. 13 edition of The Battalion.

"We (at the Fiscal Office) do not, nor have we ever circulated a 'Bad Check List' in Bryan or College Station, as the story says," Smith said. He added that though merchants ask for such a list "all the time," the university does not release it to other

than its own on-campus check-cashing facilities.

"We regard this as a matter between the student and the university. All the university is interested in is that the check is cleared," Smith explained.

Nix was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

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