

'Consider everyone' — Sec. Brown

# New draft might include women

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WASHINGTON — In a move that may anger some feminists but cheer others, Defense Secretary Harold Brown wants women as well as men signed up if the decision is made again to register young people for the military draft.

Brown made that point to the House Armed Services Committee Monday, making him the first administration official to take a position on the touchy issue.

"In that sort of emergency," he said, referring to the kind of crisis

he now sees as the only circumstance requiring involuntary induction, "you ought to consider everyone."

Discussion of resuming the draft has become more frequent because of problems in the all-volunteer military system adopted in 1973. With today's emphasis on women's rights, the discussion inevitably has included whether women should for the first time be drafted as well as men.

Some feminists say yes, others no.

Brown said his judgment on whether registered women should actually be called up for service "would have to wait a further examination of what assignment policies would be, and if the principal requirements were for combat forces."

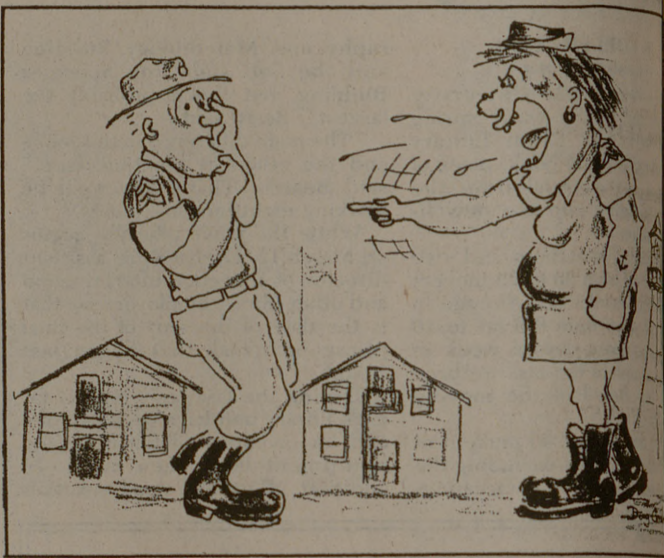
Right now, he feels most combat

jobs are not appropriate for women.

Brown made clear he does not feel draft calls are needed to man the military now. He said the administration hopes to decide later this year whether registration is again needed to speed up the mothballed draft system's crisis reaction time, and added, "We may not need to go that far."

That put him at odds with Gen. David Jones, the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, who said he definitely wants to bring back registration but would go slowly on actual inductions because "there were tremendous inequities in earlier drafts."

Jones refused to support Rep. G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery, D-Miss., who would like to draft 100,000 to 200,000 young men into the depleted Army reserves.



# Theft of MSC camera supplies prompts darkroom-use cutback

By JAMES HAMILTON  
Battalion Reporter

The Memorial Student Center Camera Committee, which lost photography equipment valued at more than \$2,000 in a recent burglary, is taking action to prevent future thefts.

The committee's photography studio and one of its two color darkrooms were ransacked during the Christmas break. Committee Chairman Cynthia Odom said the theft has forced the committee to set new hours on the darkrooms.

"The darkrooms had been open

24 hours in the past," Odom said, "but now they will be closed at midnight and opened at seven in the morning."

During that time, the MSC alarm system will be in operation on the main door leading to the studio and darkrooms, Odom said. She added that the main door will also be padlocked when the darkrooms are not in use and that the rooms will be closed during all holidays.

Karen Zantow, faculty adviser of the group, said that all door locks will also be refitted for new keys.

In the past, the committee has relied on those members using the darkrooms to report any damaged or missing equipment, but committee officers are now planning to run daily inventory checks on all the darkrooms.

"Until now, we have not felt the need to go in there and check everything ourselves," Zantow said.

Currently, committee members present their membership cards at

the MSC main desk in exchange for keys to the darkrooms. Because of the theft, Odom said, "We give them someone else's key, they would never know."

The main desk doesn't have names on the darkroom keys, Odom said. "You give them someone else's key, they would never know."

One solution the committee is considering is to have members check out keys through the Craft Shop, located across from the darkrooms. However, since the craft shop closes at 10 p.m. on weeknights, that would be another problem.

"In order to have the committee handling the keys," Zantow said, "we would have to increase the hours of the craft shop so we could be open longer. That means a budgetary consideration. We are prepared at this point to do those extra hours."

The committee is also considering installing a switch-activated main door, but no plans have been made yet.

Chairman Odom said that approximately one-fourth of the committee's total supply of photography equipment was stolen.

The stolen items included a press camera valued at about \$265, a Polaroid camera valued at about \$100, and other items.

"The theft has set us back financially at least one semester," Odom said. "Also, we were planning to start a check-out system for our equipment, but now we have just no way."

The theft has also forced the committee to cancel a student photography class it was offering this semester.

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"There was a camera on the wall," Sgt. J. S. Stittiam said. "I picked it up to look at it, and the flash went off, and I was scared and dropped it on the floor." James Herron said about the camera after his house was burglarized Dec. 12, but he did not use them all until last week when they had the film developed.

"They got the pictures before there was his picture," Stittiam said. "I wish we had some kind of like this on all our burglaries."

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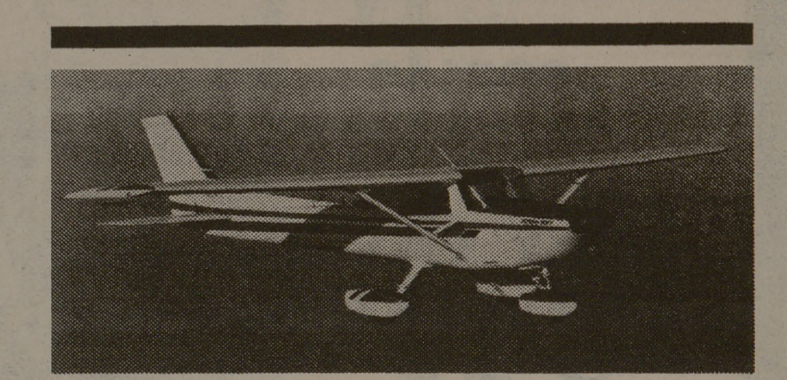
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