

Draft discussed in April Fool's debate

By LAURA RUTHERFORD
Sports Reporter

The draft would be reinstated if the majority of the people at Tuesday's First Annual April Fool's Debate had their way.

Sponsored by the Texas A&M University Debating Society, the debate was open to anyone. The majority opinion was not a result of an abundance of Corps members: of the 35 people in attendance, only three were cadets. Most of those supporting the pro-draft position were women.

Two debate team members gave speeches and then the floor was opened for audience debate.

Jimmy Jolly opened the debate with a speech opposing the draft. Jolly, a junior management major, said there are two points to consider about the draft:

— practicality: the all-volunteer forces are working, and
— morality: the draft is involuntary servitude and threatens democracy.

Jolly said the military services are hiring a higher percentage of high school graduates, and intelligence test scores for recruits have been rising while scores for the population as a whole have been dropping.

Jolly said the draft violates the 13th and 14th amendments which

prevent involuntary servitude and require due process of law.

"The day that this country has to enslave its youth in the guise of preserving democracy is the day that democracy flies out the window," Jolly said.

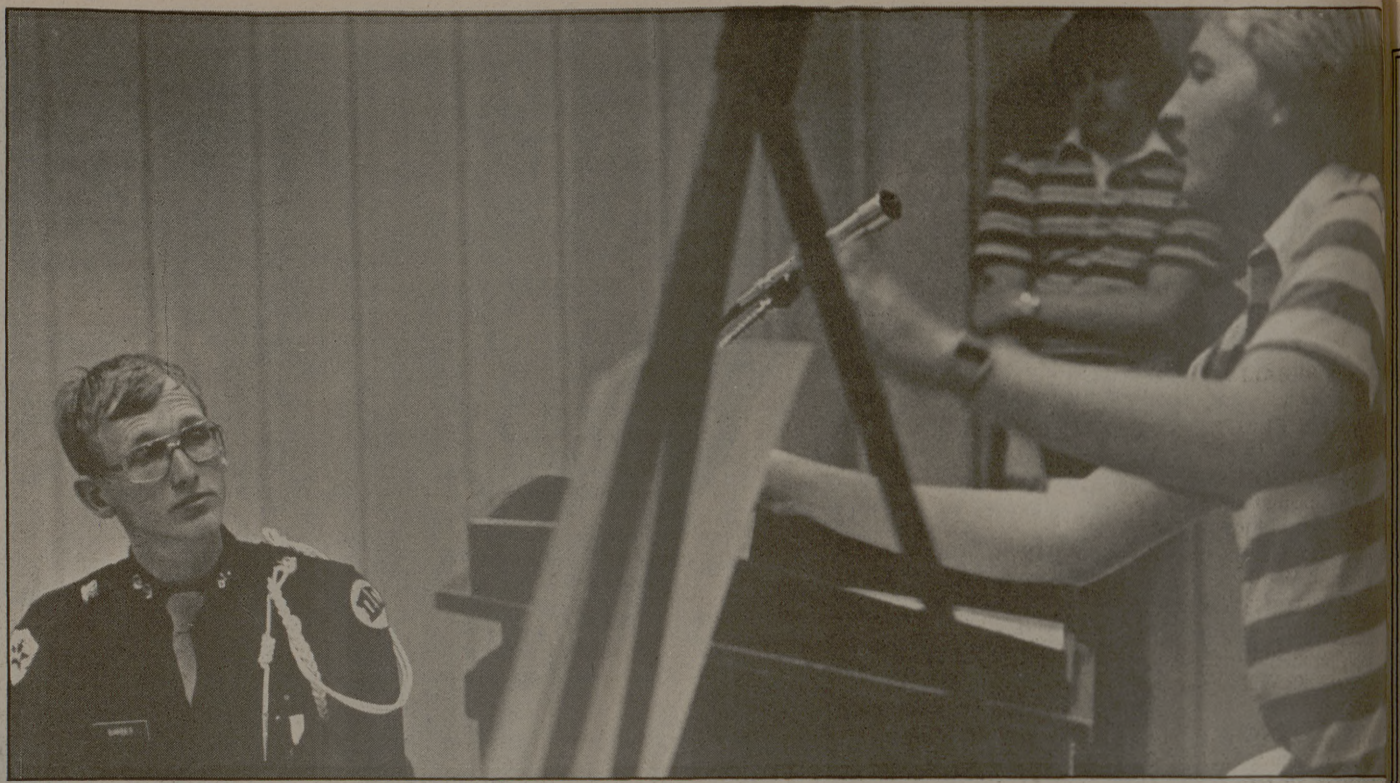
Keith Barber, a senior psychology major, supported the draft and registration.

He said the United States is becoming a patsy compared to the Soviet Union's military power and U.S. all-volunteer forces are failures. The army is outnumbered and inadequately equipped compared to the Soviet Union, which has the world's largest and best-equipped army.

Barber said the United States cannot rely on its nuclear power for security because the Soviet Union has surpassed the United States.

Barber said the all-volunteer army is not working because:
— the United States is not getting the number of recruits needed in the reserve and active forces.
— the quality of recruits is becoming unacceptable.

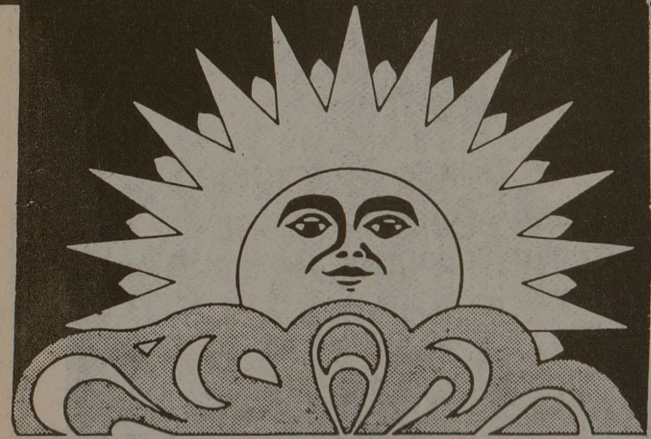
"We live in one of the freest, most rights-filled societies in the world," Barber said. "Perhaps we have forgotten that with every freedom, with every right goes an equal responsibility, perhaps the time has come for more emphasis of our responsibilities."



Senior Keith Barber cast a questioning look at debate foe Jim Jolly. In a debate over reinstatement of the draft in the United States, Barber took a pro-draft position and Jolly presented an anti-draft view.

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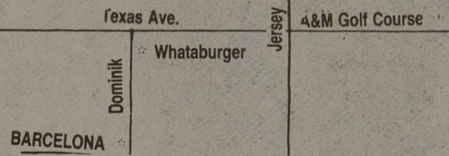
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3 men exonerated in yell leader race

By CAROL HANCOCK

Three candidates for Texas A&M University yell leader came close to being removed from the ballot Friday because they were thought to be campaigning illegally.

Flyers promoting Mark Outlaw, Ed Franza and Norris Hodgins were placed in mailboxes for Commons residents Friday morning. The flyers were confiscated by election officials before most of them had been picked up by residents.

Election Commission Chairman Bruce Russell said the committee first thought the three would have to be removed from the election ballot. After going through the election regulations, Russell said there was nothing that specifically said placing flyers in mailboxes was against campaign regulations.

Russell said it appears to be an implied regulation since interfering with the United States mail is a federal offense. In this instance, however, Outlaw, Hodgins and Franza did not commit a federal offense. After the mail is delivered to the University, it becomes the University's property and the University is responsible for its delivery to the Commons mailboxes.

The three were not removed from the ballot but Outlaw and Franza, current junior yell leaders, were told they could not campaign actively and had to take down flyers in University classroom buildings. Hodgins was not allowed to campaign for the remainder of that day.

Outlaw and Franza filed an appeal with the University Judicial Board and an appeals meeting was scheduled for Sunday night. The decision was rescinded by the Election Commission, however, and the appeal was dropped. Outlaw and Franza were allowed to put their signs and flyers back up and to continue campaigning.

Franza said neither he nor the others were aware the practice was against election regulations.

He said a friend who worked in Commons had received permission to distribute the flyers and asked to help the three. Both he and Outlaw approved the idea of putting them in mailboxes, Franza said. Hodgins was not aware of the situation.

"We had heard that many of the dorms publicized parties by putting flyers in mailboxes. We figured passing out our flyers would be no different," Franza said.

Russell said changes will be made to clarify the regulations.

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Health commissioner says unspecified funding needed

United Press International
AUSTIN — The commissioner of the Texas Department of Health Tuesday said categorical funding is preventing agency employees from performing more than one job.

Dr. Robert Bernstein told a House Health Services subcommittee that most of the department's \$182 million yearly funding is specified, and prevents employees from working in more than one of the agency's 32 programs. He said consolidation cannot be fully achieved under the present funding formula.

Bernstein acknowledged the

health department has had some management and personnel problems in recent months, but said they had been rectified.

Rep. Gonzalo Barrientos, Austin and the subcommittee chairman, said the panel was not conducting an investigation of the health department, but was only seeking an overview of health services in Texas.

Bernstein said the health department is currently running 296 public health clinics around the state and another 95 mobile or part-time clinics.



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