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Air Force calls in college debt

Co-ed pays for earlier mistake

United Press International
DENVER — A college student attributes her experiences as a draftee in the Air Force to military red tape.

Cathy Moyer, 22, a student at the University of Colorado at Denver, was ordered to report to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio on Aug. 18.

Moyer admits she made a mistake, but didn't think she should be made to pay for it by being ordered to active duty.

Moyer's story began in the summer of 1979, when she transferred from Northeastern Junior College in her hometown of Sterl-

ing to the University of Colorado at Boulder.

She had wanted to go to medical school but couldn't afford it until she discovered the Air Force offered scholarships for qualified students.

"The Air Force would pay two years of my tuition as an undergraduate and all of my medical school," Moyer said. "I was looking at \$16,000 in debt. It seemed like a good deal."

The Air Force, of course, wanted something for its money — a commitment to serve when the student completed school.

She took the test, passed with

high marks and was awarded the scholarship.

Moyer signed a contract with the Air Force, agreeing to serve once she graduated. A clause in the contract stipulated she could be called to active duty if she discontinued school or otherwise violated its provisions.

"I was told about the clause in the contract, but they also told me I didn't have to worry about it being enforced," she said.

Moyer started school at Boulder in the fall of 1979, but changed her mind about attending medical school.

Her grades fell that spring and she lost her scholarship. She says Air Force ROTC officials contacted her and told her she could enter the Air Force if she desired, or she could leave the ROTC without any obligation.

Moyer, who says she opted to leave, says she didn't hear anything definite from the Air Force until she received a phone call on Jan. 14 from a ROTC officer.

"He told me I would be called to active duty when I graduated," she said.

Moyer also thought a knee con-

dition might qualify her for a medical disenrollment.

Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., wrote a letter to the Air Force, offering to have Moyer take a physical in Denver to prove that her knee condition would disqualify her. Moyer also offered to pay back the \$1,800 in tuition and fees the scholarship had paid.

At Lackland, Moyer's knees became so painful she could barely walk, and she was placed in the base hospital. She was given a medical discharge and left the base after being there just eight days.

Democrat takes Republican plunge

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WASHINGTON — Republican National Chairman Richard Richards says three or four more Democratic congressmen are negotiating to change parties in the wake of the decision by Rep. Eugene Atkinson to join the GOP.

Atkinson, in his second term representing a steel-mill district outside Pittsburgh carried by Jimmy Carter last year, announced Wednesday his party switch in the White House Rose Garden with President Reagan at his side.

Atkinson consistently backed Reagan's budget and tax cuts and reportedly pegged his decision on hopes of winning a favorable reap-

portionment ruling from the GOP-dominated Pennsylvania Legislature next month.

Atkinson said: "The modern Democratic Party bears no resemblance to the one I proudly joined many years ago."

As Republicans downed roast beef, clams and oysters on Capitol Hill, Richards predicted more Democratic conversions.

"We have several people talking to different (Democratic) members," Richards said in an interview.

"There are three or four more," he said. But he said announcements of other conversions would not be soon.

Richards declined to identify the potential converts, but the Washington Post quoted White House and GOP political strategists Thursday as saying the most likely candidates are Reps. Larry McDonald of Georgia, Richard Shelby of Alabama and Ronald Mottl of Ohio.

Mottl denied he was considering a switch, saying in a House speech cheered by his Democratic colleagues: "I'm very proud to be a Democrat and will remain a Democrat."

Atkinson told the crowd his conversion was "a new beginning for me, and I hope what is a new beginning under the policies of

President Reagan."

While Atkinson was at the White House, the House voted to defeat Reagan's \$8.5 billion Saudi Arabian arms package. He co-sponsored the proposal, but an aide said he was not able to make it back to Capitol Hill in time to cast his first vote as a Republican — against Reagan.

Rep. Tony Coelho, D-Calif., chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said of Atkinson: "Anyone who switches from supporting Senator Kennedy to the party of Ronald Reagan obviously has a case of political schizophrenia."

Counting Atkinson's switch, the breakdown in the House is 242 Democrats and 192 Republicans.

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, D-Mass., belittled the turn of events.

"Gene who?" he asked with a

wry smile. "You can see he's made quite a mark around here."

Nelson is on the road again; lung recovers and pigtails grow

United Press International
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Country music singer Willie Nelson, cancelled his concert tour last month after his lung collapsed, to let his pigtails grow long again and to resume the tour.

While in Nashville attending the annual country music awards week, Nelson said he cut his pigtails while recuperating from the collapsed lung he suffered during a vacation in Hawaii.

"I had a lot of tubes running into me and the pigtails kept getting in the way of the tubes so I cut 'em off," Nelson said.

About his Hawaiian vacation, Nelson said: "I went there for some relaxation but I guess I must have overdone it. I feel just great

now. "I'll be playing some Texas dates starting Nov. 11 — places such as San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Amarillo, Lubbock — and

then head to Las Vegas for a two-week engagement at Caesar's Palace," he said.

Nelson said he's also planning two movie projects during 1982.

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