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because of the danger of getting myself into trouble. They were not worth it.

Q: Now that you are out of the army what can you say about the organization and the men who run it?

A: The professional military men are a different class of people, I think. I don't want to speak of all military men, everywhere, but the military men I met in the United States Army were characterized by an unbelievable lack of imagination and no subjective thought processes. I thought them unimaginative, indoctrinated, insensitive, meglomaniac individuals.

I would describe the military organization in general like a grease factory that produces enough grease to run the factory. The military performs no service, they even need civilian help on the bases to push around the paper work. The military is in a constant effort to justify its own existence.

Q: How do you feel about the draft evaders?

A: I believe they should have repatriation ... I don't feel that they committed any crime in deserting from the military or not heeding the draft call when we were fighting the Vietnam War. How can you penalize people for not participating in something that you feel is wrong?

Q: How do you feel about America getting involved in Vietnam?

A: I thought it was foolish. I thought it was a waste of money and lives. Just glad I didn't waste my life doing it.

Q: Do you think America could have won the war?

A: In the sense of completely destroying the enemy, yes. To do so would entail going into North Vietnam and paving it over, either through air attack or ground troops. But then they would have brought the Chinese in on it and it would get really messy after that.

Now, the only thing that's changed over there is that a lot of non-American lives are being wasted now. It is regrettable that we're still pouring sand down the rathole. Still pouring in more dollars, getting more people killed, not achieving anything. We should just pull out and let the people settle their own conflict.

Q: How do you now view America and Americans?

A: Americans tend to be egotistical, they think that a few more million dollars, a few more troops and we were going to have a just resolution to the conflict. It was a question of pride, we had committed ourselves and we were not going to back down, even when it was in our best interest to do so.

I now look at America in a more realistic light. I think by America's largeness, her power, when she does make a mistake it's a royal mistake. I think there are a lot of sick things wrong with the country, but I haven't seen anything better as far as other countries go. I don't think that there is any other country in the world that has such a claim to virtue that it would be a better place to live in than the United States. I like Canada, but I think that Canada's basically the same as the States in a lot of ways. Canada hasn't had the chance to screw up as royally as the United States. Sometimes I'm tickled when I hear Canadians say that they don't think they could screw up as bad as the United States.

I'm sure if Canada called her boys to go fight in some war a lot of people would just go fight cause their country called them. Just like in the States.



Dal Soccer 1974

Dalhousie Tigers soccer team were in Montreal Nov. 9th weekend competing in the National Intercollegiate soccer championships. They arrived on the Loyola Campus on Thursday evening and immediately got the impression that they were the underdogs from way down east, as it is assumed by the soccer playing fraternity throughout Canada that the standard of soccer in Atlantic Canada is poor and non competitive.

How wrong this assumption turned out to be. The first game on Friday saw Dalhousie take a convincing win over the Manitoba Bisons of 3-1. The other universities began to take a second look at the Tigers. Saturday's game was against the University of British Columbia who were confident they could beat Dalhousie by 5 goals. However, the Tigers put on a superb performance

for the fans and up until 15 minutes from the final whistle there was still no score. A lapse in concentration allowed U.B.C. to slot one goal and that was enough to put them into the final.

The result of that game earned Dalhousie a spot in the final of the consolation round, and on Sunday they met Manitoba Bisons again. This was a closer game and after extra-time the score was still 0-0. The Tigers then

went on to win by penalty kicks.

The series of games in Montreal has showed the rest of Canada that the quality of soccer in the Maritimes is not so bad after all, especially when the majority of the Tigers team are local boys compared with the dominance of Europeans in the other teams.

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