

Draft dodgers can't dodge new draft

DENVER (CPS-CUP) - Remember President Ford's clemency program for Vietnam War draft resisters and military deserters? The program that was going to "bind up the nation's wounds?"

More than a year after its inception and several months after its official expiration, the results of that program are in.

The program that would give draft resisters the right to earn their way back into the American fold failed. Miserably. And yet, at the same time, a bill in the Senate that would give the other major approach a chance - total amnesty for those whose only crime was to op-

pose an illegal and immoral war - has almost no chance of even reaching the Senate floor.

Of more than 113,000 men eligible to apply for clemency, less than 22,000 - or about 2 percent - applied. And only 14,000 received pardons.

Under President Ford's program, those eligible for pardon include draft resisters in exile, those who had been convicted and given prison sentences for draft resistance, military deserters still at large, and servicemen who had gone AWOL and been prosecuted and/or given dishonorable discharges. A person would apply for a pardon, go before either

the Department of Defense or the US Justice Department, and be allotted up to two years of alternative service. He would also have to reaffirm his loyalty to the US Constitution.

As soon as the clemency program went into effect, a boycott among draft resisters in Canada and other places was organized, protesting the idea that these people were criminals who had to be punished for their actions.

The program was also plagued by an enormous dropout rate. Of the 4500 military deserters who turned up for the process, almost 3000 dropped out.

A bill introduced by Senator Philip Hart (D-Mich) which calls for total amnesty for draft resisters and for deserters of the Vietnam War era (designated from August 1964 through March 1973) is stuck in the Senate Judiciary Committee with little chance of ever reaching the Senate floor, much less of passing.

The Hart Bill, which is co-sponsored by five liberal Democrats and one Republican, would give total amnesty to all civilian draft resisters and military deserters, and to all civilians and military personnel convicted of draft resistance, desertion, or absenteeism from the armed services.

Those few resisters still in prison would be released, and their sentences waived. All official records of the charges or convictions of these people would be expunged.

But "the prospects seem just about nil," said an aide to Hart. "Nobody wants to commit themselves, not even liberals."

PANDAS BASKETBALL, from page 10

troops were probably thankful that the Pandas had only 40 minutes to perform their homicide on the Calgary club. Pandas literally blew Dinnies off the court and racked up their highest point total of the year and the most by any team in the CWUAA in league action this year.

Pandas picked the Calgary zone apart throughout the game and led 39-26 at the half. The second half was mainly used for the Panda subs to see some action. In fact everyone got at least one bucket except starter Deena Mitchell. Holloway who increased her lead in the scoring race, added 54 points in the two games, 32 on Saturday. Chris Leiske had 16, Kathy Weber 11 and Karen Johnson 10. Jacky Shaw led Calgary with 10 points.

The Dinnies shot 31% compared to Pandas 34% (33/96). Pandas hit on 23/34 on the foul line with Calgary connecting on 14/24.

Baha'i seminar debates justice

A talk on the application of law and the ideals of justice was given by Brian Murdoch on campus last Thursday. Murdoch is a graduate in law from the University of Alberta, and now is an instructor in law at Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton. His talk began with a review of some of the most urgent problems of legal practise as he saw them and related the solutions of these problems to the teachings of his faith, Baha'i.

Murdoch saw law developing under two influences: the need for justice in interactions between people, and the need for certainty.

In the Baha'i teachings, justice is valued the most highly and to Murdoch, a reiteration of this ideal is badly needed in current legal practise. However, in theory at least, our courts strive for justice, so a reiteration of this purpose only is not adequate to achieve reform. Instead, the process by which decisions are made should be analysed.

One interesting aspect of last Thursday's talk was that Baha'is do not use precedents in arriving at decisions but consider each case to be unique. In order to give coherence

to the application of law, uniform standards must be applied to legal decisions. In current legal practise, this is done by the use of precedents. A judgment that sentenced a burglar to five years in prison in the past would be referred to in a contemporary case and a current offender would be sentenced to five years, too. Again, the problem of rigidity appears as a complex pattern of precedents developed over the years that becomes confusing and unwieldy. In the Baha'i approach, flexibility is maintained by replacing precedents with broadly applicable spiritual principles so that the decision-

making process is shaped by law and given goals by the application of spiritual principles.

This talk is the first in a series the Baha'i group on campus plan to present for this coming semester wherein they will relate the teachings of their

faith to current problems and topics of interest. The next such discussion will be a talk called "The Community as Therapy" on Feb. 10th. It will be given by Paul Bujold, a psychology major at the U of A and will deal with community development around certain goals and principles.

MEN'S ATHLETICS, from page 9

Men's Intramural Program as the Physical Education Unit Manager and have made a point to learn and understand the workings of this organization. As a participant in hockey at the Intercollegiate level in my first year and subsequent contact with the Golden Bears teams in my second and third years, I understand many problems of Intercollegiate teams.

As a result I am willing to work with these people to

resolve the problems as efficiently as possible. These qualifications and willingness to work with active people in athletics at all levels will be of great benefit to me in the position of Men's Athletics.

I encourage all U of A students to make sure their views are properly represented on UAB and Students' Council.

Larry Wall
president of men's athletics

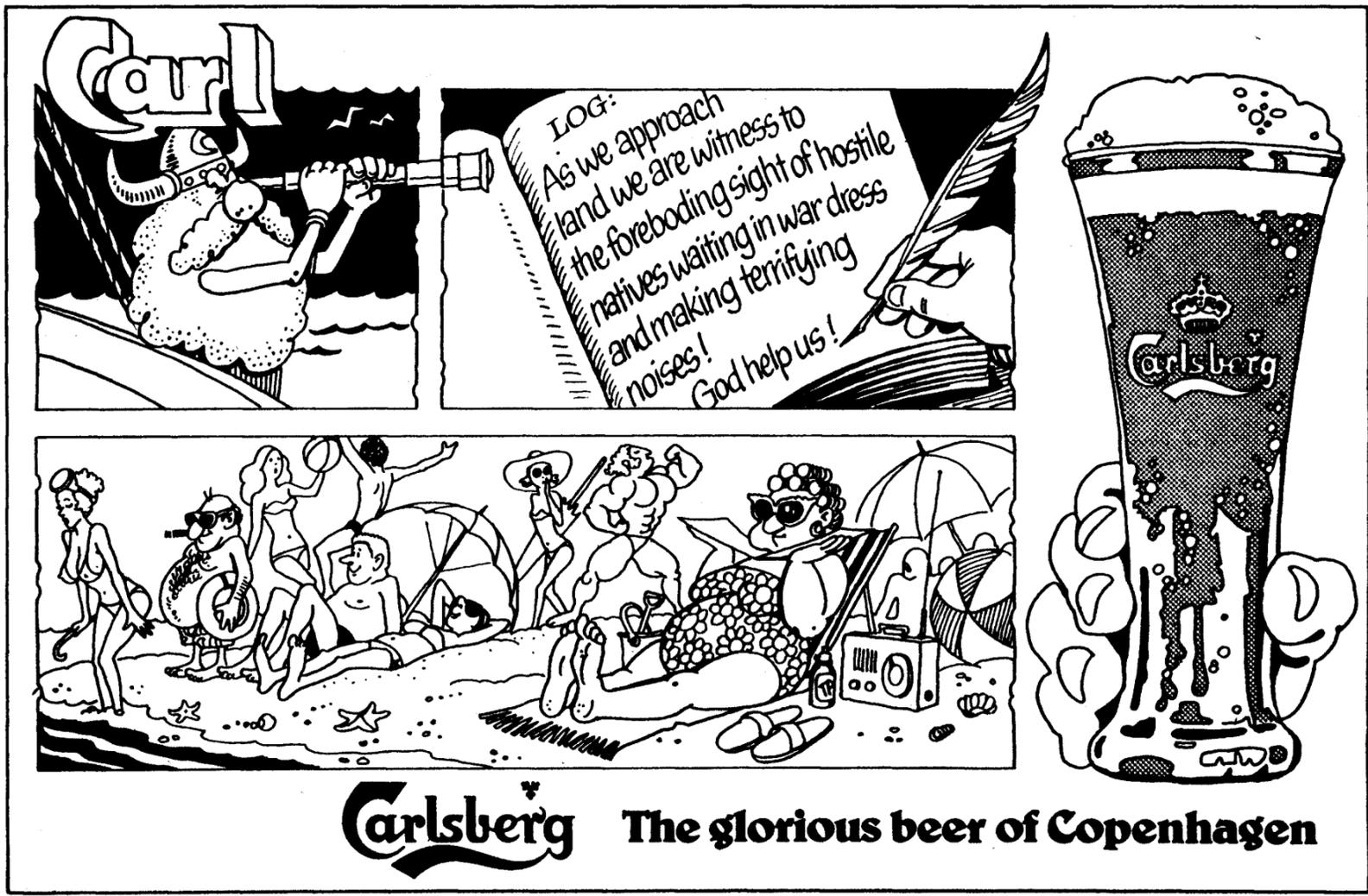
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