

Editorial

Barricading the road to Moscow

Although the decision to withdraw American athletes from the Moscow Summer Olympics is a disturbing one, it is a necessary one.

In response to the recent Russian take over of Afghanistan, President Carter has countered with various non-militaristic moves to warn the Soviet Union that its aggression will not go unheeded. One of these involve boycotting, moving, postponing or cancelling the Moscow Olympics if Russian troops do not leave Afghanistan before Feb. 20. The proposal most likely to occur seems to be a United States boycott of the games.


It is no secret that politics have always intertwined with the Olympics throughout their history. The 1936 Berlin games were surrounded by Hitler's Aryan and Nazi propaganda while the 1956 Melbourne Olympics were held despite Russia's invasion of Hungary. The 1972 games were marred in Munich by the political killings of 11 Israeli athletes by Palestinian terrorists and in the 1976 Montreal Olympics 32 African nations withdrew due to an objection over racial segregation in South Africa.

The United States boycott of the Russian Olympics is intended to not only indicate American disapproval but to also encourage other nations to recognize and subsequently act upon the Russian threat. With the absence of American athletes, the Moscow Olympics would be a sham; with the supportive boycott of other nations as well, the Olympics would be a farce. This would not only destroy any Soviet exploitation of the Olympics but would also force the Soviet Union to reconsider their position on international affairs.

A U.S. boycott is obviously difficult for the American athletes who have trained so strenuously in the past years to accept. Yet they need to realize that the future welfare of their nation is, on the whole more important than any personal ambitions that they may have. They must accept that their primary roles as American citizens precedes their function as athletes. As Olympic athletes they represent the U.S. in competition, as well as in their nations policies.

It is important for the American public and athletes to put the Olym-

pics in its proper perspective. The Olympics are intended to be a competitive athletic event between trained athletes, no more and no less. If the withdrawal from a simple sporting event can help maintain world peace, then it seems that the goal is more than worth the price.



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Registers Military Objectors

The Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors has announced that they are registering individuals who are opposed to participation in the military.

Larry Spears, director of CCCO's youth and Conscientious Objection Campaign, says, "The need for young people to go on record as conscientious objectors to war has never been greater than it is today."

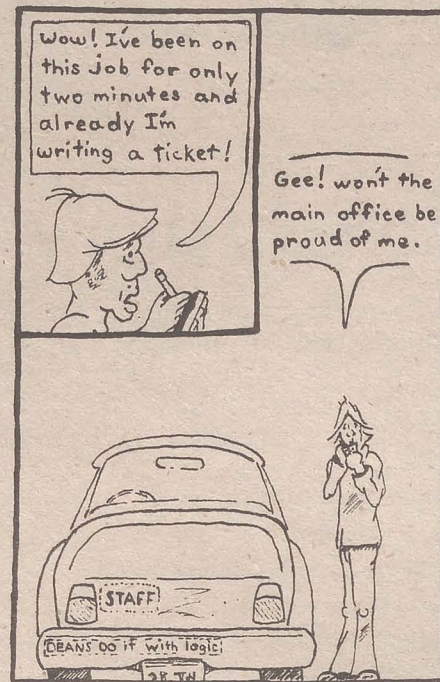
According to Spears, "There is a very real possibility that Congress will pass a bill, after the 1980 elections, requiring the mandatory registration of young people with Selective Service. Young Americans should start thinking about whether they could participate in the military."

Spears says the CCCO has already registered several thousand young people through its conscientious objection card. "These cards are available from CCCO, P.O. Box 15796, Philadelphia, PA 19103. They simply state 'Because of my beliefs about war, I am opposed to participation in the military.'"

According to Betty Alexander, a National Selective Service spokesperson in Washington, the cards could carry a lot of weight in con-

Campus Strip

by John Holcomb



Prostitutes less visited

Prostitutes are visited by two percent of today's college men while 20 years ago 30% visited prostitutes, according to Yale sex counselors Lorna and Philip Sarrel.

Nudes brave the cold

Cathy Mason, Editor

With the presidential thermostat turndown to a chilly 65*, and the chill of a Michigan winter, it is definitely cold out. Yet if you think the average citizen is cold, then what about the average nude citizen? Most of us combat the colder indoor temperatures by piling on the clothes, but in this area, nudists face a real dilemma.

This reporter decided to investigate first-hand the problems of the "nudies."

As I drove to Camp Bare Point, a community of 50 nude men, women and children, 5 miles west of Posen, I contemplated my ambivalent feelings toward nudity. I have been raised to believe that people with no clothes on belong either in the bathroom or the bedroom. Yet, it certainly is very comfortable, except when sitting on a metal folding chair. It certainly seems healthy, if you don't catch pneumonia. It is also very embarrassing, many things are much nicer when covered up. It's great for pictures, paintings, and sculptures. Nudity seems more appropriate for reflections of reality, than reality itself.

The big question I pondered was "Why would anyone want to run around without any clothes on anyway?" With the conclusion being that "anyone who would run around without any clothes on is either communistic or exhibitionistic!"

Dr. Awfully Bare, founder of Camp Bare Point, set me straight on the issue of nudity. He almost (blush) converted me.

Dr. Bare answered my queries, "I don't know a single nude communist." The majority of nudes are loyal, patriotic American citizens. Nudity is a truly democratic philosophy: everyone is equal without their clothes on.

Nudity, he claims, displays these virtues: honesty, economy, and ecological awareness. Nudity is the absolute expression of honesty because the practitioners of this philosophy cannot cover their feelings by wearing clothes. Because "nudies" wear no clothes, they save hund-

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