Avoiding the draft not always taboo

Don Wallis came home recently for a few days of "rest and relaxation." He explained that, as thousands of other young men in this country are being conscripted into the military, he is serving a two-year "hitch" at Alta Bates Community Hospital in Berkeley. His job is the same as any civilian, but he is an Army base. He and everyone else here has signed exemption from regular military duty because his draft board judged him to be a "conscientious objector" to war.

"I considered it to be my right," Wallis said. "I don't think there is anything wrong with the idea of the draft being a positive service to him, and I couldn't envision making any contribution to a system that would be unrighteous to me.

While he recognizes the need for strict discipline in the military, he decided his values were not to be compromised. His values, he said, "were not, and I think they still are, killing or supporting those who are.

Under present draft laws, a CO may select a hospital from a board-approved list of hospitals and apply for employment on his own. But the hospitals must be in the patient's own community or in his own county. "You have to believe it's a real hardship," Wallis said. "Leaving your home and going to Berkeley, I can show that you can live a decent life and do something for the citizens of your community.

Sweeping floors and general janitorial duty is not his idea of helping citizens of his country. "Maybe Hershey feels that's doing something, but I don't, and the people I work with don't either."

The people he works with feel he is wasting his college experience to "kill or support those who kill.

"Academically, I am losing something . . . missing something," he explained. "But I can't say this is a complete waste of time because as a human being I'm still experiencing things."

At present, Don Wallis is a student at Cal State Polytechnic College. He is serving a two-year "hitch" because he considers it his right to do so. He is not against the draft, but he feels it is necessary for the country to have some form of mandatory service.

Tours planned for summer

To help make the summer pass a little faster and to offer a variety of experiences to students, the Summer Programs Committee has scheduled two summer tours.

The first tour is scheduled for Saturday, August 9, to take in a football game at Stanford. The program will be leaving early Saturday morning with the group will be taken to downtown San Francisco where they will be "turned loose" for the duration of the day and evening.

The cost of bus transportation will be approximately $4 per person. The program received a $200 subsidy by ASI. Not included in the cost will be the tickets to the game and expenses while in the city. There will be free or discounted tickets provided by the Giants.

The second tour is scheduled for Saturday, August 16. It will be an excursion to Hearst Castle in San Simeon.

In order to be eligible for the summer tours, you need only be a student attending Cal Poly during the Spring Quarter. The three-day trips are needed to reserve the bus.

Lunch and last year's summer tours were not as successful as the committee had expected they would be. He suggested that most trips had been planned, and also that people waited until the last minute to sign up for the tours.
The earth returned to crud

The night poured layers of water on the cracked concrete and crumbling tenement houses. Beth slid out of her sandals and walked the rainy streets.

She stopped by a vacant lot to watch the heavy rain turn chuckholes into seas. A small flower leaned its face into the mud and debris of the lot. Beth dug her slender hand beneath the fragile plant, uprooted it, and padded back onto the walk.

At home, she carefully deposited the flower in an old jelly jar. She built a fire and fell asleep watching her pedaled friend quiver in the glow.

The morning was sunny and warm. Beth skipped back to the mucky lot, carrying her revitalized flower. She found an old rake and cleared a small area for the plant.

She ignored the young people who passed by the lot with anti-war signs and literature. She never cared for politics or exhibitionistic crusading.

The group saw Beth planting her single flower, laid their political things in the mire, and began clearing areas for other little flowers that had been beaten by the storm.

Soon the crud began to look like earth. People gathered smooth stones from the ocean and made borders around the fledgling flowers.

A corner grocer donated money for shrubs, small trees and a colorful variety of flowers. He came to the lot after work to help the people plant. Days passed and the fences fell down. A nearby fraternity brought sod in a rented truck. The thick green carpet gave children and strollers a place to enjoy. Beth often stayed the night in the sweet softness of clover and tulips.

In a few weeks a fence went up. It was a cold fence of tough mesh and high barbed wire. A masked army surrounded the fence with bayonets. They told Beth and her friends the land belonged to someone else.

The group who had forgotten their anti-war signs made new ones about the park. Hundreds of people swarmed and milled.

The army sprayed poison gas at the people from above and shot them with guns from below. Then soldiers doused people with high-pressure water hoses. The fence stayed up, the flowers and trees came out, and the sod was trampled. The high pressure water made new seas of the old chuckholes. The earth returned to crud.

Beth wept as the sun dimmed and black clouds began to pour rain. Down the street she found another filthy lot with a small flower bending in the storm.

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We walked that spring-lit afternoon
Among old graves on a western hill,
Scratched out the moss from meaningless names,
Talked some of man and wife
Who died thirty years apart,
And watched fine horses grazing sunlight
from the slopes.

We drove into the valley,
Stopped for coffee and talk,
But the people claimed to be
New-comers strangers in the West.

We were silent, but we knew
It is those upon the hill who are
the strangers.
Their names are no more than those baked in clay
And lost among the rubbish heaps of Egypt.
Even the little sumpadren where they stand
Belongs to the spring and the blossoms on the shrubs.
To birds that nest,
To fine horses and the curious traveler.

Many nights since I have listened
but not heard
The five-foot sound of wheels
that rattle down the past.—John F. Kerr

CATA visit

Cattle boats and farm talk
were common fare during the
50th annual meeting last week of
the California Agricultural Teacher's Association. The week
was filled with vocationally-
oriented activities for the teachers.

The theme for the convention
was "Fifty Golden Years—Foundation for the Future." The pur-
pose of the meeting was to allow
the teachers a chance to get to-
gether and discuss their mutual
problems and ways of solving them.

There were about 420 instruct-
ors from junior colleges and high
schools from throughout the
state. A series of meetings dealt
with many phases of agriculture.

Mail hang-up

A problem arose during the
past year that few students were
aware of. The question was
where do foreign students re-
ceive mail since the campus Post
Office is being torn down.

All president Paul Kresge
explained that many foreign stu-
dents move frequently, and as a
result have no permanent mail-
ings address except for their
campus post office box. Since
the Post Office is being torn
down this summer there are no
boxes available for the foreign
students, thus no way of receiv-
ing mail.

Both president Robert Ken-
nedy and Kresge tackled the
problem and solved it by pro-
curing the Foreign Student Of-
cice as a mail dispatching point.

Kresge also expressed concern
for the group of foreign stu-
dents as a whole. They comprise ap-
proximately eight per cent of the
student body. He has talked with
many foreign students who feel
their voice in student govern-
ment is limited and no one lis-
tens to their ideas.

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families lived in the dorms where
accommodations were made avail-
able. The convention was termi-
nated with a chicken barbecue
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