

John Wooden

Chalk Talk

By Tommy Grant

Most college coaches build teams to win, but former UCLA head coach John Wooden built teams for character; winning was a side effect.

John Wooden, and English major from Purdue and All-American basketball player, spoke at the December 16 GET SET Convocation. His message to students was both exciting and inspiring.


All championship teams were very sound academically as well as athletically. Wooden stated that, "If they don't have the grades forget them." In Wooden's mind, the athlete would have to be a student first; there were no special cases under Wooden.

Becoming a great coach did not come overnight for Wooden. After every season he would pick a topic under basketball and study that topic until next season -- and this is a man who has been coaching for over forty years. He stated that he would try to build his team on quickness rather than size. Too many coaches look for size, and that will not win basketball games. Out of all his years coaching he never had the nation's highest scorer, but he had the nation's highest scoring team.

John Wooden was a very influential speaker and offered serious thought for the future of young people today.

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The Computer

By Anne Henry

Once upon a morning dreary, sat the counselors weak and weary,
Pondering over the report cards, hundreds and more.
While they sat, with expression pouted, suddenly, someone shouted,
"The report cards are here," he sighed with deplore,
"Full of computer mistakes and nothing more."

Ah, distinctly we remember that second day of September
When each of us sat fixed, anxiously awaiting the reply
From the cold, mindless machine who would repeatedly deny
All of our requests to learn so much more.
Only to receive a messed up schedule, only this and nothing more.

But how easily we can recall, the year and date late in the fall,
When "Socrates" became our superior, our head.
Now every teacher, counselor, student, and parent comes to dread
A report period, semester, and school year anew.
It is easy to understand the anguish they bore,
A school system run by a computer,
Filled with mistakes and nothing more.

"Computers were designed," we're told, "with teachers in mind
To make their work load much lighter."
But counselors and teachers know that their load is mightier,
Mightier than it has ever been before.
"If only scheduling was the same as before,
But as for our pleas, the computer chooses them to ignore
For we still have computer foul-ups and nothing more."

Students, back to the Guidance Office turning,
With every wire of anger burning, wretched in despair,
Shouting their tearful cries, "This is unfair!"
Parents calling the School Board office, only to hear a
monotone recording,
"I am sorry, no one is able to speak with you, please call
again tomorrow."
But every day we call, the statement is the same.
To the media, the parent, "Socrates" shuts the door,
"I have said all I will," and nothing more.

Until the day comes when the computer no longer hums,
We must remain steadfast in our ways.
Leave no rock unturned, no breath unused,
Until the metallic monster becomes defused.
We shall fight until the machine we most abhor,
Lies idle in a junk yard pile and nothing more.

Questionable Service

By Van Alston

Serteens? Jaycees? Jaycettes? Exchange? Key? OHJ's? Liason? Civitans? Civinettes? Y-teens???? Who and what are these, you may ask. Goodness, don't you know? They're service clubs. Service clubs? What do they serve?

Good question! Unfortunately, there is no good answer, and that is where the problems in the Grimsley service clubs lie. They don't serve anybody or anything but themselves except on some bright, wondrous occasion that is suggested by Assistant Principal James Fuller, or is arranged by the Greensboro Youth Council.

The negative aspects of these organizations far outweigh their good points. During any given month at school you hear of how some club "messed up" and is being reviewed by Mr. Fuller. What purpose do these reviews serve? Last year a club from Grimsley all but tore down a house at Myrtle Beach, yet they still have their charter, and they proudly display this fact by wearing specially printed T-shirts.

At the writing of this article, one club is under investigation by the Greensboro Police for vandalism to two students' cars during
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Comment ——— Draft - Threat To Liberty, Country

If the administration has found that it cannot form an army without conscription, it will find, if it venture on these experiments, that it cannot enforce conscription without an army.

-Daniel Webster (1814)

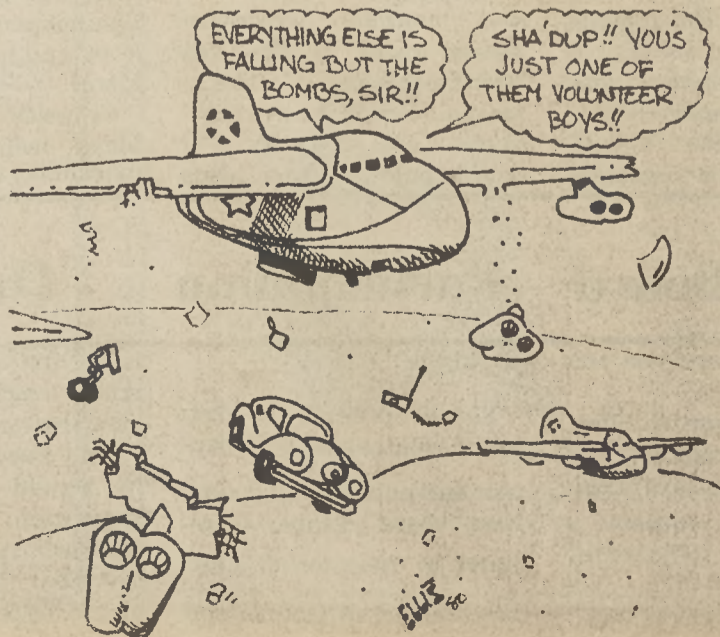
By Mark Langston

(Starting January 1, 1981, all male citizens will be required to register for compulsory military service upon reaching the age of eighteen).

World unrest and a rebirth of patriotism have promoted a call for a return to the draft. While the intent is good, the action is misguided. The government has no Constitutional power to draft citizens, and if the Thirteenth Amendment is interpreted strictly, a draft is expressly forbidden.

Americans have traditionally accepted conscription only in emergencies. Even so, such times have still produced an overflow of volunteers. There exists no evidence to state that Americans have lost this characteristic.

The draft was continued under heavy protest after WWI through the Korean and Vietnamese conflicts. It was not until 1974 that the volunteer system was finally re-



established. In 1978, the year prior to the return of draft registration, the armed forces met their enlistment goals by 100.1%, hardly a shortfall. Still there are those who insist the volunteer system is inadequate.

Forty years of military mismanagement has caused America's defense problems. Now, instead of raising already poverty-level military pay and improving the quality of equipment, a draft is being pushed toward law. Registration must be halted before it progresses further. A draft would not have prevented our firstline helicopters from falling apart on the way to Tehran.

This is an age of strategy and technology. Future wars will be decided on those factors. A draft will only serve to hide past governmental mistakes, and most dangerously, to keep on making them. Our problems can not be solved by a human lottery.