

Draft registration figures said misleading

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Although the Selective Services Commission has released statistics indicating that 93 percent of eligible American males registered for the draft, a War Resisters League member said the figures were misleading.

Steve Sumerford told UNC students Wednesday night that the commission's estimates were inaccurate for several reasons. "In San Francisco, 10,000 counterfeit cards were completed," he said. "Mickey Mouse, Karl Marx and Jerry Rubin all registered."

Sumerford also criticized the commission's use of 1970 census data in determining estimates of eligible registrants. The census results are traditionally incomplete, he said.

Sumerford, along with Bill Cecil-Fronsman, a graduate student in history and a member of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and his wife, Sally Fronsman-Cecil, is leading anti-draft efforts on the UNC campus. "We're looking toward a focus—ongoing, broad-based stuff," Fronsman-Cecil said.

Organizational attempts in 1979 fell through after students became less involved in the program, which was known as the University chapter of People's Alliance.

The group was reformed this week as the UNC-CH Students Against The Draft. SATD plans a program of primarily educational activities for the fall semester, including literature tables in the Pit; seminars in dorms, fraternities and sororities; debates between faculty members and others; and draft counseling for conscientious objectors.

Members of SATD may attend workshops on formal

draft counseling, led by John Judges of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, in preparation for January draft registration. Building a case for conscientious objector status may take from 10 days to two weeks.

SATD plans a peaceful approach to draft resistance that will appeal to more conservative students, protesting registration because members feel it is the first step toward a military draft. "We're really interested in creating a forum for people to think about these issues," Fronsman-Cecil said.

Draft registration was held in July after a Supreme Court Justice stayed an injunction by a Philadelphia district court. The injunction declared registration unconstitutional because it discriminated between men and women.

Some men prosecuted for failure to register are expected to use the constitutional issue as an argument in their behalf. Failure to register is a felony.

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In order to deal effectively with global instability and Soviet expansionism, the United States should follow a moderate course between a hard-line and soft-line position, Shulman said. "It is not in our best interest to have a high confrontation policy or one which neglects military preparedness," he said.

Instead, the United States should pursue a policy aimed at managing international competition toward our best interests, Shulman said.

"A military balance is definitely required," Shulman said. "We cannot give the Soviets any usable advantage."

"Politically, we must compete effectively with the Soviets in expanding our influence," Shulman said. "The effective way to deal with this competition is to address ourselves to local problems rather than to abstract East-West power games, as in the past."

hiker

done any hiking before and the trek was not physically beyond the grasp of most.

Along the trail, Birch met a 62-year-old man from Oklahoma. The man had started three weeks behind Birch, caught up with him in Massachusetts and finished a day before him in Maine. He was just another of the more than 1,000 people who have hiked the entire trail since 1936.

"It was now or never," Birch said. "I knew I could do it. But a ranger in the Blue Ridge said that of (those that start in Georgia) only one of 10 make it out of North Carolina to finish the trail."

Birch said that he and other backpackers, attempting to walk the entire trail, developed a type of "elitist" attitude towards weekend hikers.

"But we weren't out to impress anyone else," he said. "We were trying to attain a goal we had set."

One of Birch's memorable experiences was looking out from Bear Mountain Bridge in

New York and seeing the New York City skyline.

But he said the New York segment of the trail was infested with mosquitoes.

At night he would just crawl into his sleeping bag and hope they would go away.

"There I was sweating and sticking to my bag with buzzing in my ear," he said. "Needless to say, you couldn't sleep."

But a "miracle" occurred at the top of a mountain on the New York-Connecticut line. The mosquitoes were still after Birch when he gave them an ultimatum—get off his trail or else. As he crossed the state line, the mosquitoes dispersed, he said.

Birch said that the area from the middle of Virginia to Massachusetts was the most trying.

"It is a mental game against boredom," he said. "If I ever did it again, I would hike from Georgia to mid-Virginia and then skip over to Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine."

Birch said in his unbiased opinion, the most beautiful portions of the Trail were in North Carolina.

"I thought North Carolina was the most beautiful state," he said. "It was hard but it had tremendous views. The Smokies were the most beautiful."

Birch said that if anyone was interested in hiking any or all of the Appalachian Trail, they should read books on hiking to find out about equipment, food and clothes.

Over the period Birch traveled the Trail, he took off about 18 days to let his feet rest. He would stop in towns about once a week to restock his food supply.

Is the Pacific Crest Trail next on Birch's list? Well, not right now. Maybe a cross-country bike trip.

"There are a lot more challenges in life, other things to do," Birch said. "I got this done, I'll move onto something else."

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News In Brief

Taxpayers foot Klan trial expenses

GREENSBORO (AP)—State taxpayers so far have shelled out nearly \$125,000 for the defense of six Ku Klux Klansmen and Nazis accused murdering five Communist Workers Party members last Nov. 3.

The total cost of the arrests and trial so far—\$170,000—covers expenses only through the end of the state's case and against only six of 14 defendants. The state rested its case today.

Still to come are the rebuttal evidence, final arguments, judge's instructions and jury deliberations on 30 counts of first-degree murder and six felony counts of engaging in a riot—plus sentencing, if any defendants are found guilty.

Blood pressure drug may cause cancer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Reserpine, a drug widely used to control high blood pressure, causes cancer in animals and may pose a similar risk to humans, the National Cancer Institute reported Thursday.

The institute said a review of its previously disclosed animal tests concludes that reserpine causes breast cancer in female mice, testicular cancer in male mice and adrenal gland tumors in male rats.

The tests, in which animals were given the drug in feed for 103 weeks, do not prove that reserpine causes cancer in humans. But they indicate it is "a potential risk to man," the institute said.

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supplied Carrboro with better service including the J route which took part of the C route's load, and the cost of riding the bus is still cheaper than driving when the cost of car maintenance is added to the price of a parking sticker, he said.

Neither Cohen nor Lathrop would draw conclusions about the effect the 62 percent price increase may have had on the decrease in riders on the U-bus and the S-bus.

"It's a little early to draw conclusions," Lathrop said.

Cohen said that "the real test will come when the weather gets bad." Saunders said the September figures will show true ridership trends.

William Locke, administrative officer for the campus traffic office, said that the sale of bus passes to UNC students and employees is

"just about par with what it's been in the past."

He did cite a case, however, in which 25 University employees who registered for a bus pass last spring before the price had been established/canceled their applications when the new price was released.

"The initial reaction is to say, 'No, I'm not going to buy a damn bus pass,' and as time goes on, they (the University students and employees) realize (that they need one)," he said.

Although no one likes to see a price increase, the bus pass increase has had its advantages, Cohen said. The system is more stable this year, and service has been expanded because of increased revenue due to the price rise, he said.

cross country

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The Tar Heels return several top runners including senior co-captain Jimmy Cooper and sophomore Glenn Sparrow. Cooper is considered to be the No. 1 runner now with Sparrow slightly behind.

"I like being No. 1," Cooper said of his current status with the team. "I've been in the top two or three on the team since I've been here, but I guess there's more pressure for me to be up there with the leaders this year."

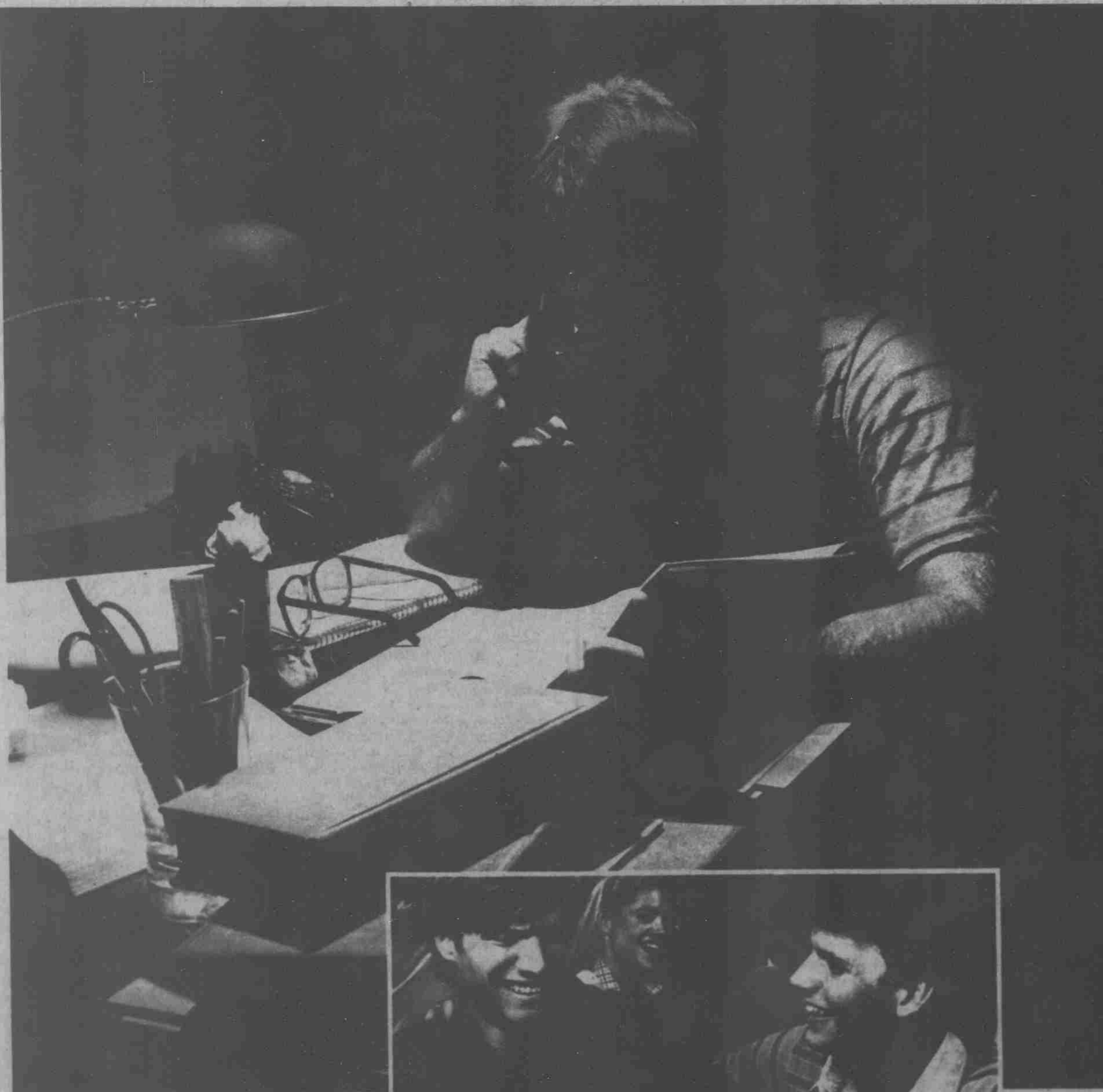
Cooper, who is the only returning Tar Heel that earned All-ACC honors last year, said

that the closeness of each runner's times should be a major factor in the team's play this year.

"We're going to be tough to break up," Cooper said. "Last year it was always Gary (Hofstetter) and then the pack, but there isn't a gap like that this year. We're going to have a bunch of guys crossing the finish line within 30 seconds of each other."

Although the Heels will be contenders this season, Cooper stopped short of naming UNC the favorite to win the league title.

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