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By FRANK GRANGER

Question: What do you think of the long Christmas Vacation we have as compared to other schools. Also what about having our exams before Christmas, do you like it or would you prefer to have them after Christmas.

Where asked: Marks Hall

Curtis Owen, Sophomore, Stoney Creek, Va. I love it. It gives you more time at home to get a job and party around. It gives you a lot of time to relax. I think taking exams before Christmas is a whole lot better. You have a fresh mind over the holidays.

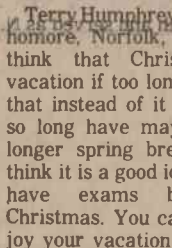


Robbie Jernigan, Sophomore, Ahoskie N. C. I think it's a great idea. You just have two periods of going to class. Having exams before Christmas is good. After going for one semester you need a rest and then you are ready to come back.

Carolyn English, Sophomore, Adams Grove, Va. It was too long. You don't get to see your friends. You can get bored easy. It is a lot easier on everybody to have exams before Christmas.



Douglas McPherson, Sophomore, Greenville, N. C. I thought it was kind of long. I get tired of just drinking every night. I think having exams before Christmas is a very good idea.



Terry Humphrey, Sophomore, Norfolk, Va. I think that Christmas vacation is too long and that instead of it being so long have maybe a longer spring break. I think it is a good idea to have exams before Christmas. You can enjoy your vacation without having to worry about studying for exams.



Roland S. Pruette, Religion Department. I like having the exams before Christmas. I don't care about the long vacation. I have some students who feel the same way. Maybe if we came back a week earlier and maybe have a longer spring break.



Ken Hardee, Freshman, Halifax Va. I like the way it is. Having the exams before Christmas make it so you can enjoy yourself more and you don't have to worry about it. I enjoyed the length of it, but it could be shorter so you could have more time at other holidays.



Shirley Mason, Freshman, Ahoskie, N.C. Well I think it is better to have the exams before Christmas, because after Christmas you have to get adjusted. I think the vacation needs to be longer.



Dorsey Gillis, Sophomore, Roxboro, N.C. I am glad we have the exams before Christmas, and I think the length is just right. It gives students a chance to get a job and earn a little extra pocket change. This is important if you are working your way through college.



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Do you still want Smoke Signals to be published? If so there is going to have to be staff participation in getting and writing news... the editor, associate editor and one or two others cannot publish a newspaper without help. If you want to see Smoke Signals continued, contact Pauline Robinson or Julie Hoskins.

# What the draft lottery means to you

(Editor's note: The following question and answer information regarding the new "Draft Lottery" appeared in the Dec. 1, 1969 issue of "The Chronicle of Higher Education" Written by Robert L. Jacobson, it is being reprinted in Smoke Signals for the information of interested students.)

By ROBERT L. JACOBSON

**How will the lottery work?**  
In 1970, the primary pool of draft-eligible men will consist of all those who were between the ages of 19 and 26 in the 1969 calendar year. In 1971, and each subsequent year, only those who became 19 in the preceding year will be liable.

The order in which men in the pool are chosen for military service will be determined at random by their birth dates and will be announced in advance for each year. It will be based on the sequence in which all the dates of the year are selected by lot.

Each date, including Feb. 29 of leap years, will be given a number from 1 to 366. Men in the designated pool will be subject to monthly draft calls in the order that their numbers come up in the sequence.

All men will receive their lottery numbers only once—in the year in which they reach the designated age for the primary pool, which is known as the "prime age group."

**What happens if there are more men with the same lottery number than need to be drafted in a given month?**

A man will be drafted in the order that the first letter of his last name corresponds to a predetermined, random sequence for the 26 letters of the alphabet.

The result will vary, however, since each of the country's 4,098 local draft boards has a different total of registrants and a different monthly quota.

**What does a man's lottery number tell him about the likelihood of his being drafted?**

In the final analysis, the effect of the lottery will be determined largely by the size of draft calls in relation to the total pool of men who meet the military's standards.

Projections by the Department of Defense place the total pool for 1970 at about 850,000 men. About 290,000 are expected to volunteer for active duty or the reserves, leaving some 560,000 men still qualified and available for induction.

The estimated draft call for 1970, however, is for a maximum of about 250,000 men, or about 45 per cent of the available pool.

What this means for those in the prime age group who are not deferred or exempt is that they stand about a 50-50 chance of being drafted.

Assuming that the relative need for new inductees does not increase in the years ahead, a man's lottery number will give him a rough idea of whether—or how fast—he is likely to be called.

A low number in the lottery sequence will mean a high probability of induction, and a high number will mean a low probability. For those with numbers in the middle range—say from No. 140 to No. 220—the prospects will be more or less uncertain for up to one year.

A man's eligibility to be drafted will last only for one year.

**What happens to a man who remains in the prime age group for a year and is not called?**

Barring a national emergency, he will never be called.

**How will the lottery affect those, such as college students, who have draft deferments?**

If they were born between Jan. 1, 1944, and Dec. 31, 1950, they will receive a lottery number in the first drawing.

Men who are deferred will retain their lottery numbers permanently and will be subject to call over a 12-month period when their deferments expire. If their draft boards have already passed their lottery numbers at that time, they will be drafted ahead of all others on the list.

Selective Service statistics show that about 1.6 million draft-eligible college men have student deferments.

It is not known how many of these students will be graduating next June, but the Pentagon estimates that about 350,000 in the 1970 pool will have lost deferments. One official says that "most" of the men in that category are now college students.

Nevertheless, it is a fair assumption that by the start of the 1970-71 academic year, a substantial number of eligible college graduates will not yet have been drafted under the lottery and may therefore be able to start at least their first year of graduate study.

**What will happen to Reserve Officers Training Corps programs once the lottery has begun?**

The number of college students who sign up for ROTC is expected to decline. Says one official connected with a presidential commission on an all-volunteer armed force: "Once the 19-year-olds know where they are in the order of call, and if they are home free, there is going to be no pressure on them to join the reserves or the ROTC."

**Will the lottery make it possible for graduate students whose induction has been postponed to escape the draft?**

No. These men will be inducted at the end of the semester or the academic year, as they would have been without the lottery.

There reportedly has been some confusion, however, over the meaning of a recent presidential announcement relating to graduate students who are called for service during the year.

Deferments for graduate students in all but a few fields were ended in February, 1968. Until two months ago, those satisfactorily pursuing a full-time course of study could have their induction delayed to the end of the semester.

On Oct. 1, the President announced a new National Security Council memorandum that permits extending the postponements in such cases through the entire academic year. Students who have not been granted this further delay may still face prompt induction unless they request the extra

time from their state selective service director.

**What about graduate students in the prime age group who have not been called for induction?**

They will take their place in the lottery sequence along with everyone else. If they do get called, they can request postponement of induction until the end of the academic year.

**How will graduate school enrollments in general be affected?**

The U. S. Office of Education estimates that close to 800,000 full-time and part-time students are enrolled in graduate schools this year.

According to past surveys, roughly half of all graduate students have been eligible for the draft, although in practice not

all of them have been taken while they were still in school.

Some graduate students, for example, have received occupational deferments from their local boards because of teaching or research responsibilities.

Under the lottery, less than half of the draft-eligible graduate student—that is, less than one-fourth of all graduate students—are likely to be called next year.

**Does this mean that those with occupational deferments who reach age 26 without being called will no longer be vulnerable?**

Probably so, although technically they will remain subject to the draft until age 35.

**Will there be any more inductions this year?**

No. President Nixon canceled the draft calls for November and December of 1969. The next inductions will come under the new lottery.

## 'War Is Hell'

By DR. CALVIN DICKINSON  
The My Lai massacre in Vietnam has shocked the citizens of the United States and of the world. It has made Americans realize that our armies are no more saintly than those of our enemies.

It has recalled to our minds the horror stories that the British put out about the "Huns" in World War I and that the allies published about the Nazis and Japs during World War II, stories which were never told about the "good" side, though they doubtlessly could have been. It has made us wonder if we are less honorable than we pretend to be.

To the historian the My Lai incident is not unique. One can merely scan the pages of history and find innumerable incidents in any period which recall the horror scenes of the Vietnam village.

If you don't want to step back any farther one can start with the Old Testament and find a number of massacres. When Joshua and his army were ravaging Palestine they attacked the city of Ai, slaughtered its 12,000 inhabitants, hanged its king to a tree, and burned the city.

Then, after reducing the citizens of Gibeon to servitude, Joshua attacked five nearby cities and destroyed the inhabitants of these places. Thus Joshua would be court-martialed by the U. S. Army.

The Romans had their My Lais. In 70 A.D. Titus was sent to Palestine by the Emperor Vespasian to put down a revolt of the Jews. His siege of Jerusalem was effective enough to create a food shortage in the city. The starving people made desperate sorties to forage for food, and thousands of them were caught and crucified by the Romans. When the city was taken the victors slew all the Jews they could lay their hands on and then sold 97,000 fugitives as slaves.

The Christian crusaders also shed needless blood in Jerusalem. When they took the city in 1099 they killed 70,000 Moslems that lived there and herded the surviving Jews into a synagogue and burned them alive. Raymond of Agiles reported: "Wonderful things were to be seen. In the streets were seen piles of heads and hands and feet. One rode about everywhere amid the corpses of men and horses."

When one looks at the past of the United States, it is immediately obvious that My Lai is not the first blot on our record. Citizens who sympathized with the British cause during the revolutionary War were tarred and feathered and run out of the country with loss of property.

American citizens of Japanese descent were placed in concentration camps on the west coast during the hysteria of World War II, sometimes with loss of property.

During the Civil War General Sherman supposedly uttered the words that make up the title of this essay as his army rode across the South destroying the property of civilians.

But the pages of American history that most remind one of My Lai concern the treatment of the American Indian. Blood-stained page after page can be found recording the needless slaughter of the red man.

"The only good Indian is a dead Indian" was the forerunner of the phrase currently popular in Vietnam: "The only good gook (Vietnamese) is a dead gook."

In the generally disgusting story of American actions toward the Indian several massacres stand out. In the Pequot War of 1637 some whites surrounded a Pequot stronghold in the Connecticut valley, fired it, and over five hundred Indians were killed or burned to death.

In 1864 a column of Colorado militia commanded by a Methodist minister caught a group of Cheyennes and Arapahoes and killed about a third of the band of five hundred, mostly women, children, and aged.

## Baptists vote bonus for N.C. Baptist college professors

(Editor's note: The following news release, of interest to professors at Chowan, was clipped from an area daily newspaper).

GREENSBORO (AP) — The First Baptist Church of Greensboro has voted to give teacher incentive awards of \$750 apiece, to each of North Carolina's seven Baptist colleges.

The church has also arranged to give \$30,000 to the schools as a part of its program to help upgrade the quality of the state's Baptist college programs.

Wake Forest University and Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith, and Wingate colleges will receive \$1,500 a year under the latter program.

The teacher awards will go to an associate professor or professor and an assistant professor or instructor, selected by the president or academic dean at each institution.

Eyewitnesses told of children clubbed and pregnant women disemboweled.

In 1881 a band of Sioux were slaughtered by Hotchkiss guns; the toll of three hundred included about one hundred women and children.

This essay is not an attempt to excuse the bloodshed at My Lai, nor any other of these incidents. Neither would I want to acquit the participants in the massacre, although I tend to think that war may brutalize man and create situations so unreal that life becomes cheap.

The conclusion that might be drawn from this review of history is that man has made very little progress from the earliest times to the modern period in attempting to live amicably with his fellows.

## 'Time waits for no man'

Aged and worldly-wise sophomores have probably forgotten their feelings on going home for Christmas their first year. Freshman, still uncertain of the college world, cling to home like a kitten on a wool sweater.

Christmas would be the first time that everyone would be home and there would be time to see them all.

"Once you leave, it's never the same," is what we were all told before that first departure for college. For lack of experience we couldn't foresee the reality in this age.

On our first return home we set out to take in the town and note the changes. This little tour's purpose was as much to be seen as to see.

"Ha! Look at me. I am home from college." But few looked, as we wished they would. "Don't you remember me? I am back from college."

What was forgotten was that when we left life kept on moving. What was the biggest event in our life, didn't shake the community as we imagined and secretly hoped.

Oh, they remembered all right, but to them it was just another kid who grew up and left home. Another youngster would come along and do the same later.

So we seek others who we know feel the same as we do. Our old high school pals are just as glad to see us as we are to see them.

"Wha' ya say fellows? How's school?" We go on to rehash the past and bring everyone up to date on the old group.

But you know even all the people with whom we shared so much seemed to be different too. It wasn't as we remembered them. Could it be that they changed?

Could it be that we all have changed maybe just a little? Nobody is going to sit around and wait until we return. The world keeps on moving and changing.

To try to go back and keep reliving those feelings and memories is impossible. Someone placed a card on my desk when I first entered Chowan, which read, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life."

We live life now, here in this time and place. The past may be gone and the future seems a long way off. We have nothing left but the present to use. Today is all that we have and we shouldn't waste it.

## Track star bridges the generation gap

A former member of the U. S. Olympic track team, Jim Beatty of Charlotte spoke Thursday at Chowan College during the opening assembly programs at 9:30 a. m. and 11 a. m. for the spring semester. His topic was "Bridging the Generation Gap."

Beatty is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was captain of the track and cross-country teams and served as president of the Junior Class.

Beatty's track accomplishments reached a climax in 1962 when he set seven American and two world records including becoming the first man to break the four-minute mile indoors.

He was named by ABC-TV's "Wide World of Sports" as athlete of the year and as one of America's Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Year by the U. S. Jaycees. In 1963 he was named charter member of North Carolina's Sports Hall of Fame.

Active in politics for several years, Beatty is serving as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives. He is married to the former Barbara Ann Harmon of Gastonia and has two children.

## Morehead eclipse news

**Path of totality:** The strip of the earth's surface over which the moon's shadow will pass. Observers in this area will see the sun completely covered by the moon. It first reaches land about 300 miles southeast of Mexico City and crosses the Gulf of Mexico and moves across Florida's gulf coast through George, South Carolina, North Carolina and part of Virginia into the Atlantic Ocean.

**Time of Eclipse:** This depends on the observers location on the earth. North Carolina observing sites will experience mid eclipse at 1:30 p.m. EST. March 7, 1970. There may be five minutes difference in different parts of the state. Total duration will last several hours, but complete eclipse will last only three minutes or less.

### Barton replaces Griffin

Peyton Barton has replaced Robert Griffin as head resident of East dormitory. Barton is a sophomore at Chowan and has played football both years.



Come on Todd, sink it!

McConnell goes for basket despite Southeastern's grimacing disapproval. Chowan lost 81-79 to the community college.



Hey, gimme that ball!

Carl Yankey fights a losing battle with Southeastern Community College on Jan. 17. The score was 81-79, Chowan's disadvantage.