

Agreement Is Reached On GI Bill for Vets

Senator Vance Hartke, Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, said today that the logjam in the House-Senate conference over the GI Bill had been broken and that agreement had been reached. Hartke said that swift action was expected by both bodies on the conference report to the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 and that the new GI Bill should be on President Ford's desk by next week. Hartke said that the new GI Bill agreed upon by the conference was essentially the bill passed in June by the Senate which should "go far in allowing a new generation of veterans a greater opportunity to obtain an education and training."

House conferees agreed in whole or with slight modification to 27 of the 28 amendments that were attached to the Senate bill, including increases in the monthly educational assistance rates, low cost direct federal loans to veterans and an additional school year of eligibility. The sole exception and one of considerable controversy was the provision to provide a separate tuition assistance grant. House conferees remained adamantly opposed to the measure but finally agreed to begin studying ways to avoid possible abuses in any tuition grant program, which formed much of the basis of House opposition.

As agreed upon the conference measure would:

- (1) Boost monthly educational assistance rates by 23 percent. A single veteran would now receive \$270 a month up from the current \$220. The House had passed a 13.6 percent increase and the Administration had called for a boost of only 8 percent. Hartke noted that "in less than a two-year period GI Bill rates will have increased 65 percent from \$175 to \$270 a month." Additional increases are also provided for veterans with dependents. A married vet will receive \$321 (now \$261) a month. A married vet with a child would receive

\$366 (now \$298) and \$23 for each additional dependent. Apprenticeship and on-job training rates would also be increased accordingly.

(2) In addition to the increased educational assistance rates the compromise agreement also authorizes additional tuition assistance for veterans by providing for direct low-cost federal loans of up to \$1,000 a school year. Loans would be made from the \$7 billion Federal National Service Life Insurance trust fund composed entirely of veterans' government life insurance premiums. Interest rates would be set by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. Hartke noted that by using his monthly entitlement plus the low interest loan program, a single veteran could receive nearly \$3,500 a year for his schooling. Loans would be payable ten years after the veteran had completed schooling.

(3) A veteran would now have 45 months benefits (five full school years) instead of the present 36 months. Previously low monthly allowances under the GI Bill have forced a number of veterans to take reduced credit loads. Additional entitlement will allow these veterans to complete their baccalaureate degrees as well as enable others to use the additional entitlement for graduate training.

(4) Among the many other Senate amendments accepted and made part of the compromise version are those providing for an expansion of the veteran work-study program; improvements to various programs designed to reach and aid educationally disadvantaged veterans; and strengthened controls over abuses by certain schools utilizing deceptive advertising and sales practices. The compromise bill also strengthens requirements for improved federal efforts to aid unemployed veterans seeking work.

(5) Another major provision in the comprehensive House and Senate bills was separated out a month ago and signed into law by

the President, giving veterans 10 years instead of the present eight years to use their benefits. This will primarily help some 285,000 post-Korean veterans presently in training plus 4 million potentially eligible veterans who have not made full use of their GI Bill entitlement.

The bill agreed to by the House and Senate conferees is expected in the next five years to provide Vietnam veterans an estimated additional \$6 billion in direct educational benefits and from \$1 to \$3 billion in low-interest loans.

Senator Hartke said that "We have made tremendous progress with this bill. The rapid approach of a new school term convinced the Senate conferees that we should move forward with the House accepting 27 of our new provisions now. Veterans simply must have time to plan for the fall. I am most hopeful that this substantial increase in the monthly educational assistance benefits tied to the low cost loan program will open wider doors of education, the cost of which varies considerably from state to state. We are still very concerned with the tuition proposal and will be taking a long, hard look at the measure again, working with the House to overcome their strongly expressed objections in the next Congress," said Senator Hartke.

"The measure we have agreed upon today is not inexpensive. But past GI Bill expenditures have been repaid many times over in the higher taxes of those whose education gave them greater earning power. It's the best kind of investment we can make in people and our economy. Most importantly our continued improvement of the GI Bill will help us keep faith with the Vietnam veterans who served when it was not always easy to serve." Hartke concluded by expressing "hope that President Ford will agree with those of us in the House and Senate who say we must give Vietnam veterans a fair deal. I hope our new President will sign the GI Bill as soon as it reaches his desk."



DINNER ON THE GREEN — A highlight of the first few days of college is an evening meal served on the lawn. The four unidentified coeds pictured are selecting their desserts, and the young lady, second from left, appears to be having difficulty making her decision.

Knieval's \$6 Million Check Was PR Stunt

By Associated Press
Remember that \$6 million check that Evel Knieval was waving around before his rocket launch into the Snake River Canyon? Well, it was a fake.

The promoters only gave Knieval a \$250,000 advance. The check was pure rubber — part of the publicity that both Knieval and the promoters dreamed up. There's another thing that is still floating around in their minds: the actual amount of money the whole extravaganza earned.

Shortages

From the Macon (Ga.) News
The shortage of pennies has moved some banks in the area to offer coin hoarders a 10 per cent premium when they exchange their penny collections for other denominations. Or, to misquote the old adage, 10 pennies saved is a penny earned.

The promoters have released various estimates of the gross, but so far nobody has produced any firm figures. All that is known is that Knieval probably earned a lot of money — millions by his account — but nobody is sure.

But if current estimates work out, Knieval's rocky quarter-mile ride earned him \$6,666.67 per foot — before taxes and expenses, that is.

Reached at his home in Butte, Mont., Knieval says he believes between one million and one and one-half million persons watched him fall into the canyon, at an average cost of \$10 a person in closed circuit theaters throughout the country. Gate receipts at the canyon itself came to about \$600,000.

Robert Arum, the New York lawyer who heads Top Rank, Inc., the promoter of the motorcycle jump, has guaranteed Knieval the larger of either \$6 million in cash or 60 per cent of all receipts, including the theater gate, promotional sales and other income, minus various unspecified promotional expenses to be paid to Top Rank.

In the days before Knieval's "Sky-cycle" tumbled 700 feet into the canyon, he had been displaying the \$6 million check, offering, for instance, to pay for a round of drinks with it. That was a promotional gimmick, it was later revealed. The check was a fake.

On Wednesday, Arum reiterated his earlier estimate that theater receipts would total about \$15 million, with promotional sales and other monies bringing total revenues to some \$21 million.

That's \$5 million lower than Arum had predicted only days before the jump, however, and even the revised figure may be on the high side.

After promotional fees are subtracted, Arum says Knieval's share of the gross will be about \$9 million.

If that figure holds, then Knieval's net earnings would come to between \$3 to 3.5 million after the 50 to 60 per cent taxes he expects to pay, plus the \$1 million he has already laid out for the launching ramp, three "Sky-cycles," leasing the canyon and other expenses.

Trustees, Advisors Schedule Meeting

On Monday, September 23, a meeting between the Board of Trustees and the Board of Advisors will be held on Chowan College campus. The main purpose of the meeting is to approve the budget of the college for the '74-'75 school year. Consideration will be given to the new college year.

Members of the Board of Trustees are appointed by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Members are limited to North Carolina Baptists. The Board of Advisors, however, is not limited to North Carolina Baptists.

Wives of the members are invited, and will be given a tour on the Chowan River. The meeting will begin at ten o'clock and continue through lunch.

Acting chairman of the Board of Trustees is H. Douglas White of Rocky Mount. The Chairman of the Board of Advisors is H. Melvin Kunkle, M.D. of Portsmouth, Va.

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Pilot Car

A pilot car has been delivered in Japan that won't let itself be driven by drunken drivers. A device built into the steering wheel sniffs a driver's breath. If the driver has drunk too much, the device automatically stops the car's engine. — HAL BOYLE 1-7-72.

TV, Prizes Offered

A new twist has been added to the usually dull procedure of having your picture taken.

This year, for the first time in Chowan's history, free prizes will be available for each student having his picture printed in the 1975 CHOWANOKA.

A portable R.C.A. television is the first prize followed by an all-weather jacket. A stadium blanket represents third prize while a rain poncho occupies the fourth spot.

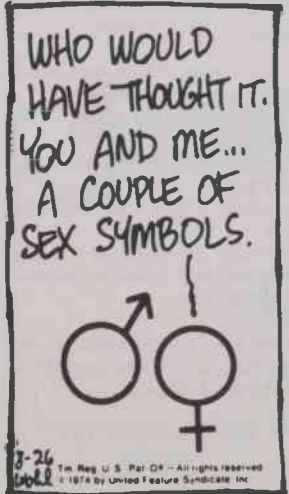
The prizes will be awarded in Thomas Cafeteria on September 27 at six p.m. Students are not required to be present in order to be a winner.

Mr. Herman Gatewood, advisor of THE CHOWANOKA, stated, "This is an obvious attempt to have each student's portrait printed in the yearbook."

Professional photographers will be on hand in Askew Student Union from nine a.m. to five p.m., Monday September 16 to Friday September 27.

Don't be left out! For the simple snapping of a camera, you may be the lucky winner of one of these beautiful prizes. See you at Askew Student Union!

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Streakers Are Normal

By Associated Press
Streaking was nothing more than a "spring rite" and most of those who participated wouldn't do it again, a University of South Carolina study indicates.

Also, the study showed that the students who ran around naked last spring were "bright, healthy, achieving students."

Robert V. Heckel, a psychology professor, said he interviewed 74 men and 11 women who participated in streaking on the South Carolina campus. He said streakers were above average

students and participated for the fun of it and it didn't mean anything to them.

Streaking events with more than 500 students participating were reported on the South Carolina campus at the height of the fad last spring.

Heckel's study showed the average male streaker was almost six feet tall, weighed 170 pounds and "is somewhat muscular." The average female was small, 5 feet 3½ and weighed 117 pounds.

Streakers were mostly Protestant, though the proportion of Catholics participating was larger than the percentage of that religion on campus, Heckel said.

On the average, the nude runners also date regularly, come from towns of less than 50,000 and have businessmen or professional fathers and housewife mothers.

Grades for men streakers were at about the "B" level while the fleet-footed coeds had higher than B averages, Heckel said. Only a third of the streakers were fraternity members, he said.

Psychological tests revealed that male streakers "feel more external controls than do most other males and perhaps streaking for them was an attempt to break away from control by others," Heckel said.

On the other hand, the women who ran naked "were less externally controlled than the average coed," Heckel said, adding that suggests they "are freer than their non-streaking sisters."

Most of the students interviewed by Heckel said streaking was a fad and they joined friends for the event. Others said they streaked to help break a record and in two instances participants said they were stripped by friends and once undressed decided "why not."

Reaction of friends and families to their participation was generally positive, the amateur athletes told Heckel. Many fellow students and even some parents thought streaking was cute or funny, they reported.

Negative reaction was principally from parents of students who didn't participate, Heckel said. Also, he reported that a number of non-streaking students said they wanted to participate but feared the response of their parents would be to pull them out of school.

Those who were interviewed said they probably wouldn't do it again. Heckel said most of the nude runners told him streaking was a crazy one-time thing that didn't have a profound impact on the.

Heckel said streaking was a "spring rite" similar to swallowing goldfish, panty raids and political protests. He said streaking marks a campus movement away from protesting and back to the festive spring activities.

Religious Leaders Supporting Ford

By The Associated Press
Religious leaders are registering warm support for the new man in the White House, President Ford, including his moves toward some sort of amnesty for Vietnam draft resisters.

Major religious groups have urged such action.

There also were tentative gestures toward more direct communication between U.S. church leadership and the presidency, a channel that largely had been shut off under former President Richard M. Nixon.

President Ford is a "sincerely religious person himself" who "takes the churches seriously," observes the Rev. Dr. Robert J. Marshall, head of the Lutheran Church in America.

Recalling that Ford twice met with denominational executives while a member of Congress, Dr. Marshall suggests in a letter to him that he hold similar meetings in his new capacity, adding:

"All of us can benefit from understanding each other in this time when both government officials and leaders in the churches have reason to be concerned with morality, justice and the welfare of people."

Give-and-take meetings with church leaders had been a common custom in past administrations, including those of Presidents Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy, but lapsed under President Lyndon B. Johnson and church criticism of the Vietnam war.

Nixon shunned such con-

frontations, except for the ceremonial White House services over which he presided and which were dropped in the latter part of his administration. They didn't allow for discussion, however.

Ford has said he won't revive them. An Episcopalian, he plans to continue worshipping at Immanuel-Church-on-the-Hill in Alexandria, Va. As a congressman, he also has been active in Capitol prayer groups, but this probably will be limited in his present role.

Recalling his meetings with church leaders at congressional prayer breakfasts, the Rev. Dr. Robert V. Moss, president of the United Church of Christ commended him in a letter for his "devotion to high moral standards."

Concerning his stand favoring some form of amnesty for draft evaders, in contrast to Nixon's opposition to it, Dr. Moss told the President:

"Your compassionate concern for the welfare of our youth... is especially welcome. Your initiation of a process under which they may be reunited with their homes and homeland is a first step toward justice..."

Bishop James Rausch, general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, called it a "constructive step," suggesting that unconditional amnesty should be considered in view of the need for national healing.

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