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When the draft is considered today, Viet Nam must be considered too, for one implies the other to an individual eligible for the draft, and when Viet Nam is considered there is usually trouble.

We have all heard the saying that it is easier topoint out an evil than to provide a correction for it. This, in one sentence, is my opinion of Viet Nam. I don't know much about the use of napalm, gas, or fantastic anti-personnel weapons. I don't know much about murdering women and children, whether they are murdered by Americans or Viet Cong. My faith in the mass media, including Joe Pyne and other "unrehearsed" interview shows, is too low to let myself believe that the facts I have been given are the whole truth. In short, I know nothing about why we are in Viet Nam, what we are doing there, or why we are staying. I cannot say what would happen if we left, nor can I say what good we are doing there. I can say, however, that killing is evil, whether done by an army or Clyde Barrow.

You

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Many of you who are reading this editorial will soon have to decide about the validity of the killing the United States is doing, and the draft will speed up your decision. If you decide that the war is unjust, and you are drafted, you will be faced with a few grim alternatives – Canada, jail, or the swallowing of your beliefs. If you select induction, however, you can still refuse to fight. You will just be taken to where the fighting is and be allowed to use your own judgement.

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Dean's Letter

A Comment On The Draft From Student Affairs

It is not the intent of these remarks to enter into a dialogue concerning the relative merits and demerits of the selective service system. Rather, the purpose is to highlight some of the existing selective service regulations and to share some observations assessing the present draft situation relating to occupational and graduate student deferments.

The following paragraphs have been taken from the 1967 Draft Act pertaining to graduate student deferments:

"A student shall be placed in Class II-S if he is satisfactorily pursuing a course of graduate study in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, osteopathy, or such other subjects necessary to the maintenance of the national health, safety, or interest as are identified by the Director of Selective Service upon advice of the National Security Council."

"A registrant entering his second or subsequent year of graduate study without interruption on October 1, 1967, may be placed in Class II-S. However, he shall not be deferred for more than one additional year to obtain a master's degree; or for more than a total of five years past the bachelor's degree to obtain a Ph. D.; or for more than one additional year whichever is greater."

"Any registrant enrolled in his first year of post-graduate study on October 1, 1967, or accepted for admission for that year, may be placed in Class II-S if he has entered the first class commencing after the date he completed the requirements of admission. He shall be deferred for one academic year only, or until he ceases satisfactorily to pursue his course of study, whichever is earlier. At the end of that one year, students pursuing a course of study GEORGE VAN DUSEN Assistant Dean

deemed to be in the national health, safety, or interest shall be eligible to request continuation in Class II-S."

The literature relating to this policy has been optimistic in recent months with the expectation that the exemption of graduate students in the health-related sciences would be broadened. However, as you are aware, the recent interpretation from Washington via General Hershey simply reaffirms the existing policy as stated.

The following paragraph reflects the policy for occupational deferments as presented in the 1967 Draft Act.:

"The Director of Selective Service may from time to time upon the advice of the National Security Council identify needed professional and scientific personnel and those engaged in and preparing for critical skills and other essential occupations. Employment in such occupations is the basis for requesting occupational deferment. When such lists are prepared, they will be available through Selective Service. Prior to the publication of new lists of critical occupations and/or activities, local boards may continue to use as guidelines for occupational deferment the Departments of Labor and Commerce Lists of Critical Occupations and Essential Activities that were in use prior to enactment of the Military Selective Service Act of 1967."

We have presently reached a point for students which I choose to call an "era of uncertainty". This phrase may appear trite to some and unscholarly to others, yet in talking with several students during the past few months, uncertainty CONTINUED ON PAGE 43

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I do not pretend to be an informed person when it comes to the minute details of the war in Southeast Asia in which our country is involved. But, then, this paper contains opinions which are far removed from fact in that they may only be true to the person holding them. Therefore, I continue along my way without worry about being wrong (a very mysterious word indeed). Disagree, please, but know why.

War is a phenomenon which has existed on earth down through the ages. War originates from a disagreement as to the right or wrong (there is that word again) of an issue or action. Our country has been involved in many wars, from the Revolutionary War to the two world wars with others occuring chronologically in between. And they have had purpose and objectives which I shall not be concerned with in this discussion. It is the meaning and purpose of the present conflict which our country is engaged in that I question.

By Robert J. Gauthier

Vietnam is a small country, able to fit within the boundary of some of our states. Yet, week after week, month after month, even year after year, we blast this land and its people with every weapon our technology provides (except for the big one) and still the war goes on. And then one hears these words: "Aw shucks; we can beat them anytime we want to." Who are we kidding? Why won't the leaders of this great nation be honest with the masses that they lead? Is withdrawal of troops that ridiculous a prospect? If it is help we wish to give, is not money spent on a shovel sent to Chile much more rewarding than the tear on a Vietnamese child's face as he watches his home burn to the ground?

We hear on the news report, "one-hundred twelve Americans killed this week, three-hundred enemy dead." How ridiculous this sounds to the mother of one of these statistics...

I love my country and believe in the principles upon which it was founded, but I wonder if the war we are now fighting is consistent with these principles. Someday I may point a gun into the face of a Vietnamese soldier but before I pull the trigger, I hope to God that I know why he must die.

Opinions, thoughts, ideas, viewpoints; these are presented in the preceding discussion. To me, they are very real for they are my beliefs. It is my hope that reading these words has caused others to ask the question, why.

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MIND

by Ron Diehl

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Or deliver a bomb With designer's aplomb To destroy every home, church and steeple

We work and we slave In the 'home of the brave' To learn what makes worldly things function

Then apply what we've learned Watching cities be burned And we really have zero compunction

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WOMEN

IN **MY COMPUTER'S LIFE**

Michael Fellburg

One afternoon about the middle of Engineering, one Civil Engineering, and winter term I was sitting in the Spartan Engineer office discussing the topic of the day, which happened to be distribution of the then current Spartan Engineer. Being basically curious (nosey), I sifted through the pile of magazines and came up with one which had a woman's name on the mailing label.

After a shallow investigation, it was found that there were indeed women receiving the Spartan Engineer - all of about ten. We concluded that these women must be engineers. This small scale investigation brought upon my head the task of seeking out these women who had chosen the challenging career of Engineering. A trip to the pleasant women in the Engineering office rewarded me with a list of Women Engineers compiled for the Society of Women Engineers at the beginning of the term. So . . . with confidence I proceeded to call the information operator to find out if these women actually exist, and if so, where they might be found on campus. Any student at M.S.U. knows that the phone book is as changing as Romney's opinion on a given subject, but after a while I managed to get the numbers I needed.

A word might be said here in the way of clarification of the term 'engineer'. Unknown to me was the fact that the majors of Computer Science and Engineering Science are included in The College, as well as the normal major fields of study. In the for-what-it's-worth department, here are the statistics, just to get them out of the way: There were, as of Winter '68, twenty-four girls enrolled in the College at the Undergraduate level, of which seventeen are freshmen, one sophomore, and six juniors. The majors of these girls run as follows: nine Engineering Science, seven Computer Science, three no major, one Metallurgy, two Electrical

one Chemical Engineering. All of the girls in the 'normal' engineering field were freshmen.

As any self-respecting man knows, having a girl's phone number and actually talking to her are two entirely different things. After many not-so-valiant attempts, I located and talked with many of these girls. The rest of this article is devoted to defining the 'Woman Engineer.'

As in any other group of people, the girls represented a cross-section. They were rich and poor, smart and not so smart, tall and short, good looking and not so good looking, self-assured and nervous.

Let's listen in on a typical interview. The first step is to call the prospect and make an appointment. At the pre-arranged time, I end up at her dorm.

"Hello, is Sarah Peabody there?"

After the usual five minutes wait which was brightened by the girl at the desk, Sarah walked up and said,

"Are you Mike?"

My heart can't decide what to do with all those butterflies and moths interfering with its function, but the interview proceeds.

I guess I half expected a sloppy, fat girl wearing a slide rule on her girdle, bermudas and knee socks, an M.S.U. sweatshirt, tightly curled hair and no make-up. I was pleasantly surprised. Standing before me was a pleasant young lady wearing a skirt and sweater, hose and an inviting smile.

We proceeded to the lounge and found a couch among the necking couples. I inquired as to the lack of shadows and rings underneath her eyes (a mark of the College), and discovered that her average study time nightly is in the neighborhood of two hours. I asked Sarah what it was she liked to do in her spare time. Her first preference was attending movies, but small parties -

even an occasional large party - would do in a pinch. With whom? Well, would you believe Sarah has a boy friend whom she met while waiting in line at the computer center...of all romantic places! He is also in Computer Science and a term ahead of Sarah, which was typical of most of the girls who had boy friends in the same field.

The talk turned to classes. I was curious as to how Sarah felt in an Engineering class amid America's handsome intelligent young engineers, their sliderules, advanced calculus and crude language. Sarah, in turn, replied that she didn't know what I meant. She was a junior and had taken only two or three engineering courses, and before that, she was in classes with all types of math majors, physics majors, and education majors.

"Well, how about the two or three you have taken?"

"Oh, those ... I don't know ... I guess I feel just like a girl taking any other course. There are several other girls in my computer science classes, you know."

I didn't know because I had barely made it through Engineering 100, which was Introduction to Fortran when I was a freshman, and I had since elected to stay away from programming.

Sarah thinks of herself primarily as a girl, secondly as engineer, and talks and acts accordingly. She feels that engineering was a man's field back when engineers wore metal helmets and made bridges, but now there's no reason why girls shouldn't be engineers. This did not strike me too funny. I asked her how she would feel coming home and having her husband ask her how it went at the office, as he served her dinner. After a few giggles and several "I don't know's", she concluded that she'd like to marry a more intelligent man ... would quit working except of course on a consultation basis when they had CONTINUED ON PAGE 43 children.

CONTENERE IT'S AT"

In the last issue of SPARTAN ENGINEER there appeared a contest which was to test whether or not the average engineering student knew "Where it's at" or, more specifically, whether this student knew his way around the Engineering Building. The results indicate that not only does the average engineer not know where he is but that he doesn't care. Succinctly put, there were only three entries. Thank you, readers.

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the engineer and the Draft

By William E. Richardson

The male college senior faces many problems concerning his future. He must choose between getting a job immediately after graduation or continuing his education and job preparation through graduate studies. Today, however, his decision is being complicated by the ominous shadow of the great American Eagle. The United States is engaged in a controversial war in Southeast Asia and is availing itself of the conscription laws. As an undergraduate, the student has pushed the fear of the draft into a corner of his mind for he is 2-S and draft exempt for the present. It is only as he approaches the dreaded day of graduation that he becomes harried by the thoughts of being whisked away from his career to the rice paddies of Southeast Asia.

Washington has declared that there

are certain draft exempt professions which are critical to the national wellbeing. Among these are math and science teachers, doctors and dentists, and some highly trained engineers and scientists working on government defense projects. Graduate school deferments are given only to those students pursuing a course of study in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and optometry. What happens to the young engineer who can not obtain a defense job or one who wishes to continue his education by going to graduate school? Unfortunately, he is drafted.

Is not the work of the engineer as vital to society as the work of the doctor and dentist? Look around you! Nearly everything you see is the work of an engineer. He is responsible for the development of new types of synthetic materials used in clothing, of modern farming and food processing techniques, and of conveniences for the home. He plans new cities, designs and supervises the construction of buildings and develops new transportation and communication systems. He basically adapts nature's forces and resources of material and power for the benefit of man.

The work of the engineer is fundamental to the existence of other professions. Among these are the deferred doctor and dentist. The engineer is responsible for the manufacture and development of medical necessities such antibiotics, artificial kidney as machines, dentist's high speed drills, surgical instruments, and even ambulances. Without these things, the doctor would not be able to work as efficiently and effectively as he does now. The importance of the doctor is obvious, but the role of the engineer can not be overlooked.

In order for this country to grow economically, socially, and technically, we need more engineers of the undergraduate and graduate level. They should be considered just as essential to the nation as other professions, if not more so. The Selective Service and the President should be made aware of this and consideration should be given to changing the draft law to make provisions for granting deferments to practicing engineers and graduate students. If something is not done soon, America's future corps of engineers will be depleted and America will suffer.

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A couple of issues back, the "Spartan Engineer" published an article entitled "What is an Honorary?" This was not the first time I had read the essay, because I was responsible for granting the magazine permission to print it. The article in question was written, strangely enough, as part of the membership requirements of Tau Beta Pi - that of writing an essay. It may sound paradoxical that the president of an honor society would let such an attack be printed, but the fact of the matter is that since its author was merely misinformed and since it afforded me the opportunity to write this article in rebuttal, I was happy to give the O.K.

Perhaps I should begin by quoting the gist of our "high-minded ideals," in order to put the various criticisms voiced, and my answers to them, into a better perspective. Tau Beta Pi's purpose is to "mark in a fitting manner" those who have conferred honor on themselves and their alma mater through distinguished scholarship and exemplary character, and to "foster a spirit of liberal culture" in the engineering colleges. But just what does all this mean to Joe Engineer, when it comes right down to the nitty-gritty? Unfortunately it seems that Mr. Ring's article pretty well sums up the average conception of Tau Beta Pi at M.S.U. So let's take a closer look.

Mr. Ring's main objection seems to lie with the "pledging" activities. He finds that they are generally senseless, non-mind improving, and even perhaps vindictively applied. However, with a little serious thought, one can see past the seeming fruitless inanity to the true purposes, which we believe necessary if we are to ensure the fulfillment of our "flowery" ideals. A certain amount of pride in achievement and evidence of a man's true character are shown in the end result of filing that hunk of brass. And it takes some small measure of dedication to stick around Engineering Building acquiring the signatures of faculty members, graduates, and actives, (not to mention getting a chance to meet the faculty on an informal nonclassroom basis). I don't think it's asking a lot to have a prospective member try to meet the present members, either. But if it's mind-improvement the pledge is looking for, what better opportunity than the writing of an essay? Tau Beta Pi places no restrictions as to subjects through the offering of special prizes for outstanding papers in this field. Mr. Ring may observe that the actives watch all these

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activities with vindictive sneers, remembering the tortures of their own pledge week. I think perhaps now it is obvious that any smiles directed toward pledges are indicative of pleasure that the high ideals of our society may actually be realized in their prospective predecessors. It may sound corny, but to a real Tau Bate, it's true.

I won't bother answering the comments likening initiation ceremonies to Auschivicz and pagan Stonehenge, since obviously when the article was written, the author had no conception of their true nature. Suffice it to say his comparison sounds more like the stereotype of a fraternity Hell-Week of about ten years ago than the formal ceremony of an Honor Society Initiation.

That leaves us with the subject of "What now, now that I'm an active?" Intuitively, one major role of any society is that of self-preservation. Therefore, quite naturally much time an effort is put into the recruiting of new members. But what of fulfilling our stated goals? Our key fulfills our first purpose to a great extent by visibly marking our members. Thus if one is so inclined, he can go around and show it off - that's what it's there for. Perhaps its beholders don't always know what it stands for, but there are two good answers to that: 1)Verbal communication (tell him.) 2) Does it really make a difference? I know what it means, and so does every other of the 135,000 members of our association.

As for fostering a liberal culture in engineering schools, this is up to the local chapter. Here at State, besides doing our darnedest to get pledges to do original writing and to meet the faculty, we offer a slide-rule to the top engineering freshmen each year. We are sponsor-

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In reading over this paper, I've noticed the appearance of the word "chance" quite frequently. I guess really, Mr. Ring, that's what an Honor Society is really all about. We can screen members as to ability and somewhat as to character, but no Honor Society should be a "be all and end all". It's really only a milestone, a beginning, even. It affords its members many chances toward a multitude of diverse activities and situations. But it's only the opportunity. The rest is up to its members. And that, Mr. Ring, is what's behind that smile when we walk up to you and say, "Congratulations, Welcome to Tau Beta Pi!"

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The common interest of men has changed from their surroundings to their persons, but not philosophically, rather materially. As increases. also specialization SO interdependence. The cheerful self-reliance revered by Emerson has vielded to the machine of Vance Packard's pyramid. Confucius said, "The higher type of man seeks all that he wants in himself; the inferior type of the remote Amazon consumed for man seeks all that he wants from exotic prestige are manifestations of the others." Nature has lost its impact. Men have too little leisure, and this little is spent on excitement, variety from recognition for an excessive manner. workday drudgery. A new concept of The fashionably ostentatious are aped

"The richest of men is no more relaxation has developed wherein people no longer entertain themselves; instead they rely on camaraderie and diversions. The extras with which to enjoy leisure demand more time spent earning. And so is born a circle.

> Happiness is measured by the quantities of luxury, leisure-aiding items one owns. "They measure their esteem of each other by what each has, and not by what each is," lamented Emerson. A socially oriented self-consciousness has arisen around chattels, and the brouhaha of attaining a "success image" has banished forever simplicity and contentment. "The higher type of man is calm and serene; the inferior type of man is constantly agitated and worried." The Delphic oracle precipitated the Greek renaissance with two simple maxims: "Know thyself"; and "Never to excess." This latter is the sage's sufficiency, Emerson's functionalism, and Thoreau's economy. The ancient Greeks proved the profound importance of moderation; Thoreau hoped his example might reawaken an appreciation for simplicity. He observed that "a man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to leave alone."

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Once upon a time (1/T) pretty little Polly Nomial was strolling across a field of vectors when she came to the edge of a singularly large matrix.

Now Polly was convergent and her mother had made it an absolute condition that she must never enter such an array without her brackets on. Polly, however, who had changed her variables that morning and was feeling particularly badly behaved, ignored this condition on the grounds that it was insufficient and made her way in amongst the complex elements.

Rows and columns enveloped her on all sides. Tangents approached her surface. She became tensor and tensor. Quite suddenly, three branches of a hyperbola touched her at a single point. She oscillated violently, lost all sense of directrix and went completely divergent. As she reached a turning point she tripped over a square root which was protruding from the erf and plunged headlong down a steep gradient. When she was differentiated once more she found herself, apparently alone, in a non-euclidean space.

She was being watched however. That smooth operator, Curly Pi, was lurking inner product. As his eyes devoured her curvilinear coordinates, a singular expression crossed his face. Was she still convergent, he wondered. He decided to integrate improperly at once.

Hearing a vulgar fraction behind her, Polly turned round and saw Curly Pi approaching with his power series extrapolated. She could see at once, by his degenerate conic and his dessipative terms that he was bent on no good.

'Eureka', she gasped.

'Ho, ho', he said. 'What a symmetric little Polynomial you are. I can see you're bubbling over with secs.'

'O Sir,' she protested, 'Keep away from me. I haven't got my brackets on.'

'Calm yourself, my dear,' said our suave operator, 'Your fears are purely imaginary.'

'I,I,' she thought, 'perhaps he's homogeneous then.'

'What order are you,' the brute demanded.

'Seventeen', replied Polly.

Curly leered. 'I suppose you've never been operated on yet,' he asked.

'Of course not', Polly cried indignantly. 'I'm absolutely convergent.'

'Come, come', said Curly. 'Let's off to a decimal place I know and I'll take you to the limit.' 'Never', gasped Polly.

'Exchlf', he swore, using the vilest oath he knew. His patience was gone. Coshing her over the coefficient with a log until she was powerless, Curly removed her discontinuities. He stared at her significant places and began smoothing her points of inflexion. Poor Polly. All was up. She felt his hand tending to her asymptotic limit. Her convergence would soon be gone for ever.

There was no mercy, for Curly was a heavyside operator. He integrated by parts. He integrated by partial fractions. The complex beast even went all the way around and did a contour integration. What an indignity. To be multiply connected on her first integration. Curly went on operating until he was absolutely and completely orthogonal.

When Polly got home that evening, her mother noticed that she had been truncated in several places. But it was too late to differentiate now. As the months went by, Polly increased monotonically. Finally she generated a small but pathological function which left surds all over the place until she was driven to distraction.

The moral of our sad story is this—If you want to keep your expressions convergent, never allow them a single degree of freedom.



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-Albert Einstein

DEAN'S ...

appears to capture the flavor of the moment. What are the characteristics of this "era of uncertainty?"

1. There are those of you who question whether it is wise to continue plans for graduate study;

There are those of you who question employers who have indicated they see no change in the prospects for obtaining technical deferments.

I have no magical answers, wordly insight, or inside information to assist you with the dilemma many of you presently face. It is my judgment however, that many of you are making decisions based on the strict interpretation of the policy as it has been printed. As a result your decisions have been made without the benefit of the complete picture. The criteria quoted above have been established by the Military Selective Service Act of 1967 and designed to help local boards determine appropriate classifications. Your local board has the final authority and the criteria for deferments are advisory rather than mandatory. You are strongly urged to contact your local board for an assessment of their position relative to graduate and occupational deferments.

WOMEN ...

We discussed many of the non-important things people discuss when they have to talk with each other. When she was off guard, I asked her how well she carried the label, "Woman Engineer" (Just imagine meeting a girll in the dorm grill or out at the Dells or wherever you spend your time and have her tell you she's an engineer!) As Sarah put it:

"Those who are worth while talking to stay as if I'd said 'English', but those who are more concerned with their social image rather than with genuine people, find a quick excuse to leave."

All right, so Sarah won't be the most well liked at Grandmothers, but we can't all be perfect. Sarah mentioned she had to go back to her room because she was expecting a call from her parents. This prompted me to inquire how her parents felt about her being an engineer and in a man's field.

"My dad's an engineer and he doesn't mind at all!"

I thanked her for her time and as she made her way up stairs, a few thoughts came to my mind, which could be generally applied to the women engineers as a whole. Almost 70% of the girls in Engineering are freshmen, with no seniors. I feel this is a reflection of the recent addition of Computer Science into the College, along with the fact that nowadays Engineering isn't just for men. The modern woman has to be in everything as is shown by an increase in the number of women in previously "men only" fields. The only problem I can foresee is having to add women's johns in the G.M.R.&D. lab.

I welcome girls into Engineering and am sorry that I won't be around longer to experience Dr. Potter say:

"All right you guys and Miss Webber, Fluid Flow is...?"



In the January issue, credit for the article "Owning a Stereo Madhouse" was inadvertently omitted. The article was written by Mike Royko.

INDUS-TREE ...

by monkeys desiring similar attention and status.

The head monkeys in Paris have fomented a tradition far beyond practical economy. It is de rigeuer to possess an original creation, no matter how outlandish. This new garment must be worn with care, only a few times at most. "They ... must have new coats, coats to change as often as the man changes in them." Many persons, for want of self-reliance, have adopted this warped importance of self, though a notable minority does more nearly follow the Thoreauvian economy of a relatively few garments worn constantly and simply reeking of assimilated character. To food and fashion may be added autos, homes, furniture, Christmas accessories, and toys, each with its own inherently unwonted elegance. The Germans say, "Besitzen heisst besetz sein." These things do not guarantee happiness, they dispose of it.

The enjoyment of leisure has been made difficult and expensive. Man bargains for more free time and promptly flounders in the myriad ways to spend it-none of them after the transcendentalist. The nearest are the campers, fishermen and hunters who live in the "wilderness" during vacations or weekends. But our contemporary demands comfort for his sojourn; he had the best climate-proofed tent, canned, like-fresh rations to warm up on his Coleman stove, folding chairs (as though his own seat mightn't serve for a while), and transistor radios and televisions with which to keep up on the latest news and be entertained. In many of our more rugged areas, this belated Boone may join excursion groups and carry maps to avoid a confrontation with Nature.

Contentment and transcendentalist leisure are incompatible with today's industrialism. Relaxation is often confounded by a necessity to conclude those last few dutiful details. Leisure time has acquired such ponderous complexity that pressure is never alleviated-pressure Thoreau never felt. He demonstrated that one can exist most happily on a very real minimum, but he was disappointed that "shams and delusions are esteemed for soundest truth while reality is fabulous."





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"That man made love to me, Judge," said the plaintiff in the breachof-promise suit. "He promised to marry me, and then he married another woman. He broke my heart and I want \$10,000."

She got it.

The next case was a damage suit brought by a woman who had been run over by an automobile and had three broken ribs. She was awarded \$300.

Moral: Don't break their hearts, kick 'em in the ribs.

SE

A sign displayed near a Miami Beach real estate development: GET LOTS WHILE YOU'RE YOUNG.

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E.E.: My wife worships me.

Chem. E.: Is that so?

E.E.: Yeah, she places burnt offerings before me every evening.



The sweet young thing got herself involved in a divorce case and was being questioned in court. "So, Miss Jones, you admit that you went to the hotel with this man?"

Yes, I do, but I couldn't help myself-he deceived me."

"And how did he do that?"

"Well, he told the clerk that I was his wife."



Did you hear about the millionaire who had his swimming pool filled with scotch? It was impossible to drown-the deeper you sank, the higher you got. Overheard on campus, one coed to another, describing her date: "He was like a big neutron--all mass and no charge!"



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EE: "Dynamic energy is continuously changing or moving and static energy is still or at rest. Do you think you understand the meaning now?" (getting closer to the girl)

Girl: "Yes, if you get too dynamic with me you'll be placed in a permanent static state."

SĚ

A little old lady was coming through customs at San Francisco. An inspector asked her what she had inside a bottle in her valise.

"Holy water," she replied in a thick Irish brogue.

The inspector uncorked the bottle and took a swig. "For Pete's sake," he exclaimed. "This is Irish whiskey."

"Saints be praised!" exclaimed the old lady. "It's a miracle!"



salesman: "See, I have here something that's guaranteed to make you the life of the party, allow you to win friends and influence people, help you forge ahead in the business world, and in general make life a more pleasant and invigorating experience."

Engineer: "Okay, I'll take a fifth."

He drove quite a distance into the country, stopped the car and asked the girl, "Are you a Chesterfield or a Camel girl?"

Somewhat confused she asked, "What do you mean?"

He said, "Would you rather satisfy or walk a mile?"



Sorority Girl: "What makes me so popular with the boys? Is it my looks? EE: "No."

Girl: "Is it my personality?"

EE: "Nope."

Girl: "I give up." EE: "That's it."



A girl doesn't mind losing her heart to a man, but she hates to have him start searching for it.

When the Creator was making the world, he called Man aside and bestowed on him 20 years of normal sex life. Man was horrified. "Only 20 years?" But the Creator wouldn't budge.

He called Monkey and gave him 20 years, "But I don't need 20 years," the Monkey protested. "Ten is plenty."

Man spoke up, "Can I have the other 10 years?" The Monkey graciously agreed to this.

Then the Creator gave the Lion 20 years. The Lion, too, only needed 10 years. Again Man asked. "Can I have the other 10 years?" The Lion agreed.

Salesman: "See, I have here someng that's guaranteed to make you the of the party, allow you to win 10 and got them. Then came the Donkey. He was given 20 years, but 10 years was enough for him, too. Man again asked for the spare

This explains why Man has 20 years of normal sex life, 10 years of monkeying around, 10 years of lion about it, and 10 years of making an ass out of himself. CONTINUED ON PAGE 50

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jokes . . .

"The more I think about going out and getting a job the more I think about staying on for a Master's."

SÉ

A whale and a sardine frequented a certain bar together, once nightly for over three years. One night the sardine came in alone. Now, the bartender was an understanding man, so, after a respectable pause, he ventured to ask the fish, "Where's the whale?", thinking of course, that they were close friends after three years of drinking together. But, to his surprise, the sardine indignantly replied, "What am I, my blubber's kipper?"

SĒ

At roll call in a Russian regiment, it is reported that an officer sneezed and four men promptly answered, "Here." Three tourists were standing on a street corner in North Africa. They were an Englishman, an Arabian, and an American. Just then a beautiful woman walked by. The Englishman said, "By Jove!" The Arabian, "By the Prophet!" The American just shifted his chewing gum and said, "By midnight!"

Sé

Remember, you hold the future of the world in your hands-sometimes.

Se

In a water safety class the instructor was quizzing her students on common sense in lifesaving techniques.

"What article of clothing," inquired the teacher, would you remove last if you fell in the water with all your clothes on?"

One little freshman raised her hand. "The blouse", she said. "Air gets under it and acts like a buoy."

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