

# Draft question hurts Clinton

By The Associated Press

Presidential hopeful Bill Clinton's Vietnam draft controversy could hurt him where he lives: the pro-military South.

"In the South, the military tends to be more revered as an institution than elsewhere, especially among native white Southerners," said USC political science professor Earl Black.

In a 1969 letter, Clinton called the Vietnam draft "illegitimate," praised draft resisters and thanked an ROTC official at the University of Arkansas for "saving me from the draft."

He also wrote he gave up a deferment "to maintain my political viability within the system."

Clinton supporters said the flap could hurt him most below the Mason-Dixon line, but said a single issue would not erode his campaign's strong Southern base.

Clinton strategists are counting on strong support in nine Southern or borderline states holding caucuses or primaries between March 3 and March 10.

Clinton's campaign has picked up endorsements from more than 600 elected officials in South Carolina and eight other states: Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Missouri. Nearly 5 million of the nation's 26.5 million military veterans live in these states.

"The conventional wisdom is that this would impact us more in the South because of its historic pro-military views," Clinton's Southern strategist, Craig Smith, said of the draft controversy.

But he said endorsements are holding firm and Clinton's support is not expected to wane, despite the flap.

"My support for Bill Clinton is as strong as it ever was," Georgia Gov. Zell Miller said Thursday.

"I'd like to be Pollyanna and say it wouldn't affect him at all," said Oklahoma Democratic Party Chairman Pete White, a Clinton supporter. "But obviously there are those who are going to make that an issue."

"Does the election play out on a letter of a 23-year-old graduate student or what Bill Clinton believes now?" Clinton adviser Stan Greenberg said. "He's proud of the letter... but he is also proud of sending the National Guard to Central America for training, supporting the Gulf War. As an adult, he has a consistent record of supporting the use of force where necessary."

But Atlanta-based pollster Claiborne Darden said the letter is "the kiss of death, especially in the South where we are more fiercely patriotic and military than anybody else: flag-waving patriotic. The voters will say, 'Here's a guy who weaseled his way out.'"

Darden compared Clinton's campaign to a Civil War soldier with a gut wound "leaning against a tree all afternoon, waiting to die."

Washington pollster Alan Secrest, who works for Democrats in the South, said, "I think Bill Clinton is dead and just doesn't know it."

Opponent Tom Harkin of Iowa said Clinton's letter "seals his fate."

Clinton until recently was considered the Democratic front-runner. He was expected by some to roll through the South toward the nomination after a strong showing in New Hampshire.

Clinton supported the Persian Gulf war and fashioned a moderate image as head of the Democratic Leadership Council, which helped him build support in the South. He resigned from the DLC in August to run for president.



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Leigh Bohannon, right, is one of four female clowns in the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus. She is hanging on Jim, a clown, as they were preparing for their circus performance. For more on the circus, see page four.

## Males prevalent in discipline cases

By TRACY MACK  
Staff Writer

USC is average in the number of students being referred to the Office of Student Development for disciplinary problems, according to figures released by the office.

The report, which summarizes the discipline caseload for the Fall 1991 academic year, lists white males as the group most often referred at 67.55 percent.

Black males were second with a 16.49 percent share of cases, and white females were next with

11.17 percent of the cases. Black females were at the bottom with a 2.13 percent referral rate.

Students are referred to OSD when they are suspected of violating any rules and regulations for student conduct outlined in the Carolina Community Policy Manual.

*Editor's note: This report does not represent all of the disciplinary cases on campus, only those referred to OSD. Some other departments handle their own discipline.*

# University status close for colleges

By The Associated Press

Six South Carolina colleges are a step closer to being able to call themselves universities.

The state House on Thursday passed a bill giving the schools the OK to change their names. The bill has been sent to Gov. Carroll Campbell for his signature.

The measure enables the College of Charleston, Winthrop, Francis Marion and South Carolina State colleges to adopt a university title. It also gives the board at Lander College and The Citadel the authority to change to universities if they want to later.

Lander officials said the Greenwood school likely will change its name later, but The Citadel has said it has no desire to change to a university. The other four schools have said they will change.

Lawmakers and school officials said the university titles do not mean the schools are trying to compete with Clemson University and the University of South Carolina, which have a major emphasis on graduate studies and research.

The colleges-turned-universities will act more as teaching schools that offer some graduate programs, officials said.

Supporters said the change won't cost the state more money. Opponents said it is only a matter of time before the schools begin asking lawmakers for more money to support their university status.

Supporters also said the university title will help encourage businesses considering development in the areas of the schools to locate there. It also will make it easier for the schools to qualify for private and government grants.

The bill was not opposed in the House, said Rep. Sam Foster, D-Rock Hill.

"Originally the Commission on Higher Education may have had some problems with it," Foster said. "Then the Senate had some problems, which we were able to overcome. It took some trauma in the Senate."

Rep. Herb Kirsh, D-Clover, said the legislation was speeded along by constituencies of the colleges across the state.

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A breakdown of disciplinary action in fall 1991:



Allegation	# of Cases	% of Case Load
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Assault	3	2.42
Disorderly Conduct	35	28.23
Disruptive Activity	1	.81
Drugs	2	1.61
Failure to Comply	2	1.61
Fire Equipment	3	2.42
Fireworks	2	1.61
Fraud	7	5.65
Theft	12	9.68
University ID Fraud	14	11.29
Unlawful Entry	1	.81
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Source: Fall 1991 Summary of Discipline Case Load

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