

Now it's time for...

YOU BET YOUR LIFE

the fun-filled national lottery in which the stakes are you, and your future is the prize. Tonight Lew Hershey will be your genial host in the first drawing.

Here's how the game is played:

- 1) To be eligible you must be between your 19th and 26th birthdays, and you must have a membership card issued by selective service. That's all you need to enter.
- 2) Tonight (Dec. 1, 1969) your birthdate will be drawn from a fishbowl containing a total of 366 dates. At the same time all the letters of the alphabet will also be drawn. This established the order of call. The number you get tonight will in all probability be yours permanently.

The lottery does not abolish college or occupational deferments. It merely sets the order of induction for those whose deferments have expired or who were not deferred in the first place. You have the same appeal rights as before. You may still enlist voluntarily any time up until your scheduled induction. If you are a conscientious objector procedures remain the same.

Much of the guesswork is eliminated by the lottery. If your birthdate is drawn between number 1 and 122, you face a 100% certainty of induction within one year of the expiration of your deferment. If your birthdate falls between 123 and 244 your chance of induction is 50% computed nationally. If your birthdate is between 245 and 366 your chance of escaping induction is virtually 100%. These figures are nationwide and assume no major new wars. They will vary from board to board. Some boards may not get beyond number 100. Others may get into the 200's. Whether or not your board conforms to the national pattern will depend upon how many registrants it has, how many of these can pass physical and mental tests, and how the numbers cluster around birthdates. The only way to know exactly where you stand is to call or visit your own local board.

Some questions remain. At present, men under 19 and between 26 and 35 (with extended liability) are not called. We do not know how much warning, if any, a person in either of those categories would have if they were placed in the pool.

We do not know what the effect will be, in 1971, of numbers of deferred men entering the pool with numbers assigned in tonight's drawing. In all probability it will work to the advantage of men already in the 1971 pool, but there may be some confusion. This is impossible to predict.

WARNING. The information on this sheet could become obsolete literally overnight. It was prepared by the Grinnell College Draft Information Center to fill an immediate short-term need. We expect more detailed information possibly by semester's end, certainly by start of second semester. GEDIC is a voluntary organization that seeks to provide accurate information on selective service options and procedures. For details call:

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