

Draft Threatens Brain Drain From Campuses

Graduate schools in Michigan and neighboring colleges and universities are sweating out Selective Service policies which threaten a further brain drain from the campuses.

Academic standards and admission levels have been maintained up to this time in all these contacted.

The reaction comes in the wake of a National Security Council (NSC) directive, issued three weeks ago, abolishing military deferments for all first and second-year graduate students, except those in medical or related health fields. These students normally come under a separate draft when they finish their education.

It also suspended a list of critical occupations set to local draft boards as a determinant of 2A, or occupational deferments.

COUPLED with the direct-

ive was an order that oldest men should be called for service first.

Yet, each of the 4,084 local draft boards will retain the power to defer men at its own discretion.

Nationally, the American Council on Education estimates that about 226,000 men will receive degrees in June or complete their first year of graduate studies and thus be eligible for the draft. About 380,000 now have occupational deferments.

The draft call for 12 months beginning in July is expected to be 244,000.

IN TOLEDO, a spokesman for the four local draft boards said that 6,276 men now have student deferments, but it is not known how many of these are in graduate schools. About 1,300 have occupational defer-

ments, including 200 who are attending technical colleges.

Most university administrators and students were shocked at the NSC announcement made public within a week after graduate school spokesmen testified in Washington urging more equitable draft procedures.

Spokesmen for the National Council of Graduate Schools had urged induction of all draft eligible men upon completion of high school. They also suggested that students who have been deferred under the present law be allowed to complete their immediate degree programs.

In a policy statement, the council said that draft eligible men should be inducted on the basis of a random selection, a lottery when they reach the age of 19. It also said that the council opposes the designation

of any academic discipline for deferments.

The council wrote member institutions urging that letters be sent to senators and congressmen calling for congressional actions to change the draft laws.

Looking toward September, academia, is as Byron Grosbeck, graduate school dean of Michigan, said, "trying to make the best of an impossible situation."

What makes the situation so impossible is the fact that graduate schools cannot know how many students will be in class next September.

THE MAJORITY of students seriously interested in graduate schools had already applied to the institutions prior to the NSC announcement. And most schools report that applications are up about 15 to 20

per cent over last year, reflecting the increase in college students receiving degrees this June.

Those who are accepted may never report to school in September if the draft catches them first. Others who start graduate work in the fall will be eligible to be drafted anytime at the discretion of—and to meet the needs of—local draft boards.

NO SCHOOL has indicated a change in requirements for admission, but some have indicated a greater proportion of women may be in graduate classes this fall.

"We will simply have to wait until September to count heads," Taylor Cutbert, dean of the graduate college at Ohio University, commented.

At most universities, graduate students assist in teaching undergraduate classes while they work on

jects. Any decline in graduate enrollments will be felt throughout the entire institution.

AT THE University of Toledo, Dr. William Leitch, dean of graduate schools, said that he expects 40 per cent of TU's 1,400 graduate students to be affected.

Dr. Leitch believes that the blow will be felt most severely in the law school, where he estimated a 50 per cent drop in enrollment.

Bowling Green State University, enrolling 1,000 graduate students, expects as much as a 50 per cent decline in next year's entering class, Dr. Stanley Coffman, acting dean of graduate schools, said.

With more than a third of BGSU's graduate students teaching, Dr. Coffman noted that adjustments would have to be made in undergraduate classes.

He said that seniors at the school probably would be made available for instructional assignments, and assistance would be needed from high school teachers and faculty wives.

OTHER relatively small universities are feeling similar pinches for next year. The University of Cincinnati indicated an expected 40 per cent loss of first and second-year graduate students.

"We will not lower our standards," Dr. Robert Wessel, vice provost for graduate af-

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