

Mrs. GREEN. Before you leave, Doctor, at the present time we defer medical and dental students? They are subject to draft until age 35 but they are deferred to complete their education; is that correct? Would you defer if we go into other alternatives—what is your judgment about special categories of deferment?

Dr. PUSEY. I am personally strongly opposed to the extension of categories for deferment and I believe I am correct in saying that most people in the university world are. The categories presumably would be in the natural sciences, the mathematics, engineering. We have enough trouble in university communities now with rivalry and contention, not to have it acerbated by some kind of a legislative situation saying that these are in the national interest and those are not. I personally would make the case that humanities are as much in the national interest as anything else, but I would hope that they would treat all graduate studies alike. I think that is the only sensible way to do this.

Mrs. GREEN. What if they were all subject to the draft until 35 years of age, after college deferment, wouldn't this erase the present problem?

Mrs. VETTER. It already has. The law says that students will now, anybody who has been deferred in 2-S or 1-SC after the law took effect, will have no magic line at 26. His cutoff now comes at 35. This has already been taken care of. Any student in 2-S this year already has lost the 26 line.

Dr. TRYTTEN. Excepting that the Armed Services may decide that they would not prefer to have people over 26.

Dr. PUSEY. They don't want them over that age.

Dr. TRYTTEN. It is not the law, it is the preference of the military establishment.

Mrs. GREEN. I thought it was this 26 that was creating the problem presently.

Mrs. VETTER. It was, before the law changed, but the law changed that to 35.

Mrs. GREEN. As of last year.

Mrs. VETTER. But only for students, not for everybody else. Everybody else is free and clear at 26. But for students, they will at any point that they cease to be deferred drop back into the prime age group up to 35. There is no cutoff.

Mr. HATHAWAY. I take it from your testimony that if we allow the student to complete a term, that as far as the individual student is concerned it does not hurt him to have to go away for two years and come back? Or do you think it does?

Dr. PUSEY. I think you would have to answer that in each individual case. Some young men would be terribly upset and others would not. Some mature under the process. I do not think you can have a general rule under that. But I think the national service needs people and I think we have to try to find an equitable way to provide them. This would seem to me to be the way to do it.

Mr. HATHAWAY. You don't know from your experience at Harvard whether or not that is so?

Dr. PUSEY. I think it is a mixed bag. There is a kind of person who will not come back then to scholarship if his career is interrupted and