

Several students at the University of North Carolina, in Chapel Hill, said they had heard friends say that they would seek teaching or research fellowships in Canada. They had no estimate of the number who were serious about this.

One student at Chapel Hill, Timothy Alvin Smith, 22, of Syracuse, who is married and expects his first child while working toward a Ph.D. in English, said:

"I am opposed to the war absolutely. I think it is not only a silly war but an immoral one. I believe the United States is supporting a semifascist government in South Vietnam. I simply will not serve in any case if I am called. It may become a question of going to jail or to Canada, but I will not serve."

TALKING IN TERMS OF JAIL

David Atkin, of Mount Tabor, N.J., who is working on his master's degree in education and is editor of the Chicago Literary Review at the University of Chicago, said:

"A reasonable number of my friends are talking in terms of jail, as I am. I expect to be drafted, and I am very seriously considering the possibility of taking the consequences, as I feel I ought to make clear my opposition to what's happening in Vietnam."

He said he knew of 30 to 40 students, some graduate students but mostly college seniors, who are meeting to consider refusing induction.

The more typical, though less vocal, reactions range from concern about continuing uncertainty to fatalism.

THE BREAKING POINT

Dean H. Vanderbilt, 25, of Cambridge, Mass., who is studying for his doctorate in electrical engineering and is president of the M.I.T. Graduate Student Council, said:

"Most of the people I know wouldn't look for ways to avoid the draft. It's just that, if they knew they were going to serve, they would prefer to have it done at a more logical breaking point, without interrupting their studies."

Even if he were readmitted to graduate school, as M.I.T. has assured all students they will be, he said he believed that "two years away from the field would require some time to reacclimate yourself." If new family obligations are added in the interim, he said, some students may not return to their studies.

Michael M. Conway, of St. Joseph, Mo., editor of The Daily Northwestern, the student publication at Northwestern University, said:

"We find graduate students as well as seniors are frustrated and pretty discouraged. A lot of students have checked with their draft boards and were told they probably will be drafted by the end of the year."

A MARRIED STUDENT

Similar impatience with uncertainty was expressed by Earl Harper, 24, of Valdese, N.C. who is married and a candidate for an education doctorate at the University of North Carolina. Mr. Harper, who taught high school for two years before returning to advanced studies, said he had called his draft board and had been asked whether he could show that he is filling some essential community need.

"But I don't know what they consider an essential community need," he said.

Others complained that the draft regulations had changed so often in the past that they had little confidence in the finality of the latest ruling.

TALKING OF LITTLE ELSE

One high-ranking observer at Yale, who said that students have been talking about little else since the regulations were published, added that defiance is likely to evaporate when the induction notice is received.

"But," he added, "some who submit, after earlier objections, are likely to be plagued by the feeling of having sold out their convictions."

On this issue, too, opinions are sharply divided. A student at the Yale Law School, probably representing the majority interviewed, said: "If I go to jail, my whole career would be ruined. I wouldn't make the bar. Doors would be closed. I'll go in, serve, get out, and get back here as fast as I can."