

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON,
Seattle, Wash., February 26, 1968.

Hon. EDITH GREEN,
Chairman, Special Subcommittee on Education, Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.:

The U. of W. is deeply concerned about the impact of current military service policies on graduate school enrollment. We strongly urge consideration by the Congress on establishment of a system to pool age groups or other appropriate action to reduce impact on graduate enrollment.

F. P. THIEME,
Vice President.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY,
New York, N.Y., February 26, 1968.

Representative EDITH GREEN,
Special Subcommittee on Education, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.:

On behalf of President Grayson Kirk I wish to express Columbia's serious concern over the impact of the current draft regulations on graduate education and to state our support of the proposal, suggested by the American Council on Education and others to pool age groups for purposes of selection. We do not ask, and do not favor deferments for graduate students. We do view with alarm the consequences for the country of placing on the graduate schools the full impact of the altered draft policy.

DAVID B. TRUMAN,
Vice President and Provost.

NEW YORK, N.Y.,
February 26, 1968.

Hon. EDITH GREEN,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.:

The President's action in eliminating draft deferment for graduate students and those in essential occupations and drafting oldest first "is a potential disaster for the Nation."

Universities will soon have no eligible male graduate students in first and second year study.

While no nineteen and twenty year old students will be drafted. It surely cannot be in the national interest that most of the people drafted in 1968 should be in occupations that were considered essential until this week.

We expect to lose about 2,000 students next year although this will reduce our income by about \$4 million at a time when teaching and other commitments have already been made for the next year.

The major effect will be the serious disruption of our educational program for undergraduate and professional work.

Nationally this policy will drastically reduce the flow of skilled manpower into essential occupations in 1970 and later years.

We do not ask for complete deferment.

We urge either that the law be amended to allow a lottery to choose from among those eligible.

Or that you request the President to set up age polls so that there will be a proportional drafting from all eligible age groups.

ALLEN M. CARTER,
Chancellor, New York University.

NEW HAVEN CONN.,
February 23, 1968.

Hon. EDITH GREEN,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.:

Urgently urge resolution of mess left by termination of all graduate and professional school deferments. While abrupt in its timing the policy is wholly uncertain in its impact. Present limbo makes it extremely difficult for either students or institutions to plan constructively for graduate and professional study. Yale is grateful to her honorary alumna for anything she can do to improve situation and would be glad to help the effort in any way you suggest. Subject to better advice I would work for apportionment of draft liability evenly among age