

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 23, 1968.*

HON. EDITH GREEN,
Washington, D.C.:

The present administrated decision on selective service is expected to reduce full time graduate enrollment at American University by 30 to 50 per cent for fall of 1968 graduate students drafted will deprive the country of trained service in teaching, contributions to natural and social sciences, skilled work in government and international affairs, and the humanities full losses will not be felt by society for two or three years. Since major enrollment drop will accrue at masters and early doctoral levels. This university joins American Council on Education in requesting a system of pooling age groups in order to reduce impact on graduate education.

HURST R. ANDERSON,
President, the American University.

NEW YORK, *February 23, 1968.*

Representative EDITH GREEN,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.:

The administration's decision regarding draft and graduate students is producing chaos among both students and schools. Soon the consumers of highly trained manpower that government industry schools and colleges—will become aware of the present short-sighted policy is it not possible to have a fair system of pooling age groups? The present system is clearly not in the best interests of any productive segment of the country, an age pooling system would reduce the number of graduate students but it would not be so drastic as to seriously affect the efficiency of graduate schools and the consumers of highly trained talent.

JOHN R. EVERETT,
President, The New School.

ATHENS, OHIO, *February 26, 1968.*

MRS. EDITH GREEN,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.:

Request that careful consideration be given to American Council on Education proposal concerning draft procedure for graduate students. Recently announced policy could have detrimental effect on graduate education. Important to avoid wholesale drafting of graduate students.

VERNON R. ALDEN,
President, Ohio University.

LAWRENCE, KANS.,
February 26, 1968.

HON. EDITH GREEN,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.:

Recently announced selective service regulations will make it largely impossible for universities to plan for the graduate schools as students are unable to plan ahead, pending decision on each individual case by local selective service boards. Universities will be unable to fulfill their responsibilities to the Nation as the supply of future teachers and scientists is thus curtailed. With other university presidents I urge, not blanket deferment but, equitable distribution of the incidence of the draft. This can be accomplished if all ages in the eligible pool are treated and selection within this pool follows a predictable order. This I strongly recommended.

W. CLARKE WESCOE,
Chancellor, University of Kansas.