

tural and technical colleges will average over 80 per cent; and the drop in enrollments of male students of the 28 community colleges reporting will average over 50 per cent.

To lessen the loss of educated manpower at this critical juncture and enable the State University of New York with the other universities to fulfill commitment to the United States, I urge the solution of initiating the system of selection which fall equitably on all ages in the eligible pool.

SAMUEL B. GOULD,
Chancellor, State University of New York.

PASADENA, CALIF.,
February 27, 1968.

HON. EDITH GREEN,
*Chairman, Special Subcommittee on Education, House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.:*

Respectfully urge you to explore the possibility of revising the Draft Act of 1967, first, to provide for a random selection of draftees irrespective of age within the present accepted range, and second, to time the drafting of students at all levels to the normal periods when their immediate degree objective is reached. Do not ask for special deferments for graduate students, but only that all young men be treated alike and that schools years not be disrupted.

L. A. DUBRIDGE,
President, California Institute of Technology.

BANGOR, MAINE,
February 26, 1968.

HON. EDITH GREEN,
*Chairman, Special Subcommittee on Education, House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.:*

The University of Maine confirms the principle that National Manpower needs have priority over a university's needs. The recently announced policy on the draft of graduate students will have a serious detrimental impact on total university responsibility because of the contribution of graduate students in undergraduate instruction. We believe that all able bodied citizens have a responsibility for completing their military service obligation; further it is not reasonable to insist upon deferment of graduate or professional students in other than the medical, dental, and allied specialty fields. This nation should have the human resources to make possible the development of a system of intelligent selection which will distribute the service responsibility equitably across all the age groups currently available. We would also like to recommend that an enrolled student selected for draft be given a delay in reporting for duty until the completion of his academic year program.

EDWIN YOUNG,
President, University of Maine.

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY,
Bronx, N.Y., February 26, 1968.

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

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN GREEN: In writing to you about the recently announced new Selective Service procedures, I know that I am speaking for the students, faculty, and administration of Fordham University. These new procedures will raise havoc in graduate school education.

I really believe that all graduate schools are severely threatened by these new regulations. It is practically impossible to know how many students will be in graduate and professional schools next Fall and our plans are not even educated guesses. It seems to me that there is a strong likelihood that the number of students in graduate schools will be reduced in a drastic fashion.

I am writing to you because I am well aware of your interest in American education and if we talk of education without teachers, we are talking nonsense. But the new procedures are very likely to cut off the supply of teachers.