

Under the new regulations the academic community will be faced with a very serious problem: an increased shortage of qualified teachers for the increasing number of students who are seeking undergraduate training on the one hand, and the shortage of people qualified to carry out advanced research and scholarly activities on the other. These two areas are inter-related. We have been able to meet some of the pressures in undergraduate education by using graduate students as assistants both in teaching and in research activities. With this pool of additional personnel dried up we will not only lose future scholars and leaders, we will do direct and recognizable harm to undergraduate education.

I am not interested at present in putting forth specific alternatives. I would only urge upon you to use your good offices to have these Selective Service regulations re-studied in the light of the danger which the present regulations pose not only for the academic community, but for our nation's future and welfare. It is imperative that the Selective Service System be altered to permit a more equitable selection among undergraduate and graduate students to help insure the continued development of highly trained people whose loss would pose a grave danger to our growth and survival in future years.

Sincerely yours,

SAMUEL BELKIN,
President.

BLACKSBURG, VA.,
February 26, 1968.

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

This is to express grave concern by the administration of this university about the administration decision on the draft of graduate students for service in the military forces the effectiveness of service to the Nation by this university, which offers doctorate degrees in 26 fields and masters degrees in more than 50 fields, would be severely harmed, both in graduate and undergraduate education by the wholesale draft of graduate students. We concur with the position of the American Council of Education which as you know does not request deferment of graduate students but rather a system which pools the various age groups, thereby softening the harmful impact that the present decision would have on graduate education both here and other universities through the Nation.

Sincerely,

T. MARSHALL HAHN, JR.,
President, Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

AMHERST, MASS.,
February 26, 1968.

Representative EDITH GREEN,
Chairman House Special Subcommittee on Education,
Washington, D.C.:

The interests of the Nation oppose the proposed priority drafting graduate students. Strongly urge draft apply equally to all draft eligible age group.

JOHN W. LEDERLE,
President University of Mass.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.,
February 26, 1968.

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

Strongly support your stand in opposition to wholesale abandonment of graduate student deferment. Hope your good offices can be used to support the ACE proposal to pool age groups thus reducing direct impact on graduate education.

J. G. HARLOW,
President, West Virginia University.

Mrs. GREEN. Then, finally, may I express my great thanks to you, President Brewster, President Harrington, and Dean Miller. I think your willingness to come today on such short notice reflects your great concern about the current policy.