

Selective Service System Clarifies Policy Changes

The Selective Service System last month clarified expected policy changes on undergraduate student deferments.

College students who were enrolled full-time in the 1970-71 academic year will be eligible for student deferments in the 1971-72 school year if they continue to make satisfactory progress in their programs of study, Selective Service officials said. However, young men who entered school for the first time this summer and those who enroll as freshmen this fall will not qualify for student deferments if the pending changes to the Selective Service Act are passed by Congress. The House has completed action on the bill and final Senate action is expected in September.

Dr. Curtis W. Tarr, Selective Service Director, said: "Few incoming freshmen students are likely to be inducted in the near future because of the student deferment phaseout. Of the 1,034,000 incoming freshmen males estimated by the Office of Education, approximately 80 per cent are 18 years old and only 20 per cent are 19 years of age or older. The 18 year olds will receive their lottery numbers in 1972, and they will not be subject to induction until 1973, when draft calls should be low. The 19 year old freshmen received their lottery numbers August 5 of this year and will be subject to induction next year; at least 1/2 should have high enough lottery numbers to preclude their induction. Of those remaining, approximately 50 per cent will be disqualified on mental, moral or physical grounds. This means that a maximum of 50,000 men

will be directly affected in 1972 by the student deferment phaseout and 1/2 of these, or 25,000 will probably not be inducted because of enlistments in Regular, Reserve or National Guard units, participating in commissioning programs or because of procedural delays.

Dr. Tarr said that college students will not be drafted in the middle of a semester or term. "If called while enrolled, they will be allowed to postpone their induction until the end of the semester, or term. If in their last academic year, they will be able to postpone their induction until after graduation."

Dr. Tarr advised incoming freshmen and students who started their program of study in the summer of 1971 or later not to file applications for student deferments even though the current law authorizes granting deferments to students in full-time programs of study.

"If the pending Selective Service legislation does not pass," Tarr said, "it would not be in a registrant's best interest to obtain a student deferment which would extend his liability until age 35. Should Congress change the legislation to provide for deferments for new incoming freshmen, which is most unlikely, applications for deferments will not be jeopardized by delaying their submission until after passage of the new law."

The President's authority for the induction of all men under 35, except for those who have or who have had deferments, expired on June 30, 1971. If Congress does not reinstate the general induction authority, the President could

authorize the induction of those registrants who hold or have held deferments. In this unlikely event, Selective Service officials believe that manpower requirements of the Department of Defense probably could be met by inducting those young men who have recently dropped deferments because they graduated, dropped out of school, or changed their occupations. Recent college graduates or dropouts would make up the bulk of inductions, the officials said. The officials added that cancellations of deferments probably would not be necessary nor would it be necessary to call those who have passed into the second priority selection group.

Currently, there are approximately six million young men under age 35 with deferments. Approximately 500,000 of these normally lose their deferments during a 12-month period. The largest groups of deferred men are those who have received fatherhood, occupational or student deferments.

German Film Shown Tonight

Die Buddenbrooks, the last film in the German Film Series, will be shown Thursday, December 2, at 8 p.m. in the RUB lecture hall. The film presented by the German department under the direction of Sonja Eilenberger, will have no English subtitles.

Die Buddenbrooks is based on the novel by Thomas Mann which has as its theme the human and social decline of a Hanseatic patrician family.

State Awards PSU \$100,000 EOP Grant

University Park, Pa. Nov. - The \$100,000 awarded to the Pennsylvania State University from State funds for disadvantaged students will be used to conduct a "bridge to college" program for 300 freshmen Educational Opportunity Program Students.

The 10-week program will be held at University Park next summer for EOP students who will enroll as freshmen in the fall of 1972.

In addition to the State grant, made from the \$1,500,000 authorization by the Legislature, about \$140,000 in University funds will go into the program.

University officials said that while EOP students had the potential to complete college work, many had educational

deficiencies that should be overcome before they are admitted to regular graded college work. The intensive summer program, with instruction in communication skills, mathematics, physical and social sciences, reading and study methods, is expected to bridge the gap so that participating students will have the same educational opportunities open to others.

A staff of 40 instructors and 20 counselor advisors will conduct the program, which will emphasize individual instruction and counseling.

The proposal leading to the award was prepared by Mrs. Thelma T. Price, acting director, Educational Opportunity Program, in cooperation with the divisions of Continuing Education, Student Affairs, and Undergraduate Studies.

Behrend Council

The informal Behrend Council, made up of students, faculty and administration, met November 30. The recently formed council will now meet every two weeks.

Topics discussed included the Improvement of the Teaching Committee and the Grubb Report.

Those present were: Students Larry Bayle, Ray Geiger, Al Quinlan, Joe Bayle; faculty: Louis Balmer, Assoc. Professor of Chemistry, Norman B. Patterson, Assoc. Professor of Mathematics, Dr. Richard Tomsic, Asst. Professor of Psychology; Administration: Robert C. Baughman, Business Manager, Irvin H. Kochel, Director of Behrend Campus, and Betty Seanor, Asst. Dean of Student Affairs.

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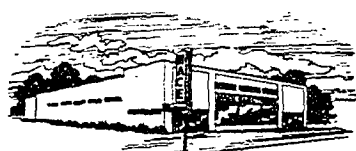
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