

No student draft deferments for incoming freshmen

The U.S. Senate has recently passed a new Selective Service Act, which provides for the termination of undergraduate student deferments.

College students who were enrolled full-time in the 1970-71 academic year will, however, 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. Young men who entered school for the first time

this summer and fall will not qualify for student deferment.

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% are 18 years old and only 20% 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 induc-

tion. Of those remaining, approximately 50% 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 one-half of these, or 25,000, will probably not be inducted because of enlistments in Regular, Reserve or National Guard units, participation in commissioning programs or because of procedural delays.

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