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STANFORD —

Freshmen entering Stanford and other universities are apparently assured of at least a 30-day draft deferment even though the new 1971 Selective Service Law forbids it, the University's Special Service Office reported Friday, Sept. 24.

The new law, denies deferment to any male who was not in college during the school year ended June 15. But it also provides that changes in the draft law will take effect 30 days after publication in the *Federal Register*, the official government bibliography of all laws passed by Congress. At the earliest, this would be a month from signature by President Nixon, or Oct. 22, explained Alan Strain, senior counselor and draft adviser to the Dean of Students Office.

In a letter to students at the University's overseas campuses, Strain noted that "Selective Service and Pentagon officials have announced that men with lottery numbers over 140 will not be called during 1971. They offer the possibility that the present ceiling can be held at number 125. We expect this to be clarified before the end of October.

"Our prediction is that numbers over 100 will probably be safe for 1972. The current Administration has announced plans for a zero draft call by July, 1973. Thus, lottery numbers called during 1973 will likely stay well under 100. "A number of considerations, however, indicate that the next two years of the draft may be unpredictable. A large pay increase for first term enlisted men in the new draft law will affect future enlistments. The unemployment situation may also affect the enlistment rate.

"National elections have historically elicited low draft calls, and the current public focus on the draft could give it large significance for the 1972 elections. Finally, a change in the number of troops in Southeast Asia would definitely affect the present reliance on the draft."

Discussing the current draft status of students, he added: "Under the new draft law there will be no new student deferments for men who were not in college during the school year which ended in June, 1971. This means that the class of 1975 will not be guaranteed four years in which to complete college before being drafted.

Instead, men entering college this fall will be subject to call according to their lottery numbers unless they are deferred for some reason such as a physical disability or an extreme hardship situation. However, men ordered for induction during a school year will be granted a postponement of induction until the end of the school term, or, if seniors, until the end of the academic year (June 15).

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Men in college prior to this year are still entitled to student deferments until graduation, provided they have met and continue to meet the old Selective Service requirements for student deferments. This is true even for those men who were in school last year, but were not yet old enough to be registered with a local board.

The IS-C deferment, formerly granted to students who receive an induction order while a full-time student in school, will no longer be granted. Instead, undergraduates will now be allowed only a postponement of induction until the end of the term in which the induction order is received or until the end of the school year if they are seniors. Graduates will continue to be given postponements of induction until the end of the academic year unless these postponements are shortened by an expected Executive Order.

Though Strain said he expected draft calls to be resumed in early October, there have been some changes in the law which make appeals easier.

A man is now allowed to produce witnesses before the local board at a personal appearance. He is now able to make a personal appearance before the state appeal board, which before only allowed written appeals.

Local boards now must inform a registrant in writing of the reasons for rejecting a claim for re-classification if the applicant requests it. The National Director of the Draft will now rule on civilian work for conscientious objectors, formerly the prerogative of the local boards.

Draft calls now will be national; each draft board will arrive at the same number at the same time.

Freshmen will be advised of the new regulations in their registration packets for Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 27-28. They may register with either their home boards or San Jose Board Number 62, whichever they prefer, Strain said.

No information is sent by Stanford to the student's draft board unless the student requests or permits it, he emphasized.

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Assemblyman Willie Brown, San Francisco Democrat, will address a Registration Day all-campus assembly in Memorial Church at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27.

Assemblyman Brown is expected to discuss prison reform in California and other problems of the minority community. His visit is sponsored by the Associated Students' Pre-Registration Committee.