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By WILLIAM GRANT men. In February, it dropped to The Collegiate Press Service 3,000. The Vietnam crises shot WASHINGTON - With the the draft call to 7,900 in March; tober and November draft 13,700 in April; 15,100 in May; calls the largest since the Korean 17,000 in June; 17,100 in July; War, nation's draft boards are and 16,500 in August. Then, on July 28 President set to look at requests for stu-

dent deferments with a more Lyndon Johnson announced that a September call of 27,000 men The Selective Service System would be necessary in order to meet the increased commitment in Vietnam.

Even at that time most state Selective Service men were quoted as saying they didn't feel the new figures would cause any change in the draft status of most men because "draft pools" ho are not making satisfactory were large enough to take care of the increased demands. In most states, draft officials were quoted, some off the record, as saying that married men with no other dependants still need not fear for the draft. Under a 1963 order by President Kennedy, married men with no children were not to be drafted as long as single men were available. But the Defense Department hen dropped his car keys trying announced an October call of 33,600 and recently announced Worse followed. He fell into its November call of 36,450-the two largest calls since the end of the Korean War. And in November, for the first time vithout keys, had to short the since Korea, the draft will include men for the Marine Corps. he couldn't turn the wheel since Some states began to backthe anti-theft device on it was track on their previous statements about married men and "The whole affair," George many conceded that it would be necessary to take married men

"sometime in the fall." On Aug. 26, President Johnson dropped his well-remembered bombshell and announced he had revoked President Kennedy's order and that from now on married men without children would be considered the same as single men as far as the draft is concerned.

Trying to beat the order's midnight deadline, young couples sought out marriage spots like Las Vegas, Nev. Some made it and got married before midnight.

But Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national director of the Selective Service System, observed, "I believe these colples will find they didn't beat any deadline. We'll get most of them — in four or five months."

ried men are the next to go. students who fear that continued the married men, they'll be the harder to come by. next to go. To a degree, they're right.

As one Selective Service official points out, "There is nothing automatic about a student being deferred. Each case is considered on its own merits 47 percent of the 847,511 draftees with the student's course of study, its importance to the national scholastic ability" being used as measuring sticks.

The same high official suggested that as the quotas rise (or even if they stay at the present high level for some extended period of time) and the age of the draftee drops, boards probably will not be able to give deferments for longer than a year.

"This would cover a man in his senior year or probably could be extended in order to let a junior finish school, but it probably would not let the 19 or 20 yearold sophomore finish college before being called for military duty," he said.

He said any student who received an order for induction while in school might be given a I-S classification that would allow him to finish that school year before reporting for duty. The first thing likely to happen is that probationary or borderline students will lose their deferments as they did during the Korean War. This means draft boards could require a student to meet certain academic levels in order to retain his deferment.

The graduate students chances service vary. The state director that graduate deferments were is a new way to be in trouble considered by local boards but with the board, and with the law.

As National Draft Boards Raise Monthly Quotas The facts remain that with the that deferments were given after increased draft calls, local boards asking if the student's studies are rapidly running out of sin- were serving the national intergle men between the ages of 19 est, health, or safety. The Maryand 26 — the present induction land director, Brig. Gen. Henry limits — and the childless mar- C. Stanwood, said he felt the requirement could be interpreted The same sort of concern has to mean that science, math, and been registered among college medical students were favored. Just as there will be a tighthigh draft calls further deplete ening of student deferments, the draft pools and they, after medical deferments will also be If a man is called to take his

Some College Students Marked For Induction Wednesday, September 29, 1965

physical, the chances are still better than even that he will be turned down. A report from the Army Surgeon General's office indicated that during 1964 only were accepted.

Of the 53 percent that failed interest, and the student's to qualify, 22.2 percent were for medical reasons: 16.2 percent for mental reasons; 14 percent had "limited training ability;" 1.5 percent had both medical and mental reasons for being rejected; and 1.7 percent were found to be morally unfit."

"The criteria for medically determing 'combat fitness' have obviously changed with the changing techniques of warfare," the report said. In some ways, the present standards are more liberal than during World War

Still, medical deferments are going to be harder to get in the coming months. Gen. Hershey compares the situation to shopping for tomatoes. "When you go shopping for tomatoes and discover that there is a limited supply," the general says, "you have to buy some with spots if you're to get as many as you need."

The easiest way to get drafted still is to be in some sort of trouble with your local board. The highest draftable classification is reserved for those who the local board finds to be "delinquent" under the Selective Service Act. This may be a person who doesn't keep the board informed of his address or his of completing his studies before status. The law says a registrant must furnish the board inof Selective Service for Mary- formation on any change of staland said in a recent interview tus within 10 days. Now there

President Johnson signed a law August 31 that makes it illegal for anyone to burn or destroy his draft card. Enacted by Congress to counteract student demonstrations that included a public burning or tearing up of draft cards as a protest to the war in Vietnam, the law provides for a \$10,000 fine or five years in prison for anyone who destroys his Selective Service card.

Coincidentally, the new urgency over the draft came at a time when discussions were underway on the future of the draft. There was some pressure to do away with it all together but from experience, officials knew when the Selective Service Act had been allowe dto lapse in 1947, the Army was unable to keep a force of 1.5 million men through en-

listments. A Presidential task force reported that by paying competetive salaries the Army could be maintained on a voluntary basis.

During the summer, the Soviet Union announced that it had lowered its three-year service requirement to a year for all men who had completed college. The announcement said this would allow them to place college graduates in more useful jobs more quickly and would keep the Soviet army at a suitable peacetime level.

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MAJOR CARRIES WOUNDED GI

A wounded private clings to the back of a major who is carrying him to safety under sniper fire in South Viet Nam. The men were part of the 2nd Battalion, 16th Regiment of the First Infantry Division trying to dislodge Viet Cong guerillas in Bien Hoa, about 40 miles northwest of Saigon. (AP Wirephoto)

Astronaut Carpenter Says **Underwater Life Possible**

LA JOLLA. Calif. (AP) - Astronaut M. Scott Carpenter, after a record 30 days on the Pacific floor, is convinced "men can live forever — any length of time they wish — beneath the surface of the ocean."

Carpenter surfaced Sunday with nine other aquanauts from the Navy's 205-foot deep Sealab He told a news conference Tuesday of the beauty, pain and hard manual labor.

"The ocean is a much more hostile environment than space," the astronaut said. "I worked much harder in Sealab 2 than in the Mercury capsule. More energy is required just to move around, because of the extreme pressure, and just to stay warm, because of the 50-degree cold. "But the real key is the isola-

tion. I think men can live as The divers who came up with long in underwater habitats as Carpenter were the second team any place else where they are to spent 15 days in Sealab 2 as isolated." part of a Navy experiment to

The 40-year old Navy comdetermine how long men can mander, who orbited the earth function at great depths. in May of 1962, said men are essentially weightless both in nine men Aug. 28 and stayed for space and in the ocean but the two more weeks after the first density of deep water - 800 team was replaced by another times that of air at the surface group Sept. 12. A third team, - makes every movement there last in the 45-day test, replaced an effort. the second Sunday.

He said one of the delights of his stay in the 12 x 58-foot steel cyclinder on the ocean floor 1,000 yards off La Jolla was watching sea lions which came down at night to feed on fish attracted by lights from the Sealab 2 portholes. "They are about the most beautiful, graceful things I've ever seen," he said.

first breath of fresh air late Monday. Capt. George Bond, project medical officer, termed the experiment highly successful so far.

CORPS FRESHMEN

Yearbook Portrait Schedule: Yearbook Portrait Schedule: Corps freshmen will have their portraits made for the Aggie-land '66 according to this sched-ule. Portraits will be made at University Studio, 115 N. Main in class "A" winter uniforms. Fish should bring poplin shirts,

Carpenter went down with

Carpenter and the nine others

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Miscellaneous For Rent

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