The draft and the undefered

Though most MIT males are hopeful that certain fields of graduate education — namely engineering and the physical sciences — will be declassified by 1970, as the only exceptions are medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, osteopathy, and optometry. For the time being, the President's announce- ments for the American Council of Education, warned the council recently that at the end of this academic year all stu- dents in all branches of graduate education will be inducted first. He concluded, "Thus it must be assumed that virtually all gradu- ating seniors as well as graduate students completing their first year, or whose degree will be conferred, unless they are over-age or physically disqualified, or have previously served in the armed forces."

More's report said that unless the law or present regulations are changed, enrollment in the first two years of graduate education will continue to be disproportionately limited to women, men physically disqualified, and those over age 25.

The council estimates that in the year beginning next July, one-half to two-thirds of all draftees will be college graduates or graduate-school students. First-year students at Harvard Business School were told recently that 50% of them would be drafted before next academic year.

Of course, under the new law there are “certain other, not yet designated discipli- nes” which will be made exempt; these are the arts and the humanities and majors that will probably include most branches of engineering and science. This is the all important list which will be made public very early next year. For those fields which most likely will not be deferred, such as the arts, business, law, and most jobs, present policy promises induction, because it calls on the oldest eligible first.

Lutz, in discussions with Washington last week, was told that the policy of taking 25-year-olds, first, then 24, 23, etc. down to 19, would be continued. Furthermore, "Thus it must be assumed that virtually all graduating seniors as well as graduate students completing their first year of graduate study, and those receiving their advanced degrees will be terminated.

He noted that draft calls would remain roughly the same, and that present procedure calls for the older who can be deferred now. Finally, "Therefore, it must be assumed that virtually all graduating seniors and graduate students completing their first year, or whose degree will be conferred, unless they are over-age or physically disqualified, or have previously served in the armed forces."

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The Ivy Tower

Romney lacks Viet policy

By Steve Carter

Although the announcement of Michigan's Governor George Romney that he will be a candid- date for the Presidency barely came as a surprise, it confirms the need for a thoughtful evalua- tion of the nation's man who might be our next President. President Johnson's pro's and con's are now as low as it has been since he announced last year that he will run. It may yet fall even lower.

Whichever Republican hopes to secure the nomination has a good chance of defeating the incum- bent.

The President's problems

Most of the President's current difficul- ties are unconnected to the serious international situation we are in. Linked with this is a suspicion that the President is losing less than honest with the people in informing about the war. The Republican candidate can win if he can present an image of in- tegritiy and honesty. The powstaks can then bring the country out of all its troubles, and in our first count, Romney does indeed present a "stronger than dirt" personality. His decision of his ideas on the war shows him to be constantly changing in detail but essentially the same as those offered by the admin- istration.

When he returned from his visit to Vietnam in 1965, Romney felt that one presence there was "right thing." In April of this year, in a major policy speech, he stated that "I nevertheless, I am not in a position to say several times that "Vietnam is a just war, " America has "a national duty to win the war, we do not want to be the first country to leave Vietnam, " etc.

New feelings

By September, however, Rom- ney's tone had changed. Another one of his speech was to the Red Cross conference, "I no longer believe that it was necess- ary to get involved in South Vietnam to stop communist aggression in Asia. In addition, Romney said that what he was told and shown by officials in the War Secretary the 1965 visit resulted in his receiving the "greatest brainwashing anybody can get." Is the public to infer from these statements that he is advocating withdrawal from Vietnam? Probably not; he has not said so and it is more likely that he feels that while we were wrong to enter the war, the only solution now is to leave.

Letters to the Tech

Ed: note: We have depart from policy and allow one of our staff to write a letter to The Tech. Time has run out at San Francisco Mime Troupe's pres- entation of "The Dream," Miss Berlin has been the subject of a number of letters, the character of Miss Berlin, and the recipient of various follow-ups. Sue has sold out for friends, and she does reply to our letter last week.

To the Editor:

Never before in the field of hu- man conflict has a point been missed by so many. It is not the chance of remaining a civilian. Presently, the Viet- namese are being asked to vote for "yes" or "no" to the war. I seriously doubt that this has been the general impression of the audience regarding what they were going to see. (An indi- cidual note to Mr. Covitt: Clap- ping performance was usually non-verbal too, remember?) As to "The Dream," I have no idea what that means! I, however, find Mr. Covitt's "praise" to be hollow, meaningless, and baseless. "The dream to me is the all important list which will be made public very early next year."

Incidentally, I have been un- aware that a critic had a more obli- gation to concur with majority opinion. In that case, may I now recommend to you all, most highly, "The Beverly Hillbillies" and "Batman," both of which have gained immense popularity, and are therefore of undoubtedly merit. It is indeed a sad story, if Mr. Covitt, as a self-appointed repre- sentative of the student body, de- scribes an important play that he disagrees with his own opinions, (since he the Mime Troupe let its message be overshadowed by the "the morally right thing." In his speech mankind to work for a "just peace in Viet-

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