It's up to students to stop the draft

Ron Newman

College students and other young Americans could be in for a nasty surprise this summer when Congress begins debate on eight bills designed to revive some form of the military draft. Unless students quickly mount a loud and effective protest against these proposals, we may be faced with a compulsory registration requirement, a limited induction, or something even worse, by the end of 1979.

Since nobody has been drafted in seven years, and nobody has been required to register for the draft since 1975, many Americans now have the erroneous impression that the draft law itself has been repealed. Unfortunately, draft registration is the key for the authority to select men, which expired in 1973, the entire draft law remains in force.

The registration of young men was suspended in 1976 by an executive order of President Ford, not by any law; another executive order could once again require all men to report to local Selective Service offices for registration, classification, and physical examinations. President Carter is understandably reluctant to issue such an order himself, but some observers suggest that he would not strongly object if Congress "forced" him into lifting the suspension.

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What if MIT lost accreditation?

Paul Hubbard by Kent Massey

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