Rice Male Need Not Hide Inside Library

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Does a married man make a good soldier? President Kennedy decided not last week and exempted all married men aged nineteen to twenty-five from the draft.

Under the terms of Executive Order No. 11119, married men will not be drafted before single men. And the supply of unmarried men eligible for the draft is virtually inexhaustible. Hopefully, last week's order will lower the average age of inductees and will give them a better idea of when they will be called. At present, no one is drafted in the state of Texas under the age of 22.

THE NATION'S SELECTIVE system has also recently removed all academic restrictions from the 2S, or student deferment. A student no-longer has to maintain a certain grade point to be eligible for deferment.

Students at Rice are generally classified under the student deferment, married category, or under the special category granted to ROTC members above the age of 20.

THOSE WITH A classification of 2S will not be drafted unless of national emergency. However, their liability age is extended until the age 35. Married men are exempt from the draft at age 26.

At the present time, the order for induction into the armed forces is as follows: single men (the older, the sooner) first, married men next, and those with any deferment last.