

Students drafted?

MONTREAL (CUP) — American students studying in Canada may soon have to register for the draft, according to a selective services officer in Washington.

Brayton Harris said the U.S. would probably begin registration for compulsory military service within the next few months. Student deferment was removed from U.S. law in 1970. Before that date students were exempt from the draft.

Harris said no decision has been made if women will have to register.

"The priority now is just to amass a pool of names and addresses," he said.

"The plan is to revitalize the selective service to increase the country's readiness," he said.

"Now we're trying to get this sleeping nation on its feet."

American students at McGill University, who represent about five per cent of the enrolment, were negative about the prospect of going to war.

McGill's American women are considering the possibility that they too will be required to register. "I think that men and women should be equal in the draft if it comes to that," said one woman, "but I'd oppose being drafted as a person."

Some students said they would not honor a draft and would consider staying in Canada illegally or applying for citizenship.

"If there was a draft right now I'd stay in Canada and go to grad school," said one student.

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by Brian Bechtel

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Correction

An article in the Thursday, January 21 issue of *Gateway* referred to the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist). The correct name of the party is the Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada. *Gateway* apologizes for any inconvenience or confusion which this error may have caused.

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