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Mrs. Joyce Parr, assistant to the registrar and supervisor of the Selective Service, said that the WSU Registrar's Office will send information to draft boards only at the request of the student. She explained that they usually send out the student's rank--what quarter of his class he is in. This is based on grade point average. The increasing demand for men to fight in the war in Vietnam and for other related needs has resulted in a depletion of young men willing to enlist in the armed services. Formerly they were the "buffer" which allowed college men to assume a relatively more nonchalant attitude towards the draft while they were in school. Now, however, draft boards are looking more and more longingly towards the college man as an answer to the military shortage.

We hold the opinion that it is not the responsibility of a college or university to provide local draft boards with detailed information about a student, and it is hoped that they don't succumb to increasing pressure from the draft boards. We further hope that WSU and the University of Oregon's attitude towards releasing academic information to draft boards is typical of that throughout the nation.

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