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Deferment Sought for Students

University of Hawaii President Thomas H. Hamilton said yesterday he is seeking deferments until June 1 for University students in Island military units called to active duty May 13.

Such deferments would enable the students to finish the current semester at the University.

Hamilton said no figure on the number of such students is currently available.

He said he asked State Adjutant General Benjamin J. Webster about such deferments. "But he informs me that he does not have this authority.

"Currently, we are trying to discover whether there is the authority in Washington to secure these deferments to allow the students to finish this semester's work."

"In the event this proves impossible, I shall urge the faculty to work these students affected to try to finish the semester's work by May 12.

"Where this is impossible, I am recommending that students be assigned 'pass-fail' or that an incomplete grade be given and a refund of tuition for that particular course be made in full."

Hamilton said that the Faculty Senate executive committee agrees with these plans.

"If there are students concerned about their status in this matter, I suggest that they check with the appropriate college, and identify themselves," he said.