

University work-study relief a possibility

Possible federal funds may aid ailing departments

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Reduced federal funding for the University's college work-study program has caused a decline in the number of students who can be offered work-study as part of their financial aid package, financial aid Director Ed Vignoul says.

However, relief is in sight for University departments and other potential work-study employers, who are now facing a shortage of help, he adds.

Vignoul says his office is seeking supplemental funds from the federal work-study program and, if the past is any indicator, money probably will be awarded.

"The fact that we have 10 percent fewer certified students this year is not the whole story," he says. "It's not really fewer students, but fewer students for particular kinds of jobs."

One area suffering because of the shortage of work-study students is departments' clerical help.

Camille Brockman, supervisor for work-study placement, offers no explanation, except to say that the abundance of job offerings gives students a larger opportunity to "pick and choose."

"Students apparently prefer work experience closer to their major or career goals," Brockman says. "But clerical jobs are critical and should be valued," she adds.

The proportion of students offered work-study who actually take jobs is higher than ever before, according to Brockman.

"We have more people because the jobs are better," she explains. "We had more time this year to develop jobs and sell the program."

"But it's also a part of the educational experience—that work

background increases the value of their degree. And that's where job development comes in," he adds.

Brockman and Vignoul each credit the program's success to the placement center's move to the campus branch of the state employment division.

But both admit that success has created a gap between supply and demand by making more and more employers aware of the value of using work-study students.

"They know they'll get quality students. If they ask for a master's degree candidate, they'll get one," Brockman says. "We screen students very carefully before sending them out."

Work-study job development includes going into the community to explain the program and interviewing employers and prospective employees carefully to ensure that both understand what they are getting into, Brockman says.

"We're advocates for both employers and students. We try to match the two of them," she adds.

The work-study program has two purposes, according to Vignoul. "It provides the students with a job so they can earn the money that allows them to go to school."

Vignoul says work-study placement was contracted out to the employment office in August 1977 because the University recognized the job could be done better."



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