

## Financial aid faces federal cutbacks

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For the first time in its history, the financial aid office must refigure every aid offer sent out in the spring because Congress changed federal aid levels, says director Ed Vignoul.

But Vignoul says his staff is shifting into overdrive to process the 4,000 to 5,000 packets, and students soon will

be notified of their new offers. "We're going to go nuts in the next two to four weeks," he says.

Financial aid gambled this spring when it mailed aid offers to students before Congress completed Basic Educational Opportunity Grant and National Direct Student Loan revisions, Vignoul says.

Nearly every area of financial

aid funding shifted during late July and early August, and Vignoul says his staff now must struggle to fit the pieces back together.

But counselors will make every effort to retain each student's aid at its current level by shifting funds, he says, adding that every student who was eligible for financial aid this year received some level of funding.

Congress delivered the most serious blow to financial aid when it cut \$100 million from the \$286 million NDSL program for 1981-82. In addition, University NDSL repayments, which help finance the loans, have decreased and may not pick up soon, Vignoul says.

"I can't be overly optimistic that our collection rate will go up a lot during 1981-1982."

Students aren't defaulting — they just can't afford full payments, he says.

The University received \$2.2 million for 1981-82 NDSLs — last year it received nearly \$3 million. The combined federal and University cuts translate into a \$500,000 to \$600,000 deficit in University NDSLs, Vignoul says.

Each Basic Educational Opportunity Grant has been cut \$80 per term. Financial aid began disbursing summer-term BEOG grants Monday, and Vignoul says the checks already reflect the reduction.

Surprisingly, state legislative action on tuition and state need grants will help students who receive financial aid.

Although tuition increased more than Vignoul's office anticipated, fees actually decreased by \$3 (financial aid does not consider the general deposit part of fees). The total tuition and fees increase did not exceed the amount already figured into aid offers, providing a little relief from the federal cuts, Vignoul says.

The Legislature also allotted more for Oregon State Need Grants than expected, raising the maximum grant from \$528 to \$645 per year and opening up

the grant to a broader spectrum of students.

Previously, state need grants only were awarded to students who qualified for the entire amount — now the grants can be awarded in smaller amounts.

The Legislature realized the tuition increase would hurt students, and wanted to help those with the greatest need, Vignoul says.

Congress has finished Guaranteed Students Loan revisions that will be effective Oct. 1, 1981 — so apply for GSLs now, he says. All GSLs processed by the financial aid office before that date will not be subject to the new regulations.

After Oct. 1, GSLs will contain a \$30,000 income cap for dependent students' families. To still receive the loan, students in that category will have to complete a financial need test, Vignoul says. The interest rate will stay at 9 percent.

GSLs also will be charged a 5-percent "origination fee" that will be deducted from the loan before students receive it, going back to the federal government. For example, a \$1,500 loan would decrease \$75 — in addition to the 1 to 1½-percent fee charged by the bank. The fee will be in effect as soon as Pres. Reagan signs the appropriations bill, Vignoul says.

Other GSL changes are being worked out by the federal Department of Education and will be known soon, he says.

Vignoul says the University is in "good shape" on work-study money, which will be used to help offset other decreases.

## Musicians headline county fair

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How do you entertain the whole county?

Well, you do it with a fair.

Six top recording artists, along with an assortment of exhibits, booth displays and carnival rides should provide enough diversity to handle a variety of tastes at this year's Lane County Fair, scheduled for Aug. 18-23.

Heading the entertainment lineup are the Captain and Tennille Aug. 18, Helen Reddy Aug. 19, Charley Pride Aug. 20, Manhattan Transfer Aug. 21, Merle Haggard Aug. 22 and Pure Prairie League Aug. 23.

Each act will perform afternoon and evening shows in the Arena Building. Performances will start at 2 and 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 3 and 7 p.m. Sunday.

Fair Manager Steve McCulloch expects to draw far more than the 324,000 persons who flocked to last year's extravaganza.

Besides big-name stars, there will be bottle games, side shows, photography, and a textile competition — plus blue-ribbon roosters, prize horses, big pigs, jugglers and whistlers, corn dogs and kids.

The fairground will feature the new exhibit and performance halls that debuted last year.

And the traditional events will be back. Since the first Lane County Fair in 1859, fair week has been a time for the county's farmers to display their best livestock and produce. Artists and

artisans have displayed their creations since the 1960s.

The fair will provide free shuttle service between the fairground and six Eugene-Springfield locations. Free parking will be available at the six shuttle stops, which include Autzen Stadium, 10th Avenue and Willamette Street, North Eugene, South Eugene and Churchill high schools in Eugene, and Fifth and B streets in Springfield.

Buses will start from shuttle stops at 10 a.m. every morning and operate continuously, leaving about every 30 minutes. The last buses will leave the fairground at 11 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 9 p.m. Sunday.

Reserved-seat entertainment tickets, at \$1 each, are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday at the fairground auditorium building. Reduced-price fair admission tickets may be purchased with show tickets during this time — adult admission, regularly \$3, will be reduced to \$2.50.

Plenty of tickets remain for all shows, McCulloch says.

After Aug. 14, entertainment tickets will go on sale at the arena building two hours prior to performances and admission tickets will return to the regular price.

The Lane County fairground is located at 13th Avenue and Monroe Street in Eugene. Fair hours will be 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

## Fore!

Frisbee golfer Brian Niemeyer prepares to flip his disk out of a water sprinkler trap on a campus Frisbee golf course. He should have plenty of spare time to practice his aim after final exams wrap up today and Friday.



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