

# Financial aid/draft bill nears approval stage

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A law that would link financial aid eligibility with a student's draft registration status has been approved by the U.S. House of Representatives.

If the law wins full congressional approval financial aid applicants will have to prove they have registered with the Selective Service before they can receive PELL Grants, National Direct Student Loans, Guaranteed Student Loans and other financial aid under Title IV.

The amendment, authored jointly by Senators S.I. Hayakawa, R-Calif., and Mack Mattingly, R-Ga., is a "rider" attached to a defense appropriations bill.

Ed Vignoul, director of the University's financial aid office, says he has "no idea how to implement the program," and has

no idea when it will become law.

More than 8,500 University students in 1981-82 have used financial aid under the Title IV program. Vignoul says that his office has no way at present to determine how many of those are males required by law to register for a potential draft.

The federal government, according to Vignoul, doesn't presently have a composite list of every student receiving Title IV financial aid — only PELL Grants and possibly GSIs.

Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield opposes the amendment, calling it "one of the worse forms of government coercion."

"I am outraged, shocked and appalled by this amendment," Hatfield says.

Hatfield was not present when the amendment was introduced into the Senate.

"They sneaked it through by voice vote when the Senator wasn't around," says a Hatfield aide.

According to the aide, the senator is opposed to draft registration on the grounds it does not allow a registrant to note — with a check-off box — whether he is a conscientious objector.

Hatfield will not support the bill with the registration amendment, when it returns to the senate.

"The Orwellian implications of this type of action endanger the freedoms of all Americans," Hatfield says.

Congressman Jim Weaver echoes Hatfield's opposition and literary allusion, saying the amendment is "leading us down the road to 1984."

Yet Weaver agrees with certain aspects of the amendment, specifically

that a student should be registered when applying for government aid. However, he says he strongly objects to the amendment on the grounds it "makes the University the policeman."

The University branch of the American Civil Liberties Union is also opposed to the amendment.

"This law is the latest example of how unworkable draft registration is and how much it has invaded our lives," says campus ACLU director Doug Marker. "If financial aid is tied to draft registration how long will it be before employment, admittance to college and drivers licenses are contingent on registration with the government?"

Marker agrees with Weaver that the defense bill, with the draft registration amendment, is "almost law," and little can be done to stop it.

## GTFs, University may enter into dues arbitration

The Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation appears to be headed toward arbitration to solve a dispute with the University over union dues.

At a Thursday meeting, the GTFF and the University failed to reach an agreement concerning a mutually acceptable method of handling a GTFF union dues increase, according to

GTFF Pres. Brenda Cochrane.

"Essentially, the University refused to pay for implementing the dues increase," Cochrane says.

The GTFF maintains the University should pay the \$675 to reprogram a computer so more dues can be deducted from GTFF paychecks. The University maintains the

Federation should pay the costs.

At the heart of the conflict is an interpretation of part of the GTFF contract with the University, says Shirley Menaker, graduate school associate dean. Article 4 deals with the handling of GTFF dues increases.

Both sides contend Article 4 is vague. And both sides interpret the contract as holding the other party responsible for paying the cost of collecting more dues.

The arbitrator will decide which party prevails under the existing contract. Under the general rules of arbitration, the decision of the arbitrator is final and legally binding.

Last February the GTFF voted to temporarily deduct dues of \$5.25 a month from GTFF paychecks, an increase over the previous \$4.80 a month.

The GTFF wants a more involved dues structure — a type of sliding scale — with varying amounts deducted based on hours worked. The University contends such a structure requires costly computer reprogramming.

"We feel that we've tried to be reasonable and we've offered to adjust the structure of the dues increase," Cochrane says. "We're left with no option other than going to arbitration."

"When we parted (Thursday), I was under the impression we were seeking other means of solutions. I had a fairly good feeling about it," Menaker says.

But when Menaker talked to Cochrane Friday morning, she says she found out the GTFF intended to file for arbitration.

"It puts us once again in an adversary position," Menaker says.

"The peculiar structure (the GTFF) set up has the characteristic of being expensive," Menaker says of the GTFF dues increase plan.

The University offered some alternate methods of handling the dues increase, but apparently the methods were not well received by the GTFF, she adds.

The GTFF offered to design a dues deduction system like the University's classified employees' system, but the University didn't accept this, Cochrane says.

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