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Aid faces changes

Reagan's budget consolidates programs

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More students will be working to finance their college education if Pres. Ronald Reagan's financial aid budget passes Congress, says Ed Vignoul, University financial aid director.

Speaking of the current proposals to consolidate federal aid programs, Vignoul says the idea is good but it's the wrong time to make such sweeping changes in financial aid programs. This is because all federal aid programs will come up for re-evaluation in 1985, according to Vignoul.

For 1984-85, the federal Department of Education has proposed no new funding for either the State Student Incentive program, the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program or the National Direct Student Loan program. In return, more money would go into College Work-Study and Pell grants.

That means students would get less grant and loan money and more Work-Study hours in their financial aid packages, says Vignoul. At the University, this would probably create a need for more off-campus Work-Study jobs, he adds, because Work-Study students by law cannot replace classified workers.

Vignoul says he doesn't object to the proposed 60 percent increase for Work-Study funds, but students can only work so many hours before their studies begin suffering. Most students are already working as many hours as they can within their limits, he explains.

Another drastic change would supply no new funds for NDS loans. This would reduce by about one-fifth the total money available for NDS loans at the University, says Vignoul. According to the Department of Education, the revolving loan fund will continue to operate and could even be expanded by \$640 million if all students in default repay their loans.

"Sure," agrees Vignoul. "But is the economy

really that good these days that former students are making a lot of money and can afford to pay off their loans?"

From an administrator's point of view, Vignoul objects to making major changes in federal programs before dealing with lesser problems such as dispensing the aid. For example, he would like to see individual colleges take control of administering Pell grants and state need grants.

"We could easily take over those programs, determine who's eligible and cut out some of the bureaucratic red tape," says Vignoul. Not only would this simplify the procedure for office staff, he predicts, but students would be better served by their own colleges than by the state or federal governments.

Other proposed changes include a mandatory "needs analysis" for all student loan applications, instead of just for students with a family income of more than \$30,000; and increasing graduate student loan prepayment fees from five to 10 percent.

Graduates borrowing NDSL or Guaranteed Student Loans would have to pay 10 percent of the loan amount directly to the lender before receiving the money. This amount is usually deducted from the loan and is used to defray interest costs, Vignoul explains.

"With these proposals, the Reagan administration is hoping financial aid will cost the government less in the long run," says Vignoul. "It's not going to be a boon, especially for graduate students."

By April 20, Vignoul will send his comments on the proposed federal budget to the Department of Education. "I think Reagan's proposals will have a hard time getting through Congress," Vignoul says. "That is, I hope they will. There's room for change, but I don't think the budgetary process is the way to do it."

Commencement guests limited 4 per graduate

When the 1983-84 commencement exercises take place, there may be some people left out in the cold.

For the first time at the University, the commencement candidates will be restricted to four guests each, says Mary Hudzikiewicz, director of community services.

Graduates can pick up tickets at the University Bookstore. Tickets not picked up by 5:30 p.m. June 3 will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The limitation is needed because guests have had to stand at the last few commencement exercises, Hudzikiewicz says. While it is possible to use bleachers on both sides, in the case of rain not all guests will fit into Mac Court, she says.

"You can't get around that unless you hold it in the rain," she says.

Assembly defeats motion to oust University ROTC

The University Assembly Wednesday defeated a motion that would have removed the Reserve Officer Training Corps from the University, 86-27.

The motion was introduced by Bayard McConaughy, a University biology professor.

"The most certain way to destroy our world is to continue to prepare to do so," he said. "No cause on this earth is worth risking that result."

In reference to the number of times the proposal has been considered by the Assembly, English professor John Sherwood suggested the people behind the proposal were "trying to bore us into submission." But, he said, "If

they bore, we'll counterbore."

Other debate suggested that removing ROTC from campus would eventually lead to a decreased input of civilians into military affairs.

Vice-Provost Paul Holbo, before bringing the motion to a vote, announced figures indicating the faculty of the University has spent 3,600 hours over the past 16 years debating the issue of ROTC.

In other Assembly business, Vernon Barkhurst, Associate dean of students and Conduct Coordinator, announced a notice of motion to be discussed at the next Assembly meeting concerning revisions in the student conduct code.

Wedding Belles

These dresses, which come from the Macedonian villages of Drenok and Galichnik don't quite fit the Western stereotype of "something borrowed, something blue..." but East European brides pay no mind.

Here, assistant anthropology professor Carol Silverman adjusts the "gowns" in preparation for the Festival of East European Peoples, to take place at the University April 10-May 1. The range of films, exhibits, slide shows, lectures and workshops will end with the Shrovetide Festival, April 29-May 1.

The three-week festival represents Ukrainian, Jewish and Balkan cultures, both in the Old World and in North America. It opens 3:00 p.m. Sunday with a reception for the exhibit of Macedonian bridal costumes at the Museum of Natural History.

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