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For most, the aid remains the same

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For most financial aid recipients, the 1983-84 school year should hold no undesired surprises, according to University officials.

The only major change is one that requires some male students to swear they have registered with the selective service before they can receive any assistance.

The controversial Solomon amendment to the Military Selective Service Act went into effect this fall. All male students who were born during or after 1960 and who want to receive Guaranteed Student Loans, PELL grants, work study assistance and all other Title IV financial aid must provide written proof that they have registered for the draft in order to receive the aid.

The bulk of responsibility in implementing the new law rests with college financial aid offices, which now must present written proof of compliance in order to process financial aid requests.

According to Ed Vignoul, University financial aid director,

6,017 letters were mailed in August, informing University students that they must sign a statement assuring that they have registered for the draft.

"We have to comply with the federal government and that's that," Vignoul says. "We aren't about to risk losing financial aid for 60 percent of our student population to protest the law. We'd be out of business."

Vignoul's fears are warranted. The U.S. education department has promised to cut off aid to all colleges that don't comply with the Solomon amendment.

But Vignoul predicts that few University students will lose aid due to the Solomon amendment.

About half of the 6,000 University aid recipients are men. Half of those men are too old to be drafted, which leaves a rough total of 1,500 males eligible for both draft registration and financial aid.

If Selective Service statistics can be believed, only 5 percent of the eligible males refuse to register. Assuming that only half of those men are in college, then a mere 2

percent of the 1,500 students, or about 38, would be prohibited from receiving aid.

Although the Solomon amendment has stirred up opposition at several college campuses across the country, Vignoul predicts little if any resistance to the regulation here.

"I can't imagine any students not signing the statement," he says. "If they don't sign it, they won't get any aid. I doubt any student would sacrifice college just to protest draft registration."

Although it's too soon to tell whether all the letters will come back signed, Vignoul says the Solomon act has had no effect on the number of students applying for aid.

As for the rest of the financial aid seekers not affected by the law, the outlook for aid is unchanged from last year. PELL grants and state need grants have risen proportionately to tuition. And while the number of students getting aid has remained the same, the total dollar amount is slightly higher this year due to more dollars in the work study fund.

"I don't foresee any change in financial aid during the next five years," Vignoul says.

"I doubt the government will attempt to make anymore drastic cuts. Congress won't allow it," he says, referring to the situation two years ago when the federal government imposed an earning ceiling of \$30,000 on borrowers. Those whose families made over that amount were only eligible for financial aid under certain conditions.

"There's basically a lot of bipartisan support for students to continue their education," Vignoul says.

He also points to the wave of concern for excellence in education that is rippling through the country today as a reason for reluctance on the part of government to inhibit future financial aid allotments.

"The government is making education a big concern. And they will continue to allocate funds for financial aid."

Time remains to sign up for 'Rush'

The opportunity to join a fraternity or sorority this week has already appealed to an estimated 600 students. If the opportunity to experience all the benefits of Greek living appeals to you, then there is still time to sign up.

For this chance to visit the 14 fraternities located at the University, men need to sign up before 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21. Rush sign-up tables will be in the EMU Breezeway Monday through Wednesday. Fraternity rush lasts until the end of the week and costs \$10 to participate.

Women not yet signed up for sorority rush can register Thursday and Friday outside the EMU Fishbowl. Since the women will be going through informal rush, there will be no cost.

Schain named to IFC position

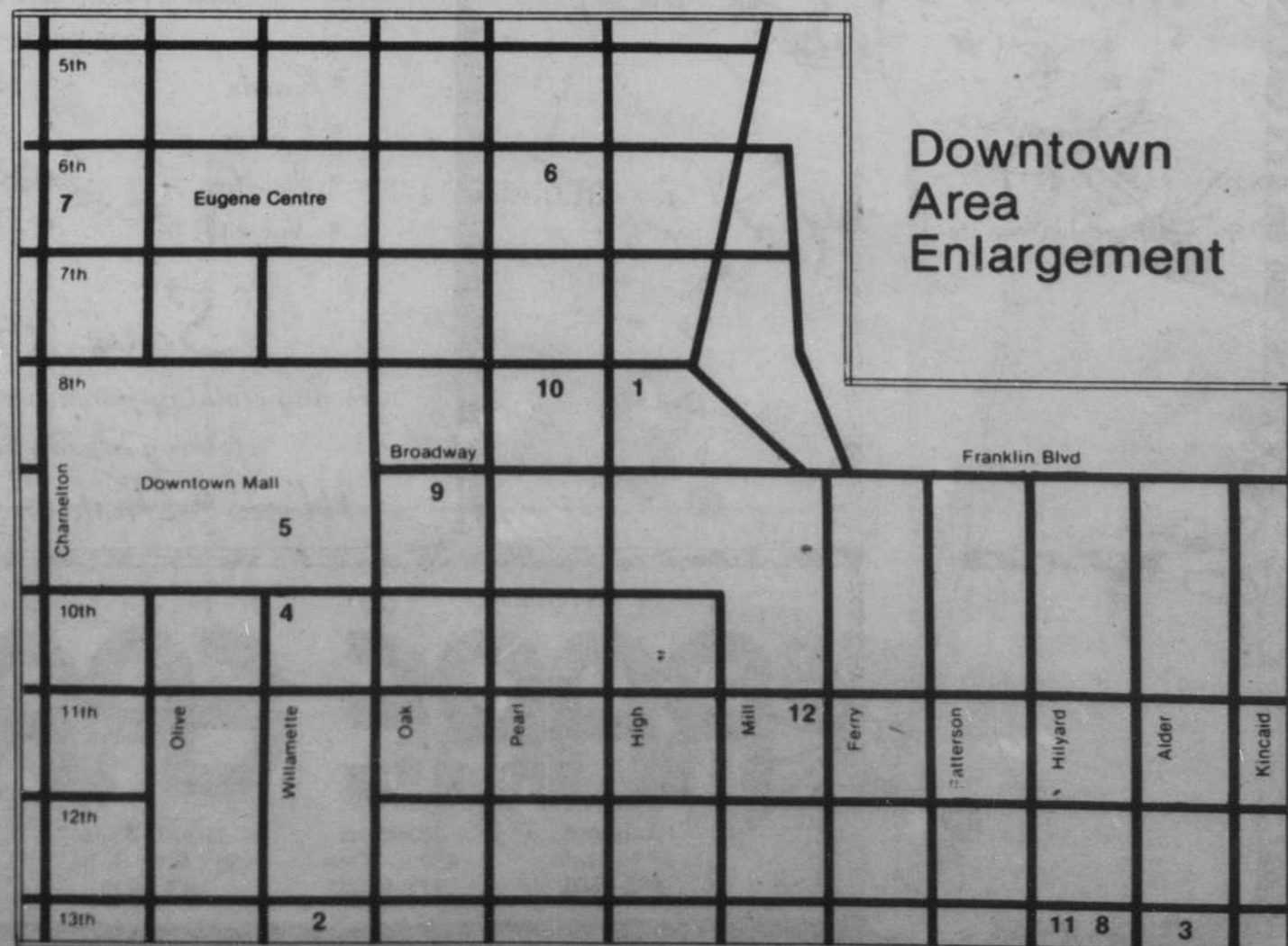
Mary Hotchkiss, ASUO president, announced the appointment of Sheila Schain to replace Mary Alice Holmes on the Incidental Fee Committee. Schain will give up her position as ASUO finance manager and director of the campus ACLU to take the post.

The ASUO has also decided to merge Program Development and Finance to create the office of Program Development and Finance. The program will be coordinated by Bill Hallmark.

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