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duction requirements for 1989 and 1990.

As a result, some analysts predict about 14,000 students would lose their \$200 grants altogether, and another 1.3 million students would have their awards cut by \$50.

**The Reagan legacy**

Bush's first solo effort isn't much different from the Reagan years. Last year Bush could only make amendments to the budget that then-President Ronald Reagan had submitted previously.

"Unfortunately, there isn't much of a difference between the two. Just as Reagan tried to do away with programs, so is Bush. The only difference is Bush doesn't publish it," USSA's Lieberman said.

"This is called Reagan's tenth budget by some in Washington, and I agree," said Becky Timmons of the American Council on Education.

The only difference between Bush and Reagan, Martin said, is that Bush doesn't make large, sweeping cuts in the education budget.

"He's not doing a lot (for higher education), but at least he's not taking large cuts," Martin said.

During his first years in office, Reagan asked Congress to slash as much as 50 percent of the federal college budget. In the early '80s, Congress did in fact drastically reduce or eliminate the budgets for student Social Security, Perkins Student Loans, campus housing and library programs, black colleges, college work-study, Pell grants, Stafford Loans and Middle Income Student Assistance funds.

**It's not the money**

"It's a mistake to measure Bush's commitment by the amount of money he spends," countered David Boaz of the Cato Institute, a conservative think tank that says more money isn't the key to improving education.

Boaz, for one, is happy Bush didn't give large increases to education, and says that education funding should be cut further.

"We already spend more on education than any other country," Boaz said. "We clearly are

not getting a good return on our money."

**Financial aid and the drug war**

Even as Bush prepared to go to Colombia by claiming there's been "notable progress" in the war on drugs, academia's officials said anti-drug efforts on college campuses are failing.

A number of the campus officials who are supposed to lead the charge against illicit drugs, moreover, have refused to do so.

"I don't think institutions believe it's their responsibility to become Big Brother," said NASFAA's Martin.

Aid officials at Harvard, University of Nebraska and University of California-Berkeley recently admitted that, aside from collecting signatures on aid forms, they're doing nothing to help enforce the federal search for student drug users.

Aid officials at other campuses have not reported any student drug users' names to the U.S. Department of Education since July 1, 1989, when a new law empowered the department to strip students convicted of drug offenses of their federal financial aid.

"The complaint I'm hearing is 'Why am I being held at such a higher standard than someone who's rich?'" said Jim Smith of the Wisconsin Student Association of the measure, under which student drug users who don't get state aid — presumably because they are wealthy enough not to need it — could continue to attend classes.

Other statewide student associations in Florida, Oregon, California and Arizona have passed resolutions denouncing federal and state efforts to tie financial aid to the Drug War.

**Loyalty oaths — '90s style**

The 1988 Drug-Free Workplace Act and Bush's September 1989 anti-drug initiative forces students who get Pell Grants to sign a pledge that they will not use illegal substances.

By 1991, all campuses are supposed to have anti-drug programs in place, along with the

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