

Financial Aid Cuts Hurt New Coordinator Says

by Annette Bux-Cremo

He practices and teaches Tai Chi, the oriental martial art of stress reduction, is an avid astronomer, is an accomplished pianist, bass player and violinist, and enjoys canoeing and hiking the Appalachian trail. This multi-talented man is also the new Financial Aid Coordinator at Capitol Campus.

James Lane has recently been hired as Penn State University Capitol Campus Financial Aid Coordinator. He holds an Associate degree in visual arts from Harrisburg Area Community College, received a B.A. in music theory with a minor in philosophy graduating Magna Cum Laude, from Indiana University, and has two M.A. degrees, one in music theory and education and the other in higher education and administration.

As coordinator of the financial aid program, Lane administers all financial aid programs and makes sense of them for the students. "Federal regulations tend to be very difficult to understand so your need a liason," Lane says.

When asked about his impressions of Capitol Campus, Lane replied "I remember the rock concerts—I even played at one. I always liked the campus because it has always entertained a high reputation and it certainly is a privilege to work here. It is a nice sized institution, and it's something I feel comfortable with."

The most common problem Mr. Lane sees is, "Where someone has received aid in the past and they see drastic reduc-



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tions this year and they want to know why. It's a conditioned response—you give something to somebody for a long time; then we take it away and he or she is left with their mouths open. People have to understand that there are massive federal cutbacks," he says. "Federal Aid has undergone major surgery and we're keeping in on life support as long as Reagan is in office."

Lane advises students to apply for grants and loans as early as possible. The 1983-84 applications will be available January and the deadline for most of those is February 15. Information seminars based on applying for grants and student aid will be available for those students needing assistance. The dates for these seminars will be given later this year.

Carpools Now Open To Commuters

The Office of Student Affairs is now arranging carpools for Capitol Campus commuters.

According to Leslie Zuidema from the Office of Student Affairs, approximately sixty-eight percent of the students at Capitol Campus commute daily and a carpool system could be beneficial to many of these students.

Students who are interested in carpooling now, or in the future, should stop by the Student Affairs Office in W-103 to leave information for compiling the system.

This information will be placed in the carpool file by areas and will be accessible to students daily between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The file can also be available to students upon request.

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