

New law could deny draft registration resisters aid

By Jo Griffiths

This is the season for hope.

All over the country, students are filling out their annual financial aid applications, and sending them off, fervently "hoping" they'll get the same amount of money this year they received last year, despite the diminishing funds.

For most, it's merely a matter of making sure the right information is on the right form, and then signing one's name to everything. This year, however, some students will have to sign their name to one more form, or forget about applying for financial aid.

As a result of new federal legislation, male students between the ages of 18 and 22 will have to prove they have registered for the draft before they can receive aid for the 1983-84 academic year. The requirement takes effect July 1, and will affect numerous aid programs such as the PELL grant, GSL, SEOG, and the NDSL, according to recent information put out by the Penn State Financial Aid Office.

One state has already reacted negatively to the new law. A

Minnesota judge ruled the action unconstitutional two weeks ago, but for Pennsylvania and the other 48 states, the law still stands.

"What we're hoping for is a domino effect," said Capitol Campus Financial Aid Officer James Lane.

"Action is currently pending on another law introduced in Congress to repeal this but until something definite happens, we have to assume everything is in effect and proceed accordingly."

"I'm told we have about 1,000 men attending classes here," said Lane. "Probably about half of those, 500 or so, will be affected by the ruling, but that's a ballpark figure."

The real problem, though, lies with how students are going to prove their compliance with the new law. According to Lane, neither the Department of Education nor the Selective Service System has published anything regarding the method of certifying compliance.

"Possibly we'll attach an addendum to the Statement of Educational Purpose all students must sign when they apply for aid," said Lane.

Another suggestion would be for

students to present the Acknowledgement Letter sent to them after they registered with the Selective Service System.

In the meantime, financial aid forms at Capitol will have information attached to them and financial aid officers will be making sure students affected know about the require-

ment, unless the law is repealed, or action is taken on a bill introduced to Congress earlier this year, to abolish the draft registration in peacetime. This bill, sponsored by a bi-partisan coalition of House members, would advocate a return to the mass on-day registration system used during World War II.

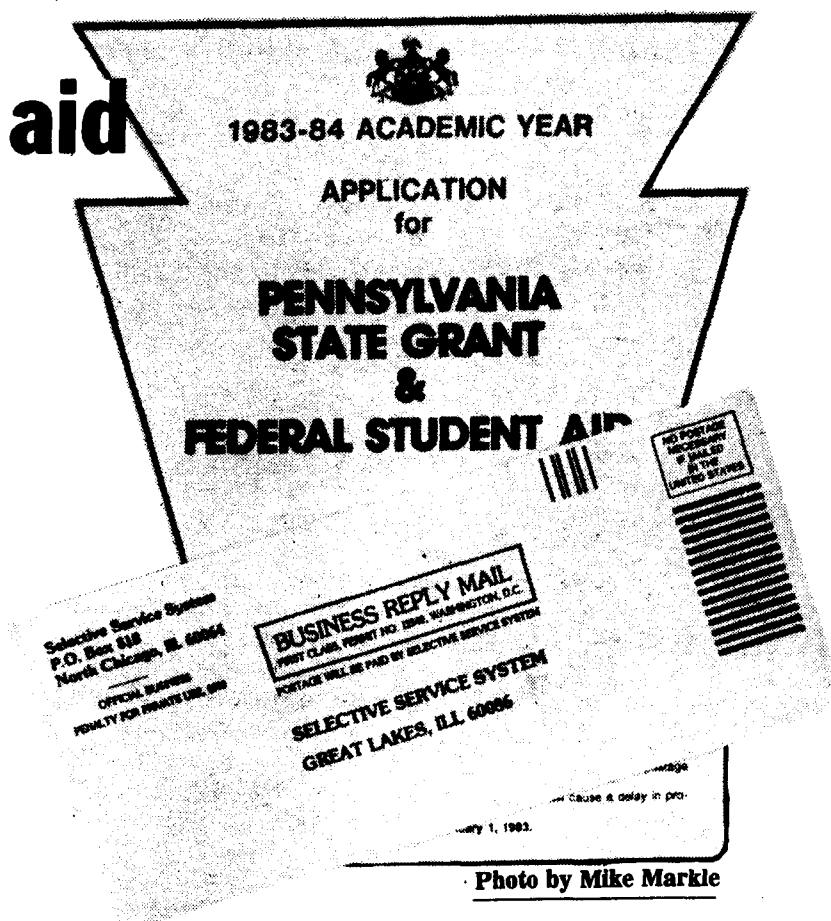


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Student input new facet for bookstore planning

By Joseph Guberman

Spring term is just around the corner, and so are some badly needed changes in the Capitol Campus bookstore.

What they have in mind can only be described as daring. Dr. Dwayne Smith, Assistant Provost, feels: "We can be more

insistent now."

He plans to coordinate a bi-partisan group, made up of students, faculty, and Bookstore officials, that will look at four areas of concern: The store's product mix, the need for a used textbook buy-back system, underordering of texts, and the physical set-up of the store.

Some good news for students is that as early as the Spring term, used books will be introduced on the shelves alongside new textbooks. But the selection of used books will be a little slow in coming, because faculty members order a variety of texts.

Assistant Provost Smith, however, says "once the ordering system is smoothed out, I'd be willing to turn over information on texts, so we can know what to accept."

Smith also thinks an effective Bookstore committee is needed. He felt the previous committee "wasn't representative." He wants to get undergraduate and graduate students involved. And he has personally invited William Kistler, Bookstore Manager, to sit regularly on the committee.

Another problem they will address is the store's product mix. Tom Halley, SGA President, sent a letter about this to the Bookstore Committee. In it he requested that the store stock everything from bestselling paperbacks to racquetball supplies.

Other students have complained about such things as "why the Bookstore sells stamps at a 25% profit, and not

at cost and in quantities."

With the procedural changes being addressed, Campus officials haven't forgotten the space problem in the bookstore. Indeed, Smith thinks "We're in a position to take more calculated risks."

One of those risks being considered is moving the Bookstore. "Without wanting to

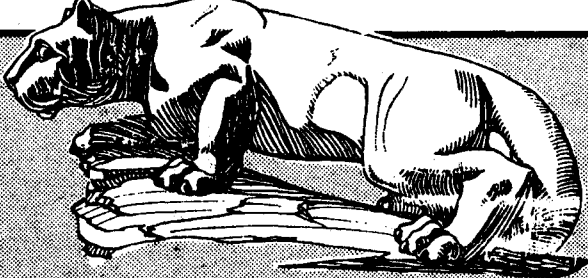
"We have had plans for a couple of years to move the bookstore to a more spacious location outside the main building."

Duane Smith
Assistant Provost

step on any toes," Smith said, "we have had plans in the works for a couple of years to move the store to a more spacious location outside the main building. This would allow more room for products, it would open it up more to the community, as well as providing more space between the bookshelves."

Most of these changes, according to Smith, are 10 to 12 months away.

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