

NATION

On campus: across the USA

(OCR) -- THE ARMY OR THE DAILY? Which career opportunity would you choose? So runs a recent ad for University of Washington newspaper, with a photo of soldiers in dress uniform. Advantages with the Daily: "Angry editors screaming at you" and "Earn little money and eat lots of pizza." Yeah, but what kind of uniforms do they wear?

PASS THE POPCORN and settle back in your seats - for law class. This summer Frank Tuerkheimer used the controversial film "Do the Right Thing" in his trial advocacy course at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His class conducted a mock trial based on the emotionally charged case, which involved racial tension, violence and allegations of police brutality.

THE COLONEL'S A GENERAL annoyance to Chinese students at the University of California-Berkeley, who want Kentucky Fried Chicken to close its outlet near Tianenmen Square in Beijing. They threatened a general boycott of all Colonel Sanders' franchises in the U.S. The Kentucky Fried Chicken vice president of public affairs defended the outlet as a rare opportunity for equality and advancement, capitalism and democracy.

ONLY 36 SIGNED UP FOR RESTRICTED DORMS at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

Commentary: On raising funds for tuition Students sell bodies to build minds

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Tuition is up; federal education grants are down. What's a student to do? Stung by the high cost of going to school - or in some cases, by a burning need for a ski trip - some students this year will decide to sell their plasma or undergo various medical experiments to come up with needed funds.

The experiments may help develop scientific advances. And the plasma may aid hemophiliacs, or provide a necessary ingredient in certain pharmaceuticals and protein-enriched personal care products.

But however worthy the scientific or humanitarian goals, there can be something a bit macabre about the transactions. Somehow a plasma center is different from a voluntary bloodmobile. Where are the friendly volunteers to congratulate students on very personal donations, or to ply them with milk and cookies?

"People who come in here are low on money and self-esteem," said a worker in one university plasma center. Even if there were no plastic tubes and bags of blood around, there would be a certain desperation in the air.

Some students may choose to participate in medical tests of new or improved drugs, sponsored by commercial laboratories. Here, they typically face a greater time commitment than at the plasma centers, sometimes including a laboratory confinement of a weekend or longer. But the pay is

USC - much influenced by trustee and Republican state legislator Michael Fair - had designated two freshman residence halls as off-limits to the opposite sex, who can visit only in downstairs lobbies. When only 20 women and 16 men registered to live in the halls, USC assigned hundreds of other freshmen to live there too. Needless to say, "They aren't ecstatic," Marie-Louise Ramsdale, student body president.

"THIS IS A WINDOW INTO THE REAL THING." That comment sums up many reasons why Stanford University is expanding its SUNet cable services. SUNet currently offers 43 channels to dorm residents, with broadcasts from over a dozen countries around the world. Students can watch classes, satellite feeds from NASA, and XTV - the student-run channel.

DISTRUST AND LOW MORALE. That's the bottom line in a recent report on the University of Minnesota police department. The study was conducted by an organizational consultant, who found the system "highly competitive, with very few promotional opportunities." And the problem seems widespread: "Feelings of distrust, a lack of respect and discouragement have been expressed by employees throughout the University.

HEROES AND HEROINES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS in the next few

better, up to several thousand dollars for being sequestered for a month during summer break. Of course, schools - especially psychology departments - also recruit students as research subjects. The upside: there's usually less danger of suffering pokes, bruises and side effects. The downside: the pay is less, maybe an extra credit or two.

Such experiments can even be entertaining, or at least distracting from more mundane studies. Take, for example, experiments on how students learn after drinking alcohol - or on how well they can memorize lengthy lists of facts.

But volunteering for psyche experiments in order to pick up extra credits is far different from visiting commercial laboratories or plasma centers. Regardless how safe these businesses may be, should any students have to feel desperate enough to market their own flesh and blood? Selling your body is still selling your body - no matter how pleasant the surroundings.

It would be wonderful if counselors, RAs and other professionals could be as aware of students' financial exigencies as of their drinking problems. Yet this isn't always easy. Students like to feel in control of their lives, too, and some may hide plasma donation scars as if they were the marks of addiction.

Yet, uncovering the problem is important: Responding to students' financial needs may boost their self-esteem - and even keep them in school.

years? Michael Jordan and Margaret Thatcher top the list, according to an Indiana State University poll taken at the 1989 Hoosier Girls and Boys State. Thatcher was followed closely by Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush, Mother Teresa and Florence Griffith Joyner, while Jordan edged out George Bush, Oliver North, Dan Quayle, and Ronald Reagan. Oh, yes, several delegates named their parents.

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA JOINS IVY LEAGUE in quality of education, according to Martin Nemko, author of "How to Get an Ivy League Education at a State University." Before students elsewhere drop their books to rush off to Norman, it should be noted that Nemko finds an "ivy league education" at 115 schools. He used 11 criteria in selecting schools for the prestigious "patch of ivy."

BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE< it's now home to the American Indian Studies and Chicano Studies departments. So says the University of Minnesota, after moving the two departments into the old music building. A building inspection has revealed code deficiencies, including

fire safety violations. Officials promise to correct the problems - which may be less difficult than dealing with charges of discrimination.

JOCKS ON FLOPPIES? That's the future at the University of Kentucky, where an \$80,000 grant from Wang Laboratories and a budget of \$200,000 will support development of a computer program for recruiting student-athletes and tracking their years at UK. The system will adhere to NCAA compliance audit standards.

FIRST BASEBALL, NOW LACROSSE. Last month, 80 Japanese students visited Johns Hopkins for a two-week intensive course in lacrosse. The sport was unknown in Japan until 1986, when the Hopkins athletic director gave a demonstration to some students in Tokyo. Now 20 colleges have teams. And they're learning the game from the best: Hopkins has been playing lacrosse since 1883.

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NEWS ON EDUCATION

Some Helpful Tips On Paying For College

The cost of college tuition continues to skyrocket. Some of the nation's top universities are charging more than \$85,000 for a four-year education. Landing financial aid is becoming more of a necessity than an option. Here are some simple tips on how to obtain money for a good education.

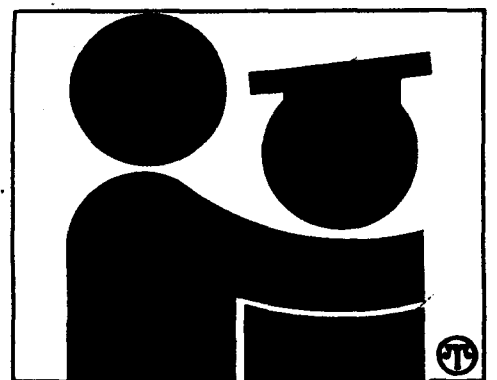
1. Contact your college financial aid office for a list of financial options. There are also credible companies, like College Financial Planning Service (CFPS), who provide lists of available grants, loans and scholarships for a small fee.

2. Analyze your financial situation honestly and apply for as many programs as you are eligible. Fill out the forms accurately.

3. After selecting a good financial aid package, negotiate improvements with your college financial advisor. Also thoroughly investigate alternative means for more support.

College Financial Planning Service has a data base of more than 180,000 listings of scholarships, fellowships, grants and loans. It offers information about donations from corporations, memorials, trusts, foundations, religious groups and other philanthropic organizations.

To enter the program, a student



Many opportunities for financial aid exist, but you have to be aware of how to get them.

can call 1-800-346-6401 to request a "student data form." It must be completed and sent to CFPS with \$45 for the research fee. In about two weeks, the student will get a personalized computer print-out of financial aid resources that matches his or her background.

Many scholarships are based on academic interests, career plans, family heritage and place of residence. There are also many unique sources such as money for students who have been golf caddies or newspaper carriers.

In the words of one financial aid expert, unique opportunities for monetary support do exist, you just have to be creative and resourceful in finding them.

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