

PHEAA

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\$5 million.

State savings, Reeher said, would have been even more except for increased tuition at schools and other factors. Tuition increases averaged 8% in the private colleges and from \$50 to \$140 a year in the state supported institutions. Other factors affecting the state program costs were the assurance of continued state funds for veterans and widows with children continuing their education after high school graduation. The surge in need for state aid which arose due to unemployment of the parents of many students also was a factor.

Already, the receipt of federal data indicates that more than 40,000 Pennsylvania students have obtained \$35.1 million in federal BEOG money. Projected figures indicate that by academic year's end the "capture" of federal dollars by Pennsylvania students will hit \$37.5 million. This is based on the fact that between now and October 15 about 13,000 students who have not filed for federal BEOG money in accordance with the state's mandate must do so or face cancellation of the next payment on their state grant. Many will qualify for federal funds under BEOG.

Altogether, about 43,000 of the 124,000 students to receive state grants will have qualified for BEOG money by the October 15 date. The state program, administered by PHEAA, continues aid above the family income levels acceptable to the federal program and makes a special effort to aid middle income families and widows must sacrifice their home equity to pay for college.

"We're really pleased with the results of this state action this year," Reeher said. "Last year the federal government had \$135 million unspent in their program. We knew there were plenty of families applying to the Pennsylvania programs who could have met the federal standards. It was just a case of their not getting the word about the federal program.

"Students are eligible for up to \$1,400 federal dollars per school year. The federal

government advertised this program as a 'basic entitlement' and we simply informed Pennsylvanians of their entitlement and where to go get it. Now the students and their parents know where to get the federal funds and state residents should benefit from this for years ahead. The state sent a federal application to each student's home and told the student to go after the federal money. Now we are moving to use the released state funds to offer more aid to the forgotten middle income family and those who send their children to the full charge private colleges and colleges and schools where tuition is high because state dollars don't support tuition reduction."

So far this year more than 22,000 additional regular students and 4,500 veterans have applied for state student aid than applied last year. Requests for special consideration due to unemployment of the parents have already surpassed all of last year in the state program. By tying the eligibility for further state grants to the filing by students of applications for the federal BEOG aid, the Agency was able to assist more students who in the long run received more aid through the federal and state sources than they could have expected from the state alone.

ROTC on Campus

On October 18, 1975, Major Robert H. Morrell, Assistant Professor of Military Science for the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps at Penn State, University Park, will be on campus to talk to interested students about the Army ROTC Program. He will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All students having questions about the Two-Year Program at University Park are invited. Location of meeting will be posted.

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Fufla: "Nicest Campus"

Among Highacres' new faculty this year is Mr. Michael Fufla. Fufla is instructing Engineering Graphics this term and will begin teaching Electronic Engineering Technology in the winter.

A graduate of Penn State, Fufla spent his first two years of college at the Penn State Schuylkill campus. His opinion of Highacres is, "It's the nicest of all Penn State's branch campuses that I've seen." Fufla also said, "Most of the students are conscientious and apply themselves to the best of their abilities."

Fufla is presently working towards his master's degree, and would like to teach at the college level on a full time basis. His favorite hobbies are collecting coins and working with shortwave radios.

Gates Interviewed

Mr. Keith Gates, who currently resides in Nuremberg with his wife, has replaced Mr. Joseph Jumpeter as Highacres new music instructor.

Gates attended The North Carolina School of the Arts, as well as the Juilliard School in New York. This is not his first teaching position; he taught on a fellowship for two years at Juilliard and also taught for a year at Northeastern Bible College in New Jersey.

Gates believes that by studying the art of a people, "one can come to a better understanding of the philosophy which motivated the peoples' actions and thought patterns."

As to his personal music preferences, Gates is an avid opera lover. He says he feels that the voice is the most expressive musical instrument. He also enjoys the music of Bach, Mozart, Emerson Lake and Palmer, and the Moody Blues.

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