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In an attempt to reduce maintenance costs on campus, students living in the dorm are responsible for waste disposal on each floor. From left to right; Matt Marcinek, Ed Wisenberger, and Lorre Nolen empty their trash cans in the bin outside the dorm.

Student Earnings Will Be Monitored

By BOB HEISSE
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Student earnings from campus-based employment will be considered a resource in a student's financial aid package this year, according to John F. Brugel, University director of financial aid.

Brugel said his office will crack down on wage monitoring this year in response to federal guidelines that require student aid officers to treat student earnings like any other aid source.

The regulations, which are not new but were brought to the University's attention by auditors, apply to students receiving federal National Direct Student Loans (NDSL), Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) or College Work-Study assistance.

"We've tried to study it and develop the most cost efficient way of controlling this," Brugel said. "We've been reluctant to get into this ballgame."

Eric Godfrey, financial aid counselor and one of the coordinators of wage monitoring, said University departments will be notified later this month that wages of federal financial aid recipients will be checked by the office.

Student aid officials will monitor "any part-time employment for a student except graduate assistantships," Godfrey said.

According to Godfrey, a student receiving federal financial aid can earn only enough money from a campus-based job to enable him to match his estimated need, which has already been determined by the Office of Student Aid.

Any earnings exceeding a student's need estimate will be treated as an overaward and the student will be notified and asked to quit his job or face losing some federal assistance.

Godfrey said the office will reduce an overawarded student's aid package to return to his estimated need. He noted that the policy in reducing overawards is to decrease a loan before a grant whenever possible.

The policy, Godfrey said, does not apply to students receiving state aid, such as Pennsylvania Higher Educational Assistance Agency (PHEAA) grants or loans, without receiving awards from the affected federal sources.

Rally Held By Students At State Capitol

By SUSAN RINGES
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Students from Penn State University, Temple University, The University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University, and Lincoln University attended a rally on November 15 on the steps of the State Capitol Building. The rally was held to protest the state legislature's failure to pass a bill funding state colleges for the 1977-78 school year. The rally which began at noon featured a program of speakers who discussed the need for inexpensive, public higher education in Pennsylvania. Students from each legislative district distributed letters and petitions from the 5,000 students present to the legislators.

Speakers at the rally included: Dr. Helen Davies, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania and a member of the Board of Trustees of Penn State; Karen Adams, a member of the staff at the University of Pittsburgh; Marilyn Skolnick, of the State Board of the League of Women Voters; Dr. Ralph Towne, President of the Faculty Senate at Temple; Grant Ackerman, Student Government President at Penn State-University Park; Ben Szwalbenest, Student Government President, Temple University; Linda (Rhodes) Weaver, State Coordinator, from Penn State-Capitol Campus; Bernie Payne, Student Government President, University of Pittsburgh.

There were also a host of speakers from the Commonwealth Association of Students, the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, and student speakers from the University of Pennsylvania and Lincoln University.

Penn State's participation in the rally was organized by the Council of Branch Campus Student Government Associations.

The Penn State Berks campus went as far as to re-arrange its final exam schedule so a large number of students could attend the rally. Students have the right to an education and showed their concern by rallying. The rally was held in a peaceful, adult-like manner.

University Officials Optimistic

By Cathy Rusinko
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University officials adopted cautious optimism when it was learned that state senators passed the major portion of a tax program designed to generate needed money for state schools.

"We'll be in business," William J. David, Hazleton Campus Director said. Though a part of the tax program is still in the House of Representatives and the Senate must pass the University's individual appropriation bill, David explained that Penn State is in no danger of closing its doors. "The only permanent damage to the university, David said, is the accumulation of loan interest." David said that Penn State has been borrowing approximately \$9 million per month to remain open and quoted present interest owed by the university at a figure between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

David added that there is no current plan for a tuition increase for Spring Term. He commented that the University wants to keep its operations constant, citing an inflationary increase as the only type to be instituted if an increase is absolutely necessary.

Unemployment May Be Worse Than Statistics Show

By Paul Rosentiel
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WASHINGTON, D.C.—President Carter's recently announced aim of reducing unemployment to four percent by 1983 may prove embarrassingly timid.

Before that date, the government may adopt a new way to measure unemployment that reflects a growing criticism by economists: that the current unemployment index drastically under-reports the true number of the jobless.

President Carter has appointed Sar A. Levitan, a leading critic of the index, as head of the new National Commission on Employment and Unemployment Statistics. The commission was created by Congress last year, in response to growing criticism from economists, to recommend changes in the way the government measures and reports employment and unemployment.

If Levitan's thinking becomes the basis for a new official unemployment index, that new measure will show that unemployment and the hardship it creates is much more severe than the current index reflects—especially in inner cities and rural poverty areas.

The result could be massive redistribution to those areas and away from suburbs of the annual \$16 billion in federal subsidies for community development, job creation, job training, revenue sharing and other programs. The money is currently distributed on the basis of formulas that include the unemployment rate.

Levitan, director of the Center for Social Policy Studies at George Washington University, is a close associate of Labor Secretary Ray Marshall, who must advise Congress on whether to implement what the commission recommends. The recommendations are expected by early 1979.

According to Levitan, our manner of measuring unemployment is obsolete. When it was developed in the late 1930s, he says, it was accurate to equate joblessness with hardship. But today, unemployment insurance and other public subsidies soften the hardship for some of the unemployed and, according to some economists, defer job hunting. Meanwhile, many people are forced to take jobs that still leave them below the poverty level.

"What we need is an index that will more realistically reflect today's needs in today's economy," Levitan says.

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