



In the dew of little things

The buildings of the University are reduced to mere pin-points in the dew collecting on grass blades.

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House bill could give tax break to students

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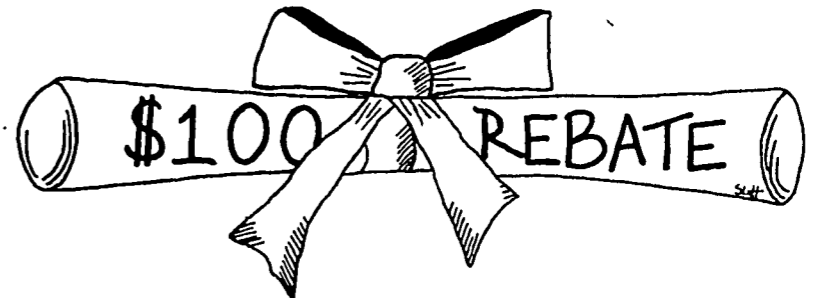
A Congressional committee has stranded and may kill a bill that would give students, their spouses and their dependents an extra break on their federal income taxes to pay for educational expenses.

The bill would provide for up to \$100 credit during calendar year 1977 to pay for such expenses as tuition, books, supplies and equipment required for courses at an institution of higher learning or a vocational school. The \$100 would be increased by \$50 each year until it reached a ceiling of \$250 in 1980.

The plan originally was part of the tax reform bill that recently went to President Ford. At committee meetings, however, House members would not agree to accept it. But the House promised to go to conference if the Senate would attach it to some other bill.

The bill now appears as an amendment to an unrelated bill, which the House passed before it was amended. The Senate passed the bill as amended, but committee meetings must precede any House vote.

The only delay is that the House committee members have not been appointed. House Speaker Carl Albert (D-Okla.) is responsible for the appointments, but has not acted. He is under pressure from Al Ullman (D-Ariz.), ways and means committee chairman, to delay the appointment until it is too late to pass the bill in this



session of Congress, according to Chris Moyer, an assistant to Rep. Larry Coughlin (D-Pa.).

Time is growing short, and prospects of passage are dim, Moyer said. There are only six working days until Congress adjourns Oct. 4.

If committee members are appointed today or tomorrow, however, the bill still could be passed. According to Moyer, "it conceivably could go through in one afternoon."

Passage by the Senate is a foregone conclusion, Moyer said. The House is less predictable, since it has never voted on such a bill, but "it would be hard for them to vote against it, because it's an election year." Ford is expected to sign it since he came out in favor of tax rebate plans in a recent speech at the University of Michigan.

The committee meeting is a mere formality, Moyer said, since the full House would vote on the bill regardless of the committee recommendations.

Coughlin, a supporter of the bill, has

written to all House members, urging them to pressure Albert into making the appointments. Coughlin spoke to Albert yesterday, Moyer said, and came away with the impression that Albert is waiting for Ullman to request the appointments. Ullman is not expected to do so.

"I don't know his (Ullman's) rationale," Moyer said. "His official reason is that it would result in a revenue loss to the Treasury."

Moyer opposed this view, saying the loss in 1977 would be only about \$500 million, and all loss would be made up in years to come, since college graduates earn more money and therefore pay more taxes than non-graduates.

The University has taken no official position, but Newton O. Catell, the University's director of federal relations, has been in touch with contacts on Capitol Hill and around the country, urging them to pressure Albert into making the appointments.

One-third goes to Israel

House passes foreign aid bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House yesterday approved a \$5.1 billion compromise foreign aid appropriations bill with one third of it going to Israel for military and security assistance but banning any such help for Uruguay.

The measure was passed on 216-155 vote and sent to the Senate for expected final congressional approval. The administration has said it also supports the usually controversial money measure which is \$684 million less than President Ford requested.

The bill allots \$1.1 billion in economic assistance abroad, \$982.4 million for the Peace Corps and certain refugee programs, \$192 million for the Agency for International Development and the rest of the nearly \$3 billion for military and security assistance.

Israel would get \$1 billion in foreign military credit sales under the measure and half of the credits would be forgiven. Additionally, Israel would get up to \$735 million in security supporting assistance.

Egypt would receive \$70 million in security supporting assistance; Syria, \$80 million; and Jordan, \$70 million.

The measure, however, specifically bans military or security help to Uruguay because of reports that the government has practiced torture and other forms of repression against political prisoners.

The House in its earlier version of the aid bill contained language that would have also banned military aid to Mozambique and Angola because of their reported support of guerrilla ac-

tivities against Rhodesia.

The compromise measure worked out by House-Senate conferees deleted the House language but only after agreement not to provide military aid in the measure for those two nations.

The House voted by voice to accept compromise proposals providing \$14 million for technical training programs in Botswana, \$20 million for Zambia, provisions on which conferees could not agree and decided to take back to their respective bodies.

Economic aid in the bill would provide \$505 million for food and nutrition assistance abroad, another \$214 million for population planning and health, and \$67 million for technical aid. Additionally, \$20 million would go to help refugees in war-torn Lebanon.

Gay RA, administrator to meet

Vice President for Student Affairs Raymond O. Murphy has scheduled a meeting today with the RA who is contending he was not rehired to his position because he is gay.

Murphy said he could not comment on what the content of the meeting with former RA Tony Carozza would be. "I don't want to prejudge what we'll be saying at the meeting. We just have to sit down and talk," Murphy said.

But late last night Bill Corbett, 7th floor Beaver Hall RA told South Halls coordinator Chris Horn told his staff that University Provost Russell E. Larson decided that Murphy will review the

case. Corbett said Horn reported that since the case is "reactivated" no restrictions will be placed upon collective protests by RAs.

Neither Horn nor Murphy were available for comment.

Carozza was fired last May by Horn. In issuing the decision, Horn said Carozza would not be returned as an RA for 1976-77 for reasons of incompetency.

Three days before the coordinator's final decision, Carozza had told Horn he was a homosexual. Carozza claims Horn discriminated against him in not renewing his contract because of his sexual orientation.

Carozza said he was given the impression the meeting with Murphy would center on discussion of discrimination appeal procedures.

Earlier this summer, Carozza had tried to meet with Murphy for what Carozza thought would be the first step in filing a student discrimination grievance. Murphy refused to schedule the meeting because he said he thought Carozza was requesting the meeting to discuss further appeal of his job severance. Murphy said he had no authority in the employment policies for RAs, and therefore would not meet with Carozza.

RAs encounter few enforcement problems

Students adapt to alcohol policy

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Despite the recent increase in the number of alcohol related referrals, resident assistants contend that there have been very few problems enforcing the alcohol policy.

Donald T. Suit, director of conduct standards, reports that there have been 68 referrals due to alcohol policy violations since September 1. That figure is a significant increase over the 20 referrals during the same period last year.

Resident assistants interviewed, however, said they feel students have adapted to the new enforcement policy. "I have had no problems at all," one

RA said. "Most people realize that the policy is here to stay and are being very cool about it. There are a lot more closed doors, and people are trying to keep it a little quieter and less obvious."

The RA said students have directed the blame for the policy toward the administration and not at any one person or any one office.

M. Lee Upcraft, director of residential life, said he thought students seem to be living with the policy.

"Not to say that the students like the policy, but they seem to be adapting to it and living with it," he said.

He also said that the students who he has been able to talk to have understood his position.

"As far as I'm concerned, students seem to better understand my position after I have had a chance to talk to them," he said.

RAs said the students seem to respect their (the RAs') position, and have taken steps to avoid any confrontations.

"The students' have been really terrific," one RA said. "I haven't seen a single beer can since I've been here."

"I think that students have realized that there is not much to be gained by outright flaunting of the policy," another RA said. "The people on my floor have been more than understanding."

One RA said that the misinterpretation of the policy is the major reason for the increase in referrals and

that a referral incident on his floor has only made him want to better inform the students.

"They need to have a better understanding of the policy," he said.

He said that even if a student blatantly violates the policy, he simply tells them where the blame lies.

"I just inform them that they have just referred themselves," he said.

Suit said that there have not been as many referrals from the campus security this year, and that the bulk of the referrals have come from RAs.

"Normally, referrals are heavy during the times of testing and examination," he said. "I'm sure that this recent increase is a result of the stricter enforcement."

USG Senate endorses report on alcohol

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The Undergraduate Student Government Senate last night unanimously endorsed the recommendations of the USG ad hoc committee report concerning the University Alcohol Policy.

The report recommends four basic courses of action, but USG Vice President Dave Hickton said that the ad hoc committee is not defunct and still is open for recommendations from the senate.

The four courses of action are:
— to send letters to both University President John W. Oswald and Board of

Weather

Morning clouds will give way to partial clearing with a few intervals of sunshine by afternoon. The high today will be near 60. Partly cloudy skies and cool temperatures are in store for tonight and tomorrow. The low tonight will be 44 and the high tomorrow 64.

Trustees President William K. Ulerich asking them to reconsider the rewording or possible elimination of Article J of the Student Code of Conduct. Article J states that the University is responsible for enforcing state law on campus.

— to send letters to the Office of Residential Life asking for reconsideration of the alcohol policy in relation to the resident assistants. Hickton said RAs are "not supposed to be enforcement people for state laws." Under the current policy, RAs have the responsibility to report all underage persons carrying and consuming alcohol beverages to the Office of Conduct and Standards.

— to send a letter asking Residential Life to clarify what involves possession of alcoholic beverages.

— to initiate a statewide lobbying and letterwriting campaign to lower the state drinking age to 18. This would include student letters to state legislators, the organization of all state

and state-related universities, and letters to alumni and Board of Trustees members to support student action.

The ad hoc committee requested that the USG Department of Legal Affairs contact the American Civil Liberties Union to see if a student must give up certain civil liberties, such as the right to privacy, when he signs a dorm contract.

Hickton said another major concern was that Article J is "selectively enforced," meaning that alcohol carried and consumed at tailgating parties is not confiscated, nor are the consumers arrested.

Hickton said that in 1973, "loco parentis," a legal term referring to the University's legal responsibility to its students, was struck down in court. He said Article J is the article that makes the University liable for its students.

"I don't see how they (the University) can be liable without loco parentis," Hickton said, and added that he does not

see "where they (the University) can tell 18-year-olds they can't drink, which is a restriction of their freedom."

In other action, the senate approved the appointments of Jeff Tempest and Judy Johnson to the Associated Student Activities Budget Committee.

The senate approved the appointments of Susan Borowsky to the Organization for Town Independent Students, and Pam Mayer to the Association of Residence Halls Students.

A bill sponsoring a defense fund for Tony Carozza, the RA who was fired last May, was tabled until next week. Action, however, may be taken pending the outcome of Carozza's meeting today with Raymond Murphy, vice president of Student Affairs.

Four new senators attended the meeting last night. They are Fred Ammerman of Centre, Russell Wilson of Centre, Mike Selverian of East I and Bev Richards of North.



Arboreal graffiti

Students graduate in four years, but graffiti on a tree on Old Main lawn lasts almost forever.

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