

Financial aid may depend on credits

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Students receiving federal student aid may be in danger of losing their funds because of a failure to meet the minimum credit requirements after completing last Spring Term. Although a less stringent, transitional policy for judging whether or not a student receiving aid has made satisfactory academic progress is now being used, an estimated 10 percent of the University students now receiving aid may lose that money, said John Brugel, director of the Office of Student Aid.

The transitional policy is being used for Summer Session and for academic year 1983-84. Continuing eligibility for financial assistance depends upon meeting these standards.

The minimum acceptable total credits earned for full-time undergraduates is as follows:

- Freshman year — 24 credits;
- Sophomore year — 52 credits;
- Junior year — 84 credits;
- Senior year — 120 credits.

If students did not earn the minimum number of credits at the end of Spring Term, they were placed on probation, he said.

Once students are notified of the credit deficiency and placed on probation, they must make up the missing credits within one year and get back on the credit schedule, Brugel said.

After the year is up, the student must have made up the credits or they are ineligible for any further aid, he said. Once a student is declared ineligible after the probation period, he cannot become eligible again, Brugel added.

The Office of Student Aid is accepting appeals from students who were lacking in the required minimum number of credits at the end of Spring Term, he said.

Students will be advised of their status as the applications for fall aid awards are reviewed this summer, he said. The processing of forms for Fall Semester aid delivery will be automated, but

the processing for Summer Session had to be completed by hand, he said.

Students who are affected are urged to appeal if there are any extenuating circumstances that may have caused their progress to fall short of the standard, he said.

Brugel said the transition to the new standards has not been orderly and it is "very disappointing to students affected."

"It is an experience that we are not enjoying at all," Brugel said. "We are not eager to enter the academic realm."

Beginning in the 1984 Fall Semester, the standard will be more strict than the transitional standard, Brugel said.

However, Brugel said he believes the transitional standard is a more appropriate standard because it provides more flexibility. He said he has asked the Administrative Council for Undergraduate Instruction to review the transitional standard and implement it as the permanent standard.

The standard was adopted in response to a federal regulation stating that students receiving money under Title 4 programs — Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, National Direct Student Loans, College Work Study and Guaranteed Student Loans — must continue to meet the requirements of satisfactory scholarship established by their college or university. In addition, students must now meet minimum credit level expectations.

Previously, the federal government only required universities and colleges to have some type of standard and to follow it, Brugel said, but is now more requiring more stringent standards.

The regulations were approved and put into effect last Fall Term, Brugel said.

After the review of each student's progress was completed at the end of Spring Term, academic progress was judged on the basis of the student's progress for the entire year.

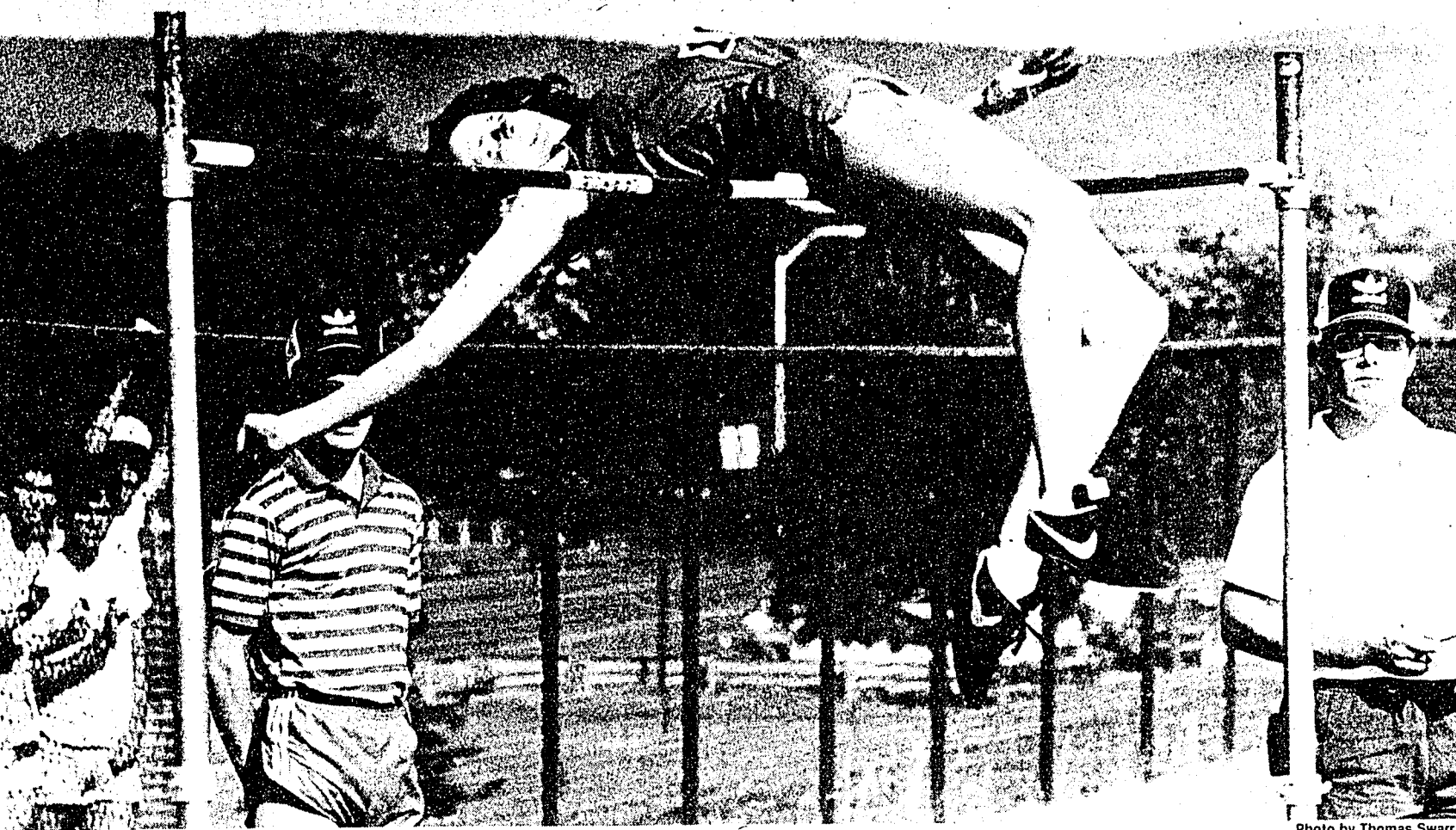


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Up and over

Lisa Bernhagen of Halley, Idaho, eases her way over the high jump bar yesterday en route to setting the meet and track record for the high jump in the U.S. Junior National Track and Field Championships, held on the University's campus this

weekend at the Nittany Lion Track. Bernhagen, a member of the Idaho Track Club, rose to heights of 6 feet 2½ inches to reach a mark that also tied the Junior National Record for that event.

Doctors' fast results in arbitration

By RUTH SINAI
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TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Faced with a virtual shutdown of public hospitals, the Cabinet agreed yesterday to accept arbitration of the pay dispute that led to a 13-day-old hunger strike by doctors. Dozens of physicians in the state-subsidized medical system have collapsed and become patients, and most Israeli hospitals were turning away all but the most extreme emergency cases — referring other patients to Arab-run hospitals in the occupied territories.

At Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital, the only major facility in the city, half the staff physicians were

hospitalized yesterday.

After a lengthy meeting, the Cabinet issued a statement saying the as-yet unsettled clauses in the pay proposal would be subjected to neutral and binding arbitration.

The Israel Medical Association — the doctors' union — said it had not yet asked the doctors to halt their fast. The union has said it wanted such arbitration. But because the fast was spontaneous and not planned by the union, it was not immediately known whether the physicians would give it up.

The doctors began a series of job actions in March after a year of negotiations with the government obtained very little progress.

The government now has offered raises of nearly 100 percent, raising the pay for starting residents from \$326 to \$624 per month — but those figures include payment for time the doctors consider overtime. The doctors' main argument now is over the length of the work week and the computation of overtime.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer said "The entire Cabinet felt the need to end this thing within a few hours and not to abet this terrible situation."

Dr. Naphtali Shani of Beersheba's Soroka Hospital told The Associated Press before the Cabinet decision that all 300 of his colleagues were fasting.

Graduate students petition summer Loop halt

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Graduate students living in Graduate Circle recently submitted a petition to the University, asking that the decision to cancel Campus Loop service during the Summer Session be reconsidered.

Marcos Del Gallego (graduate-mining engineering), spokesman for the petitioners, said he and his wife began circulating the petition after speaking to other graduate students who have been inconvenienced by the halt in the bus service.

"We can't do anything. We are hoping the

University will put the Campus Loop in service again," he said.

The petition explained that the Loop is the only means of transportation for most of the students and their families, who need to go to classes, go grocery shopping, or need to take their children to nurseries. It also stated the students' concern of increased crimes because more people are now walking on campus, especially at night.

Del Gallego said he has not yet received any response from the University, but he is hoping for some response this week.

Ralph Zilly, University vice president for business, said he did not know how the University was going to respond to the

petition. Zilly said he was going to investigate the possibility of operating the Loop with reduced services and increased fares. However, he said, until he has some figures on that idea, he cannot be sure what will happen.

Zilly said he had only received three or four phone calls since the decision to discontinue the Loop's summer service was finalized.

"People in Graduate Circle are the ones who are most concerned," Zilly said.

In addition to sending a petition to the University, Del Gallego said he also sent a copy to the Graduate Student Association.

"We were very surprised when the

president of GSA didn't know anything," he said.

Kim Zaugg, vice president of GSA, said she heard about the petition second-hand and would support the students if the petition were reasonable.

"If the people who started (the petition) would come to us, we'll give them GSA backing," she said.

Zaugg said she had only received three phone calls concerned about parking on campus and forming a committee to prevent the halt of the Loop next year.

Emil Parvensky, Undergraduate Student Government president, said because

graduate students are most affected, he has not received any complaints from undergraduates. Most people did not know the Loop was not in operation, Parvensky said.

"I've been waiting to see if anyone was upset and haven't received anything," he added.

But Parvensky said the business department should have held a two-week trial period to verify that operating the Loop would result in a large deficit.

"As far as the University goes, it's hard to get temporary things changed," Parvensky said.

Walesa says he is not leaving Solidarity

By BRYAN BRUMLEY
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WARSAW, Poland — Lech Walesa yesterday denied reports that he might quit as leader of the outlawed Solidarity labor movement and urged Poles to force the Communist government to revive free trade unions.

"I won't run away. I can't run away," Walesa said. "It is not pleasant to do this work, but I will not quit."

He was interviewed in his hometown Gdansk by ABC News, which distributed the text of his remarks to Western correspondents in Warsaw.

The 39-year-old Gdansk shipyard electrician, who helped form Solidarity in August 1980, also said he "felt stronger" after his meeting with Pope John Paul II on Thursday, the last day of an emotional eight-day papal pilgrimage to Poland. Walesa declined to disclose further details of the papal audience.

A front-page editorial Friday in the Vatican newspaper

L'Osservatore Romano suggested that by meeting Walesa privately, the pontiff may have been attempting to ease him out of his role as leader of the union, which was banned under martial law. The editorial said "Walesa has lost his battle."

The Vatican disowned the editorial and its writer, deputy editor Virgilio Levi, resigned Saturday, saying the article reflected his personal views. But the Vatican's position on Walesa remains unclear.

The pope, an outspoken Solidarity supporter, has not spoken publicly about the Walesa meeting, and the Vatican has withheld publication of a photo of the meeting.

The Vatican editorial and its writer's resignation have raised speculation in the Italian press and among Westerners here that the pope and Polish authorities reached a compromise over Walesa's fate.

Some suggested the pope may have agreed to ask Walesa to step aside in return for the lifting of

martial law in Poland. Walesa himself fueled the speculation by saying in an NBC television interview last week: "if there are better people to do that (solve Poland's problems), then okay, let them go ahead."

Though the Polish government says it considers Walesa a private citizen, he is still considered head of Solidarity by supporters of the banned union, who shout his name at illegal rallies and marches.

Premier Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski's government has said it will not negotiate with Walesa, and claims it is honoring the August 1980 accords by allowing new unions to form.

"I think that in August, the people should ask those who signed the agreements to sit down once more and check those agreements," Walesa said.

"We will ask, beg, and force them," Walesa said. Asked if he was calling for protests, he said, "I don't exclude anything. But let it happen without protests. We must return to the August agreements."



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Solidarity leader Lech Walesa stands ashore at a lake near Gdansk Friday morning. Since his visit with Pope John Paul II Thursday, Walesa has been denying reports that he might resign as head of Solidarity.

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Increasing clouds with showers and thundershowers developing late this afternoon. High of 86. Occasional showers and thundershowers tonight. Low of 62. Cloudy and cooler tomorrow with showers. High of 75. Today's sunshine scale is 7. Tomorrow's will be 1.
—by Jim Kosarik