

# Student aid:

House vote reflects attempt to keep federal aid programs stable throughout 1985

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The House of Representatives recently voted to increase total funds to federal student aid and to maintain all current grant and loan programs.

This action came in response to President Reagan's proposal in February to consolidate student aid programs for the 1985 fiscal year.

The reasoning behind the House's decision on the organization of federal student aid remains in question, however. But Blakey, counsel to the House subcommittee on post secondary education, said the House voted against the president's proposal because it did not want to eliminate many old and popular loan programs.

Part of Reagan's proposal was to increase funding to the College Work Study Program by 55 percent to \$850 million, Blakey said. In addition, the president would be eliminating the Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG) and reducing the National Direct Student Loan from \$100 million to \$4 million.

"A major difference with the proposal is that the president wants more self-help programs, but Congress will not provide it at the expense of the Pell Grant," said Bruce Post, staff member for Sen. Robert Stafford (R-Vt.).

The Pell Grant is popular on Capitol Hill. Post said. This popularity is reflected in the \$3.75 billion budget passed by the House on Aug. 10, he said. Although the Congress also supports work study, Congress is pushing toward increasing the number of grants available to students, Post said.

"With the rising tuition at many major universities, a grant rather than a loan is more important in helping a college student pay for his education," Post said.

The 1984-85 budget has an increase of \$4 million and \$20 million for the Pell Grant and SEOG respectively. It also has a \$10 million and \$2 million reduction in the National Direct Student Loan and Guaranteed Student Loan programs respectively.

"President Reagan wanted to expand the purposes of the College Work Study Program," Davidson said.

"Reagan's proposal would require all students to produce a percentage of the college's tuition," Blakey said. He added that this idea is not popular in Congress and played an important role in the House's rejection of the president's proposal.

The bill will be in the Senate when members return from their Labor Day weekend, Post said.

The House has increased the amount of totally funded student aid by \$295 million in contrast to the president's proposal to simplify federal aid programs without increasing funds, Davidson said.

Paula Pufka, a University financial aid coordinator, said that over the past three years all student aid funding has been basically stable. Because of rising school costs will not provide it at the expense of the Pell Grant," said Post.

Source: Senate Subcommittee on post-secondary education	Fiscal Year 84-85	Fiscal Year 85-86 President's Proposal	Fiscal Year 85-86 House Passed	Fiscal Year 85-86 Senate Committee Reported
Pell Grant	2.8 Billion	2.8 Billion	3.75 Billion	3.25 Billion
Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG)	375 Million	0	425 Million	400 Million
College Work Study Program (CWSP)	555 Million	850 Million	600 Million	585 Million
National Direct Student Loan (NDSL)	180 Million	4 Million	222 Million	205 Million
Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL)	2.2 Billion	2.8 Billion	3 Billion	3 Billion

## Nittany Apartments offer alternative to dorm life

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The first phase of the Nittany Apartments project was completed this summer and some students have already moved into these on-campus alternatives to the residence halls, the director of housing services said.

Donald T. Arndt said all 129 spaces in 32 new apartments adjacent to Nittany Halls are ready for occupancy and have been assigned to graduate students. International students began moving in Aug. 17 and other residents started arriving Aug. 19, Arndt said.

William McKinnon, assistant vice president for housing and food services, said the apartments represent the first part of a project that will provide space for about 500 students when completed.

This corresponds to the number of students that will be displaced when the demolition of Nittany Halls is completed by Fall 1987, he said.

McKinnon said the apartments are air-conditioned and completely furnished and each unit can house four students. The apartments come in three styles: four-bedroom townhouses and two- and four-bedroom garden apartments. Garden apartments have two and one-story while townhouses have two stories.

A community center containing an information desk, a manager's office and storage and laundry facilities is also in the works and will be built by the end of this fall, McKinnon said.

He added that the apartments, currently designated for graduate students, will be made available to undergraduates next fall to compensate for the loss of the old residence halls.

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Three of the new units, composed of two-bedroom apartments with space for six students, will be designated for undergraduate housing. The other 400 displaced residents will be accommodated by converting Alton Hall from graduate to undergraduate housing, McKinnon said. This conversion is already under way.

McKinnon said the undergraduates, mostly upperclassmen, will be placed in the two-bedroom apartments because those apartments are in low demand by the graduate students.

"These apartments were the last to be rented and the students who rented them often asked to be put on a waiting list for the four-bedroom units," he said.

McKinnon said he did not believe the graduate students would have any objection to the inclusion of undergraduates.

"(The undergraduates) are going to be in separate buildings," McKinnon said. "It's not like they will be sharing the same hallway."

Meanwhile, the graduate students now living in the apartments seem pleased with their new surroundings.

"They're everything we could ask for. It's the least the University could have done to make it comfortable for the grad students," Frank Marco, a resident of Nittany Apartments, said. "I lived in a fraternity as an undergrad but I've found as a grad student I need a

## Nov. 10 Discovery shuttle mission includes plans to rescue lost satellite

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Perry said negotiations are still in progress with Western Union to rescue the Westar 6, but no plans have been finalized.

Perry said he does not see any potential engineering problems with the Palapa B-2 mission.

"We know we can (rescue the Palapa B-2). That's why we signed the contract with the insurance underwriters," he said.

Melton said some problems could be experienced by astronauts attempting to rescue the satellite.

"The problems you (could) have are the problems you have retrieving any satellite — they are very mechanically delicate," Melton said.

The Palapa B-2 was rotating at 60 revolutions per minute when it was deployed and although it was not designed to spin for its entire lifetime, the satellite may not have stopped spinning, he said.

"If it is still spinning, it is much harder to retrieve," Melton said.

An astronaut or robot retrieval device from the shuttle would have to match the rotation of the satellite before it could be grappled, he said.

Melton added that if the satellite is still spinning as fast as it was when deployed, an astronaut could not match the rotation without becoming very disoriented.

Melton also said astronauts must nearly stop the satellite from spinning before it can be grappled by the shuttle's remote manipulator arm. If the satellite is still spinning when it is grappled by another object that is not spinning, an astronaut or the shuttle, stresses caused by the sudden loss of spin will rip the satellite apart, he added.

Also, the space shuttle's remote manipulator arm would be damaged by a rapidly rotating object, he said.

"The remote manipulator arm on the shuttle can only handle very low spin rates. It couldn't stand the stress," Melton said.

Another potential problem could be the lack of a grappling device on the satellite. Since the satellite was not designed for retrieval, structures onto which the grappling ring will be attached may not be suitable for use as a towing device, Melton said.

A third potential problem is that the satellite may still contain unused fuel, Melton said.

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## Communication:

Workshop to examine ways to keep lines open

By KIM AJECK  
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Lack of communication between students and faculty will be the focus of a workshop that begins today, the head of the Instructional Development Program said.

Maryellen Gleason said the workshop will provide instructors with a variety of information about student needs.

"One place faculty could use some information is with students and their concerns," she said.

Gleason added that IDP does not recruit instructors to participate in workshops. However, on occasion a faculty member is referred to the program by his or her department.

The workshop begins today with a session at 3:45 p.m. dealing with the introduction of new students to higher education, Gleason said. A student panel will talk about experiences as new students and faculty members will have an opportunity to ask the students questions.

Kim Janis (junior-physical education), a student on the panel, said she would like to express the idea that instructors could be more flexible during the discussion.

"Things are changing and needs are changing," Janis said. "Some professors are not receptive enough to see the needs of students today."

The second session, to be held Sept. 20, deals with learning styles, Gleason said. The session is the result of a study that indicates that there are between four and six styles of learning among students.

For example, she explained that many students learn from experience, while others study theory first. The session is aimed at introducing the idea of multiple learning styles to instructors and suggesting instruction strategies in the event that more than one style of learner is present in a class.

The third session, scheduled for Oct. 24, deals with minority students, Gleason said. An advising board of minority students and faculty members will speak with the participants about handling minority students' needs.

"Most faculty members are aware of minority student needs but do not know what to do about it," she explained.

The final session on Nov. 30 will pair the instructors with students one on one so they can learn about each other's roles, Gleason explained.

Students often do not realize the responsibilities instructors have outside of class that prevent them from keeping long office hours. Likewise, faculty members often assume that students automatically understand the significance of a topic that in reality seems out of context, she added.

"I think that the size of the campus makes it (communication) difficult," she said, adding that there is often little or no one-on-one contact. She said that it is important for students and teachers to understand each other.

Interest in the workshop is strong, Gleason said. About 30 faculty members have signed up for the first of four sessions that are open to all instructors, including teaching assistants.

IDP is sponsored by the University and is under the auspices of the Robert E. Dunham, vice president for academic services, Gleason said. The program provides a variety of workshops for faculty members and last year held 80 programs.

The goal of the program is to improve the structure and understanding of the faculty members, she said.



## Bank merger expected to result in added services for customers

By TIM EYSTER  
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Customers will gain additional banking services resulting from a merger by shareholders of two financial institutions, a spokesman for the Mid-State Bank and Trust Company said Monday.

Diane Zink, administrative assistant in the marketing department, said the opportunity for the consolidation of Mid-State Bancorp Inc. and Northern Central Bank Financial Corp. to work together and to offer these services was why the shareholders of the two institutions approved the merger in separate meetings last Aug. 15.

Although she said the public would gain additional services because the merger will create a larger organization, Zink said she

could not yet elaborate on those services.

The consummation of the merger will begin sometime after it is approved by regulatory agencies such as the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Zink said.

In the State College area, Zink said banking services such as regular checking, checking with interest, statement savings and Automated Teller Machines would still be available from the Mid-State Bank, the principal subsidiary of Mid-State Bancorp Inc.

The name of the new bank holding company will be Keystone Financial Inc., she added.

But Zink said that people will continue to see the name Mid-State Bank in existence at the four com-

community offices located at 234 E. College Ave., 248 W. Hamilton Ave., 535 Crickwood Drive at Toffrees, and the Penn State Bookstore on Campus.

The consolidation of Mid-State Bancorp Inc. and NCB Financial Corp. is expected to improve efficiency of existing operations and result in more efficient use of financial, managerial and technological resources, Zink said.

In addition, the holding company's subsidiary banks will be able to increase their lending limits because there will be a larger amount of funding available than the banks could provide individually, Zink said.

Mid-State Bancorp Inc. is headquartered in Altoona and NCB Financial Corp. is in Williamsport.

## Court dismisses case concerning ride to a brothel

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Charges were dismissed yesterday against a Michigan judge accused of defrauding a taxi driver after a dispute over a fare that grew to \$62 while the cabbie waited hours outside a brothel for his rider.

East Lansing District Judge Daniel Tschirhart had been charged with a misdemeanor stemming from his alleged refusal to pay the cab fare to the Mustang Ranch, the largest of Nevada's legal brothels.

Municipal Judge Michael Roth said there was no evidence of Tschirhart's intent to defraud cabbie Fred Spurgeon.

The publicity surrounding his brothel trip seemed to bother the unmarried, 42-year-old Tschirhart little.

"It's perfectly legal, isn't it? I wasn't going to advertise it," he said. "I don't know why the cabbie did."

Spurgeon had called a Michigan newspaper after his citizen's arrest of Tschirhart early April 17. Tschirhart claimed he owed the \$36 fare Spurgeon had quoted him, but the cabbie said that only covered one hour of waiting, not the approximately three hours the judge spent inside the ranch.

Spurgeon filed a misdemeanor complaint.

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