

Clinger, USEC discuss money

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Members of the University Student Executive Council met informally with U.S. Rep. William F. Clinger Sunday at Holmes-Foster Park to discuss the federal student aid issue currently in Congress.

Clinger (R-Warren) said he voted in favor of the House budget that would freeze any further cuts in student financial aid. With President Reagan adding \$12 billion to both the defense and social security programs in the next three years, and his promise of no tax increase, Clinger said the president will have to make up this \$24 billion, somehow.

"The question is: 'How tough is the president?'" the congressman said.

USEC President Laurie Maser said the U.S. House of Representatives voted to keep student aid at its current level and adjust it to meet inflationary standards. She said that the U.S. Senate wants to reduce the Guaranteed Student Loan program by \$200 million — half of what President Reagan wanted.

If the Senate plan goes through, Maser said, two things could happen. First, is the possibility that

fewer students would receive loans, she said. The second possibility is that less money would be awarded in students loans, Maser said.

Clinger said that he would like to keep the eligibility requirements for federal aid at its present level. But, he said it may be tough getting anything through the Senate.

"If anything happens, it will happen in the next three weeks," Clinger said. Congress will recess Aug. 3.

Clinger and USEC also discussed the issue of divestiture from U.S. companies doing business in South Africa. Clinger said he voted against divestiture because it would bring "higher unemployment and even more bloody unrest." However, he said he is in favor of prohibiting any new investments in South Africa by U.S. companies.

Clinger said Sunday's meeting gave him a better understanding of the University and its students' needs.

Although Clinger cancelled three previous invitations made by USEC before their meeting Sunday, he said he wants to meet with USEC on a regular basis as issues develop.



House Rep. Clinger met with members of the University Student Executive Council for a picnic at Holmes-Foster Park Sunday, where they discussed federal student aid issues, divestiture from South African invested companies, and future meetings on a regular basis.

Children's smoking studied

By MAUD S. BEELMAN
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STATE COLLEGE — Youngsters threatened with severe punishment are less likely to smoke than those faced with mild parental reprimands, an American Cancer Society researcher said yesterday.

The study, of 220 children from kindergarten through fourth grade, also showed that children whose parents or older siblings smoked were more likely to have tried cigarettes, or to indicate they probably would try them, said Richard St. Pierre.

St. Pierre, associate professor and chairman of the health education department at the University, warned against drawing generalizations because of the small sample. But he said the results were startling "in the sense that they parallel what we find at the grades four through 12, but there haven't been many surveys of young children."

The recently completed, two-year study, financed by a \$27,000 grant from the cancer society, was the first to focus on the age group of 5 through 9 year-olds, and will be a prototype for further research, which the society will use to develop educational programs, he said.

For the study, a team of University researchers

interviewed children, most between the ages of 5 and 9 years, in Homer City, Millerstown and in the Philadelphia area.

The children were asked about school, friends, their home life and their attitudes toward smoking. The also were asked about punishment they faced from parents for smoking, and questions relating to the harmful effects of cigarettes.

The parents were interviewed about their smoking habits, living arrangement and what they would do if they caught their children smoking.

St. Pierre said he noticed two surprising trends.

"If a woman was living with a boyfriend and they both smoked, for some reason, which we're not sure yet, the children in that family would tend to have a higher and more positive attitude toward smoking and the likelihood of smoking in the future than even if it was a mother and a father who both smoked," St. Pierre said.

"The more serious the consequence, the more likely the student was to say they would not engage in smoking," St. Pierre said. "If they thought a parent would physically punish them as opposed to a reprimand" they were less likely to light up, he said.

Arts dean quits PSU

By TOM FLANIGAN
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The Dean of the University's College of Arts and Architecture, Robert Holmes, resigned yesterday and an acting dean was appointed.

Holmes, who held the position for three years, resigned to serve as the Dean of the School of Arts and Letters at the Los Angeles campus of the California State University. He will assume his new responsibilities Sept. 1.

No replacement for Holmes has been named yet, said Carol Herrmann, assistant to University President Bryce Jordan. Herrmann said a search committee will be formed soon to find a new dean.

Raniero Corbelletti, an Architecture professor and department head, has been appointed acting dean of the college until a permanent replacement is named, Herrmann said.

Corbelletti said that he is very proud to serve the College of Arts and Architecture and will be a leader to the fullest of his abilities.

Corbelletti will also take over another of Holmes' duties, as director of University Arts Services, which includes the Artists Series, Museum of Art, and campus auditorium management.

Corbelletti said that on his first day as acting dean, it was premature to state whether he would continue the same policies as the previous dean or start new policies.

He said he will count on his colleagues' help while he is acting dean. Appointment of a permanent dean will probably take a few months, Corbelletti said.

Holmes was honored during the opening ceremonies at this year's Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts, said Lurene Frantz, managing director of the Arts Festival.

She said Holmes was especially helpful not only because of the time he dedicated to the Festival, but also because of his guidance, and the clout which his name lent to the Festival.

Judge agrees to reduce prison overpopulation

By MICHAEL L. GRACZYK
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HOUSTON — A federal judge who once ordered sweeping changes in Texas prisons said yesterday he would approve an agreement on overcrowding, resolving the last major issue in a 13-year-old civil rights suit filed by inmates.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice did not say when he would sign the agreement reached earlier this year, which calls for the prison population of nearly 38,000 to be cut to 32,500 within four years.

Rick Gray, the state's attorney in the case, said he believed the decrease of the population also would ease violence among inmates in the system, the nation's second-largest.

More than 400 inmates were stabbed and 25 were killed last year, making 1984 the bloodiest on record in Texas prisons. So far this year, 15 inmates have been slain and more than 140 stabbed.

Prison overcrowding was the last issue to be settled in the suit that began in 1972 as a handwritten petition by David Ruiz, who was serving time for armed robbery when he complained of brutality among

guards, abuse of disciplinary steps, inadequate medical care and improper use of inmates.

Ruiz, now in a federal prison after it was decided he might not be safe in a Texas facility, is awaiting an appeal on a perjury conviction and trial on sexual assault and robbery charges.

In 1980, after nearly a year-long trial, Justice demanded extensive reforms in the prison system. Those included limiting the number of prisoners in a cell, establishing disciplinary procedures for prisoners and appointing a special master to monitor the system. An appeals court upheld most of the orders, but overturned Justice's order for one-person cells for all inmates.

Under the settlement, two-person cells will be allowed but those cells must be enlarged.

Despite the settlement, the attorney for the inmates, William Bennett Turner, said he was not optimistic the corrections department would be able to comply.

"It's not in the nature of the prison beast to make changes," Turner said. "I am not euphoric about the settlement."

Blazes continue in six states

By CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN
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The governor of South Dakota declared a state of emergency in the smoking Black Hills yesterday as stubborn brush and forest blazes persisted in six Western states and Canada, where a falling rock killed a firefighter.

In many areas, however, firefighters headed home as more blazes subsided after destroying more than a million acres in the United States and hundreds of thousands more in Canada.

"Basically, we're returning to business as usual," said Dave Lentz, a Bureau of Land Management dispatcher in Portland, Ore.

Flames, some ignited by overnight lightning in the parched West, continued to rage in California, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Idaho and South Dakota.

Crews struggling to stop fires that

have charred 18,500 acres in the southern Black Hills of South Dakota fought a new blaze Monday after containing a 3,000-acre outbreak the day before.

The fires prompted Gov. Bill Janklow to declare a state of emergency in the area, allowing him to place the adjutant general of the state National Guard, Ron Williamson, in command of all firefighting efforts.

"The emergency is significant enough that it can't be dealt with by different agencies all trying to coordinate together," Janklow said. "One person has to be able to make decisions and call on the resources instantaneously of really the whole government."

According to Janklow, one of the main fires south of Hot Springs was in "very rugged country ... lots of crevices, lots of valleys, lots of steep slopes. It's very hard to fight."

A 22-year-old firefighter died Sunday after being struck by a rock while

battling one of seven major fires covering 84,500 acres in British Columbia. David Alfred Smith died on a fire line north of Invermere, officials said.

Still, authorities reported progress against the Canadian outbreaks. Six of the seven fires were either contained or under control yesterday. Only a 32,000-acre fire about 15 miles southeast of Canal Flats continued to grow.

Since mid-April, 1,677 fires have destroyed 485,000 acres in British Columbia.

In California, the largest fire still out of control — a 28,780-acre blaze south of California's scenic Big Sur — was 50 percent contained yesterday, but U.S. Forest Service spokesman Frank Fetsher said it probably wouldn't be contained before today.

About 15 miles to the south, the Gorda fire north of San Luis Obispo was 95 percent contained after burning 6,800 acres.

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