

More defense dollars worry Clinger

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Increasing appropriations to defense have spurred some legislators, including U.S. Rep. William F. Clinger, to curb unneeded costs within the U.S. Defense Department and to force reforms of military spending.

President Reagan's request for a \$34 billion increase in defense spending for the 1987 fiscal year — a 12 percent increase over last year — has made some congressmen wary of increasing the defense budget.

"In a period of potentially disastrous \$200 billion deficits, this sort of increase is simply not called for," Clinger, R-Pa., said. "It flies in the face of the necessity for all of government to become frugal and cost-effective."

Clinger said a need exists for a strong defense to deter aggression,

but added that a \$34 billion increase in the defense budget would not "make us safer by any significant amount until the Pentagon adopts fundamental reforms to ensure that our investment in the nation's security is well-spent."

"Without reforms, we may see much of the increased spending wasted on weapons that don't work and bases we don't need," he added.

One suggestion is to have inspector generals in the defense department to audit the spending and uncover excessive spending. Inspector generals in the Pentagon found last year that the government had purchased \$400 hammers, \$800 toilet seats and \$1,700 coffee pots, the congressman said.

"Many reforms have been made, but we have a lot of work to do. The Procurement Integrity Act would make corporate executives personally liable if their businesses defraud

the government," Clinger said.

President Reagan formed the Grace Commission in 1982 to identify sources of inefficiency in federal spending and to provide recommendations on how to save money and curtail waste.

"The Grace Commission estimated that \$2.7 billion could be saved by closing unneeded bases," Clinger said.

Jim Turner, a spokesman for the Department of Defense, said, "the department is working on closing some military bases; it's a long and tedious process and the proposals to shut bases have to go through the Congress."

Because the United States now has a large percentage of officers in its top ranks, proposals have been made to reduce the number of high-level positions in order to reduce costs and increase efficiency, Clinger said.

police log

• Terri Merdes, 561 Easterly Parkway, reported a 35-millimeter camera worth \$900 missing at Sunset Park April 4, State College Bureau of Police Services said.

• Robert Gatchel, 710 S. Atherton St., reported a \$320 Hewlett-Packard calculator lost on South Atherton Street March 24, State College police said.

• An assistant theater professor reported the theft of a digital multi-

meter worth \$219 from a storage area at the Playhouse Theatre between Jan. 31 and Wednesday, University police said.

• Three University keys were reported missing from an undisclosed campus location Wednesday, University police said.

• Julie Parr, 323 Hastings, reported a \$150 bicycle missing from outside Findlay Dining Hall Tuesday, University police said.

• Chris Madaio, of Union Bridge, Md., reported a \$220 camera lens missing from an event at McCoy Natatorium March 29, University Police Services said.

• Larry Farkas, 329 E. Beaver Ave., reported losing a shirt and cash all worth \$90 from the computer lab in the Business Administration Building, University police said.

—by James A. Stewart

Sorority helps bring injured child to U.S.

By JANINE MILLER
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At last, says Dezzo Benedek, his prayers have been answered.

Benedek (graduate-comparative literature) has been trying for more than a year to find someone to help him bring a young Filipino girl to the United States for a critical eye operation.

Until recently, Benedek had little success in obtaining financial support for the girl's operation. But earlier this week, Delta Gamma sorority presented Benedek with a \$2,000 check to bring the girl, 8-year-old Leisha Elica, and her mother to the United States for an operation.

"Dezzo was looking all over for money, and I was really happy to be able to help him," says Mary Adams (sophomore-biology), the sorority's foundations chairwoman.

Adams heard about Benedek's problem through a sorority alumnae, Mary Emma Keith of State College.

"Keith read about Leisha in an article in *The Centre Daily Times* last summer," Benedek says. "She contacted (sorority member) Sarah Boughton and then I heard from the sorority about a month ago that they were interested in helping me."

Elica, who lives in the Bataan Islands in the Philippines, was injured three years ago when she walked up behind her brother as he

was swinging a large knife above his head. The knife caught Elica in her eye, Benedek says.

Benedek met the young girl while completing field work on his dissertation in the Philippines. Medical care on the island is poor, and surgery in the United States is the only hope for saving Elica's eyesight, he says.

Benedek started a letter-writing campaign in hopes of finding some hospital or clinic that would be willing to do the surgery on the little girl free of charge. He wrote to more than 200 hospitals, but only the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital in New York City answered his letter.

Benedek says he needed about \$5,000 to cover the costs of the air fare, housing and food for Elica and her mother during Elica's surgery and recuperation.

Until recently, Benedek says he had a difficult time raising the money. He met with disappointment everywhere he turned, and it seemed that no one was very interested in Elica's problem.

"I started a fund (at People's National Bank) that was a collection for private donations," Benedek says. "This fund collected about \$800."

Finally Benedek found an airline that consented to fly the little girl to the United States for free.

"Northwestern Airlines was contacted through the efforts of the political science department here at the University," Benedek says.

"The political science department wrote letters to every airline flying out of the Philippines, and Northwestern Airlines was kind enough to agree to fly Leisha and her mother to the United States."

Benedek's luck finally changed when Delta Gamma heard about his problem and offered him the rest of the money he needed to bring Elica and her mother to the United States.

"The foundation of Delta Gamma as a sorority is for Sight Conservation and Aid to the Blind," says Boughton (senior-microbiology), chairwoman of the sorority's annual Anchor Splash. "We raise money for this through the Anchor Splash, which was held Nov. 10."

The money Delta Gamma raises through the event is distributed to local charities and to the national chapter of the sorority, where it is also used to aid the blind and visually impaired.

"This year we were able to give \$2,000 to the Sight Loss Support Group right here in State College," Boughton adds. "This is for those people who aren't considered legally blind, but they need aid in the form of canes and seeing eye dogs."

Delta Gamma was able to disburse \$2,000 to the Sight Loss Support Group, \$2,000 their national chapter and \$2,000 to Benedek.

The operation will probably take place in late July of this year, Benedek says.

Black grad group discusses provisional status

By VICTORIA PETTIES
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The Black Graduate Student Association met Wednesday night to discuss the Graduate Student Association's decision to give temporary status to newly-formed organizations.

Pat Stith, GSA chairwoman of the women and minorities committee and BGSA member, said GSA's decision, made at Tuesday's meeting, was enacted because BGSA's constitution was approved.

Stith said she was upset because the discussion surrounding the formation of the black graduate organization before the constitution was approved was not discussed at the assembly meeting.

Ray McCoy, coordinator of minority programs in the College of the Liberal Arts, works on minority retention. He supervised the group with the paperwork and other details of organization.

The telephone conversations between McCoy and BGSA, Judiciary Chairwoman Dorothy Matthews were

not revealed to the other GSA delegates the night of the assembly meeting, Stith said.

Matthews explained at the meeting that provisional status meant that the group would have all the benefits of other organizations, such as funding, but would be reviewed by the judiciary committee in 15 weeks.

Lee Carpenter, GSA vice president, said the judiciary committee uses the provisional status only to eliminate some of the paperwork for committee members if a student organization becomes inactive later.

The committee will not base its decisions on whether it likes or dislikes an organization's programs, but on whether the group stays active, Carpenter added.

McCoy said when he spoke to Matthews before the constitution was approved, she said that the committee did not like the name "BGSA" because it implied segregation.

McCoy said Matthews stated later that incoming graduate students might be confused about the organization's name.

McCoy said Matthews also ex-



Venus Young (freshman-Masters in Business Administration), standing, makes a point during Wednesday's Black Graduate Student Association meeting.

plained to him that GSA serves the same purpose as BGSA.

Luke Talcot, graduate council liaison and former judiciary committee chairman, said the committee had been considering offering provisional status to new groups for awhile.

BGSA member Lennox Jackson said BGSA does not intend to be an organization exclusively for black graduate students but for other minorities as well.

BGSA will hold officer elections Wednesday.

Current low interest rates will keep passbook rates down, he said.

If deregulation had occurred a year ago, however, everyone would have expected rates to increase, said Dean Croushore, an expert in monetary theory and policy and a University assistant professor of economics.

Croushore added that another period of inflation would cause interest rates to increase, and consequently passbook rates would increase.

Croushore also said some banks may offer increased rates as a marketing gimmick to entice new customers. These banks will probably not offer those higher rates in the long run, he said.

Few area banks react to passbook deregulation

By DAVE SCOLLAN
Collegian Business Writer

The federal government last week removed the 5.5 percent rate ceiling for passbook accounts — also known as day-to-day savings accounts — but few State College banks have increased their passbook rates thus far.

The lifting of the federal law April 1 that limited passbook rates ended a period of regulation begun during the Depression, said Barry Ickes, vice president/administrative services and marketing for the bank. The federal government believed bank regulation would prevent another banking crisis like those which occurred in the 1930s.

However, it became apparent in the 1970s, a decade with high inflation, that those who had put money in passbook accounts were being hurt, Ickes said. The inflation rate outstripped the rate available in

passbook accounts, so all who had money in them "were in effect subsidizing the banks," Ickes said.

The government responded to this problem in 1980 by setting the date for deregulation of passbook accounts, which would allow passbook rates to rise with the inflation rate, he said.

United Federal Savings Bank has responded to the deregulation by introducing passbook accounts with tiered rates, said Russ Brooks, vice president/administrative services and marketing for the bank. The rates increase as the amount invested in the account increases, he said.

Landmark Savings on Jan. 1 introduced a money market account in a passbook format also with tiered rates, said James Callendo, senior vice president of Landmark. He said the account was introduced prior to deregulation to get a jump on competition.

However, he added, few competitors introduced new passbook accounts following deregulation. Competition came mostly from other banks which had introduced passbook-money market hybrid accounts like Landmark's early in the year, Callendo said.

United Federal and Landmark are the only State College banks that have responded to deregulation. Several local bank executives have called the deregulation a "non-event."

Pat Kindlin, vice president and director of marketing for Peoples Savings, said his bank does not expect to react to deregulation in the near future because "nobody else is doing that much."

Dean McKnight, vice president of Mid-State Bank, said, "I don't expect any big changes due to the new policy."

McKnight added that while Mid-State does not expect to offer higher rates soon, banks are just learning how to "play the free enterprise game" because of deregulation, so rates may increase later.

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