

Students Graduate With Debts

the Reagan Legacy

By Michael O'Keeffe (CPS) — Eight years after they rode into Washington, D.C., pledging to change federal student aid forever, members of the Reagan administration can say they succeeded. In their wake, they're leaving students who generally have to borrow aid money they used to get as grants.

Virtually all observers — whether conservative or liberal — say the dramatic shift in financial aid programs from grants to loans probably is the administration's most enduring campus accomplishment.

"Debt," said Fred Azcarate, president of the U.S. Student Association (USSA) in Washington, D.C., "is the great legacy of the Reagan administration for students."

Still others are disappointed the trend away from grants wasn't faster.

"The intent of financial aid was to supplement the cost (of a college education)," contended Jeanne Allen of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank that helped develop many of the administration's campus policies.

"It was never meant to guarantee everyone gets a college education," she continued. "Ronald Reagan's goal was to get back to the original intent... to ensure full access to a college education, but not that it would be fully paid by the federal government."

Allen said Reagan largely succeeded in "making sure only the people who were deserving got aid money."

President Reagan came into office with other education goals, too, like abolishing the Department of Education, shifting the responsibility for funding campuses from Washington to the states and, of course, drastically cutting the federal budget for schools and colleges.

But "the announced intention to decrease expenditures... never materialized," noted Terrel Bell, Reagan's first education secretary.

It wasn't for lack of trying. In his first two budget proposals and again in 1987, the president tried to cut some major programs by as much as half.

"We forced Congress to decide the programs are not expendable," said Edward Einendorf, who was assistant secretary for postsecondary education from 1982 to 1985. "Congress had a chance each year to take a (vote) on how much programs should be cut, and what their impact would be."

"They repeatedly asked for cuts in student aid, but that was rejected by Congress," recalled Charles Saunders of the American Council on Education (ACE), a lobbying group for campus presidents from around the nation.

"They wanted to do away with student aid," asserted Rick Jerue, staff director of the House Postsecondary Education Subcommittee. "Things would have been far

worse if Congress had not opposed the Reagan administration on cuts."

Most direct aid to campuses for libraries and housing were in fact abolished, as were aid programs like student Social Security and the Middle Income Student Assistance Act.

In the process of attacking those and other programs, "they did manage to throw student aid programs into disarray and confusion, and we've fallen behind the actual purchasing power of 1980," the ACE's Saunders claimed.

The shift from grants to loans was not a fluke," said Gwendolyn L. Lewis of the College Board. "It will probably continue. We're not likely to see a shift (back to grants) in the future."

In the mid-1970s, Lewis said, 80 percent of the federal aid given to students was in the form of grants. By 1987-88, it was down to 47 percent.

C. Ronald Kimberling, who served in the Education Dept. under Reagan, blamed Jimmy Carter. "The most astronomical growth in loans



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The shift from grants to loans under President Reagan means both present and future college students will graduate with often large debts.

came in the Carter administration," he said, adding the government loaned \$7.8 billion to students in 1981, up from \$1.9 billion in 1978.

However, the amount of money granted to students also rose during the same period. Much of the increased loan money was given to middle-class students, who had been made eligible for student loans for the first

time.

Student life, regardless of who started the shift to loans, has been changed as a result.

Liberal arts students, for example, changed their majors from lower-paying careers like teaching to more lucrative fields because they knew they'd need to repay loans, some said.

"Students know they are going to graduate with large debt, and that affects what classes they pick, what majors they choose, what jobs they select when they graduate," claimed Arlette Slachmuylder, president of the State Student Association of New York.

"It creates a lot of pressure on the student that hasn't existed in the past," he added.

USSA's Azcarate charged, "Some students will be in debt for the rest of their lives. Many young people are not going to college because they can't assume the debts."

And many who do choose to assume those debts now can't pay them back, critics said.

Just covering defaulted loans costs Washington \$1.6 billion a year, up from \$530 million in 1983 and about half the total it spends on Stafford Loans (formerly called Guaranteed Student Loans).

Lewis of the College Board predicts "the amounts of money actually loaned to students will have to be reduced because the costs (of the defaults) will have to be covered."



January 26, 1989...Joanie Slotter (right), Assistant Dean of Students, was honored by the American Red Cross for her outstanding leadership of Beaver College Blood Drives. The award was presented by Dr. William C. Sherwood (left), Penn-Jersey Blood Service Region director, and Martin Blumberg (center), Vice Chairman of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter, at the Red Cross annual meeting.

Wanted: Dead or Alive

By Gretchen Hauselt

I heard a rumor the other day that Spirit on campus had died. Frankly, I was shocked! When did it happen? How? Where? Why? Why wasn't I invited to the funeral? No one seemed to have the answers. After investigating the matter further (I have sources in high places), I found out that Spirit did not die, it just went into hiding for a while. It was tired of people who just did not give a hoot.

Spirit told me that it had decided to come out again. It wants to be enjoyed and talked about. The Pep Squad

is one way that it will make its re-emergence. The other way is through a school mascot.

Beaver sports teams have been known as the Scarlet Knights, and more recently the Gray Knights, for years now. The question of having a school mascot and a person to dress up as that mascot has recently been posed to SGO. Well folks, Spirit will prevail and Beaver College will have a mascot!

First, we (the College Community) need to decide exactly what we want our mascot to be. Do we want to be known as the Scarlet

Knights, the Gray Knights or the Crimson Hamsters? The time to decide is NOW. If you have a suggestion, send it to me, Gretchen Hauselt, 206 W Heinz or to Box 70. When I receive all of the suggestions, I will compile a list to be voted on. I need

those suggestions right away.

Who will be the lucky person to don the mascot costume? That question at present is unanswerable. However, if you are interested in becoming the infamous Beaver mascot, applications

are in the Student Affairs Office. Tryouts/interviews will be held in early February. Prerequisites for the job: plenty of enthusiasm, pep, school spirit, and a GPA of at least a 2.5. Unleash your energy and apply!

Please remember to send me your mascot suggestions.

Tourguide Program

Do you remember any of the campus tours you had when you were choosing a college? Some campus tours are given in large impersonal groups and others in small, yet uninformative groups.

Do you remember your tour of Beaver College? Chances are you were given a personal and comprehensive tour of the campus and received some insight on what Beaver College has to offer.

The tourguide plays an instrumental role in the feeling

you leave with after visiting a school. They give students and parents a sense of what the student body is like and they also tend to be more honest in answering any questions you may have about the school.

Sharon Hardy and David Pumphrey are the student tourguide coordinators for Beaver College. They have worked to build a tourguide program and staff that is very valuable in the admissions process.

"It makes me feel good to have the opportunity to share my college experiences with some one who is perhaps as confused and distraught as I was when trying to find the "perfect" school. I enjoy introducing them to Beaver and alleviating some of those anxieties.", states tour veteran Sharon Hardy.

Tourguides also provide information and answer questions during Beaver College's Open Houses. During the last Open House, Beaver's tourguide team played hosts to over 400 guests.

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"Legal" Cooking with Steph and Sue

By Steph Paxson and Sue Dykes

Welcome back to our kitchen! We have a new recipe for you to try and also a little something extra. First the recipe.

Scrambled Eggs in a Hot Pot

2 eggs (for an average size hot pot)
a little milk

Shredded Kraft sharp cheddar cheese (if you're a cheese lover)

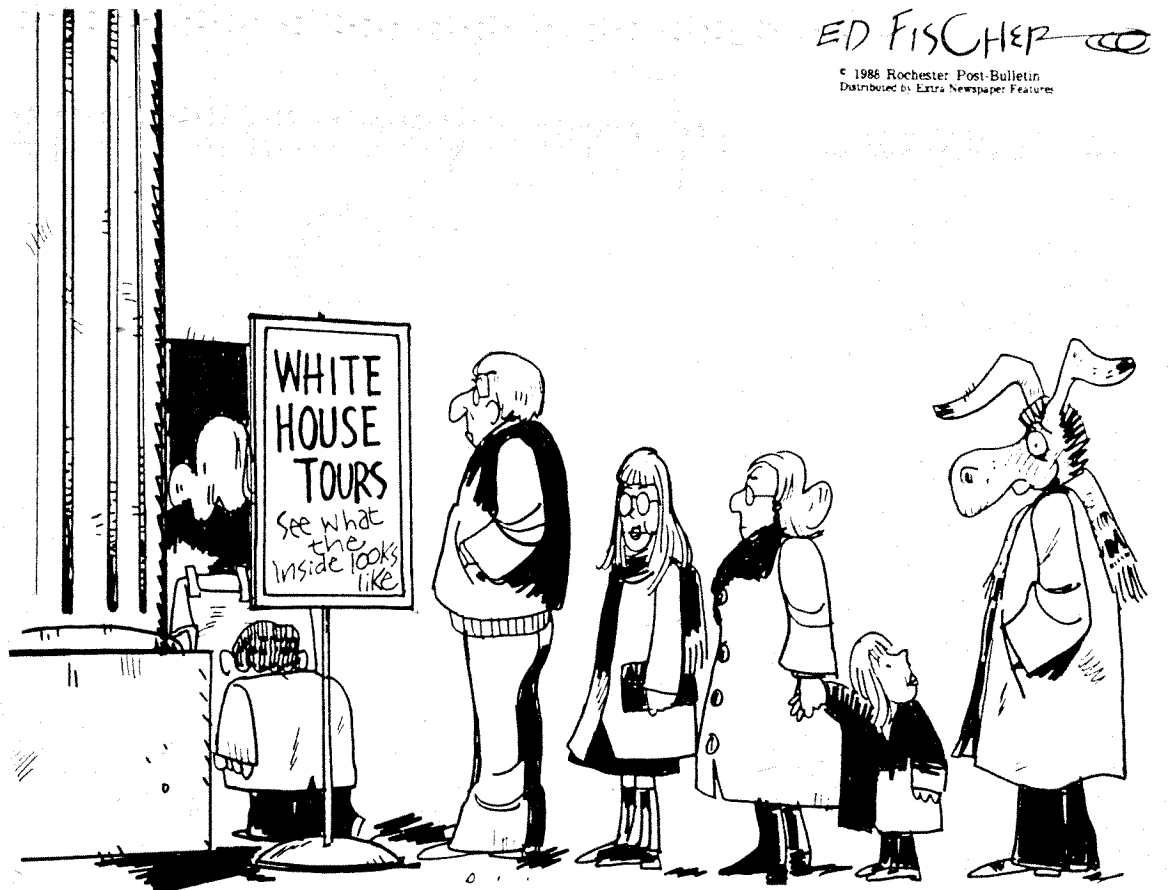
First crack the eggs into a bowl. Pour a little bit of milk into the bowl and mix thoroughly. Be careful with the milk though, because if you use too much milk the eggs will be a little soupy, but it will still be delicious. After you have finished mixing, plug in your hot pot and pour the egg mixture in. When the eggs begin to firm up, put the cheese in and scramble it all together. We're sure that you could add other things such as mushrooms, ham, to the eggs and it would be even more delicious. Hot scrambled eggs is a nice alternative to cafeteria food or if you're running late and can't make it to the cafeteria. The whole process of making the eggs only takes about 5 minutes so it is a quick and easy meal to make. Enjoy!!

Now for the something extra. We went to two different food stores in the neighborhood to compare prices and to see which store had the cheaper food. Here's what we found out:

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Quart of Milk	.69	.65
1/2 gal. of Milk	1.13	1.09
Kraft Macaroni & Cheese	.65	.49
Coke (6 pack)	2.89	2.19
Frito-Lay dip	1.99	1.79
Oodles of Noodles (individual pack)	.35	.29
Elbow Macaroni	.99	.95
Chef Boy Ardee 15 oz. pasta	1.09	.89
Chicken by the Sea Tuna Fish (6-1/2 oz.)	.99	.89
Cracker Barrel	2.59	2.49
Nabisco Cheddar Easy Cheese	2.19	1.99
Triskets	1.79	1.39
Ritz Crackers	2.29	2.09
	19.63	17.19

Even though there is only about a twenty cent difference between each product at the different stores we figured that for poor college students like us, every penny counts. Just for your own information, we found that the price of chips, pretzels, Doritos, Fritos, and HiC Drink boxes were the same at both prices.

We'd like to thank those people who sent us recipes — we promise to use them — and encourage anyone to send us their own recipes.



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The Dam Re-Opens

By Kerry Costello

On December 1, 1988, the re-opening of the Dam was a huge success. With the hard work of many people, the first annual Open Mike-Gong Show will now become a Beaver Tradition.

With the many great performances, ranging from sex-aerobics, to a couple of dance routines, the judging team of Alice Visco, Chris Carcia, and Billy Gonzalez, "Gon-

zo", had a real tough time choosing the winners. In the end, along with the audience's help, the "Haig's" took home the \$50 cash prize. Janet Tittlemayer won the \$25 prize for her signing talent. The \$10 prize was awarded to Mark Mensch for his magical talent. The whole night was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

The Dam will continue to provide the college with its

Thursday night, non-alcoholic entertainment. In the near future, there will be several bands and comedians coming our way. There is also the possibility, that the "Blizzard of Buck's" will be back.

If you or your organization would like to sponsor a Dam event, please contact the following people; Sharon Hardy x2305, Rick Mandel x2355, or Kerry Costello x2358.



Photo by Karen Leong

Alice Visco defends a recently gonged act.



Photo by Karen Leong

"The Haigs" take first prize at the first annual Open-Mac & Gong Show Night in The Dam.

SGO UPDATE

By Gina Pavlatos

The end of last semester found the senators in the midst of much discussion about campus concerns. John DiLuzio spoke at the November 15th meeting about the lack of interest in AIDS Awareness Week and the possibility of installing condom machines on Beaver's campus. The senate members have taken this issue to the residents, commuters, and continuing education students.

Senate wants students to know that the Student Escort Service is now in effect. The extension for the service is 2321 and it is available until midnight.

The Students Activities

Center (SAC) will be opened for use this semester. Located in the basement of Dilworth, the SAC will be open to student organizations and committees for club purposes. Please also take notice of the updated ride board outside of the cafeteria and the ride lists that were distributed in your mailboxes last semester. Thank you for your responses to the cafeteria surveys.

Topics that have been brought up at recent Senate meetings include: a possible non-smoking section in the Chat, improvements with security, preparations for the first annual Beaver Blitz, a possible MAC machine on campus, and a jukebox in the Chat. Most impor-

tantly and now in progress is the Toys, Clothes, and Food Drive. Please support this event by bringing all your items to the Drive station in the Chat. (Dates and times TBA) BASE will dispense toys, Neuman Apostolate will dispense food and SGO will dispense clothes.

Topics at hand during the Board of Trustees meeting were condom machines on campus, the recent problems with the hot water boiler, a possible mascot, and poor lighting on campus.

The last Senate meeting of the semester was held on December 15th. Remember, if you are there on Tuesdays at 4:00, you can get your opinions voiced. The Senate will continue throughout this semester.

SENIOR CLASS UPDATE

By Janie Pletcher

89 Days 'til Graduation

The party will be held at the Ambler Caberet on Saturday, February 25 from 10:00 to 2:00. An open bar will be provided at the cost of \$10.00 per person. Each senior may bring a guest who is 21 years of age or older. ID will be checked at the door. We are currently looking into a bus to provide transportation to the Caberet and back. We request that you sign up for reservations at the beginning of next semester outside of the cafeteria. You must pay your \$10.00 at this time. Hope to see you all there!

Cap and Gown

Measurements will be taken in the chat and cafeteria on March 7 & 8 from 11:00 to 2:00 and 5:00 to 6:00.

Graduation

Thursday, May 25 afternoon Practice; 5:30-6:30 Baccalaureate, 9:00-12:00 pm Farewell Dance. Friday, May 26 10:00-12:00 Commencement.

Senior Class Gift and Budget

At the beginning of last semester, the senior class was given a budget of approximately \$500.00. This is not nearly enough money to buy a gift and cover our end of the year expenses. We need to sell more T-shirts in order to see a profit that will allow us a good semester next year. If you would like to buy or charge a shirt, contact any of the senior class officers. If you have any questions or suggestions contact Beth or Janie at ext. 2023, or Kate or Sandy at ext. 2022.

Unusual Valentines From The Zoo

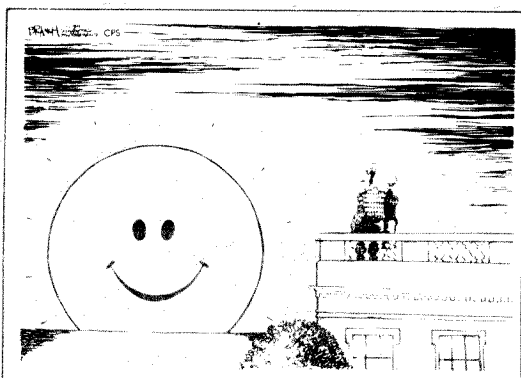
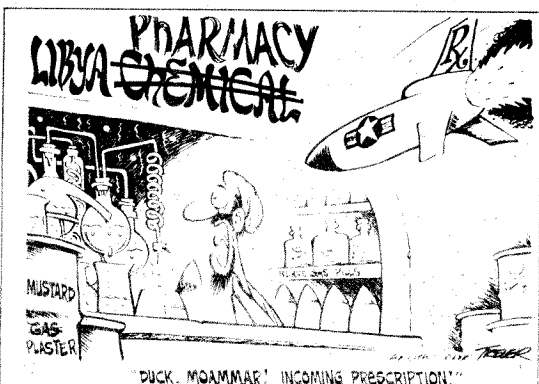
Promise her anything, but give her... an armadillo? Instead of a smooch, why not a smew. Or perhaps two can give each other a toucan. If hearts and flowers and candy and lace are getting to be a drag, consider a gift that chirps or climbs, slithers or swings. ADOPT from The Philadelphia Zoo, and your gift will keep on giving all year long — not just February 14th.

For as little as \$25, as much as \$2,500, or anywhere in between, you can give a one of a kind Valentine — a Mexican axolotl, a meerkat, a kori bustard, or maybe a hippopotamus. If fur is the ticket, offer a chinchilla — one of ours. Has he always wanted a jaguar? We have a spotted model that's sure to please. And for the very wise on your gift list, our great horned owl might be just the thing.

The Zoo's ADOPT (Animals Depend on People Too) program provides two benefits: the fun of becoming an instant parent for a full year; and the satisfaction of knowing your ADOPT money helps feed our animals all year round. (The Zoo's annual grocery bill is nearly \$300,000!)

ADOPT parents receive a kit that contains ADOPTION papers, a fascinating fact sheet about your animal, an iron on T-shirt decal that lets everyone know you've ADOPTed, copies of the regular newsletter, a photo of your animal for all ADOPTIONS over \$100, and recognition at our annual ADOPT Day festivities at the Zoo.

For more information on our unique Valentines, please call the ADOPT office at the Philadelphia Zoo, 243-1100, ext. 331. Don't wait till the last minute. Our animals would love to hear from you soon.



The Back Page

Duke Cast As "One Life To Live's" Fraternity

(CPS) — Duke University will become Landview University for a few days in late January when the cast and staff from the "One Life To Live" ABC daytime drama visit to do some on-location production.

Duke "won" a nationwide location search conducted by the soap opera's producers, who will use the campus fraternity row to shoot an episode featuring "Fraternity Row," the program's "soap within a soap."

"Duke best met the need for a fraternity row location,"

explained ABC spokesman Jason Bondeross.

ABC, trying to earn some publicity, last fall placed ads in 50 campus newspapers, and ran a commercial during the program, asking student viewers to write an explain why their campus would be the perfect location for the show.

The producers, said Bondeross, hoped to build excitement for the show among students, who are among its biggest fans. "Soap viewing among college kids is very big."

Students from hundreds of campuses nationwide responded, Bondeross said, sending not just letters but videotapes, bumper stickers, coffee mugs, sweat shirts and photographs extolling their schools.

"The kids were very creative, very inventive in the submissions they sent in," Bondeross recalled.

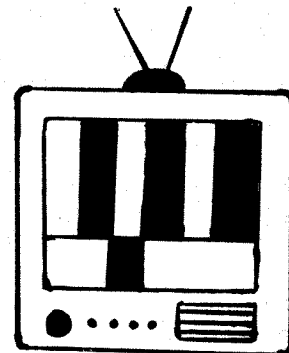
Duke senior Glenn Zellman did the best. "Once at Duke you'd be amazed by the beauty and charm of the university and its surrounding

areas," Zellman wrote, describing campus buildings and woods that would work well with the soap's story line.

"It was obvious he knew the show," an impressed Bondeross said.

"You look at something like this," said Duke spokesman Leonard Pardue, "as an opportunity for students to get involved. It could be a real learning experience."

Bondeross said the episode featuring Duke will be aired Mar. 2.



by Brian Engemann

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MEETINGS

Family Services — of Montgomery County, 104 Terwood Road, Willow Grove, will begin a group for adults who were sexually abused as children on Monday, February 27, 1989 from 7:15-8:45 P.M. The group will meet 10 consecutive weeks. Pre-registration is required. For information please call 657-7141.

REMINDER — The Tower meetings will be held Thursday nights, check campus posters for exact time. We need all of your support.

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Increased spending to repay banks for defaulted Stafford Loans accounts for part of the increase in the Education Dept.'s budget during the Reagan years. Nevertheless, the budget did rise, Reagan supporters noted.

"When I started" former Secretary Bell said, "the budget was \$14 billion. Now it's \$21 billion. There's a perception in academia that there were cuts, but in actual dollars, there's been an increase."

After inflation is figured in, however, student aid programs were actually about 20 percent smaller in 1986 than in 1980, a 1986 USSA study alleged, while an August, 1988, Wall Street Journal analysis pegged the decrease at 9 percent from 1980 to 1988.

Bell said "the response of the higher education community and Congress frustrated" the administration's hopes to cut college spending more, and some Reagan critics remain bitter about it.

"We've been forced (to fight) to hold the status quo," Azcarate said. "I'd rather work on issues such as the retention and recruitment of minorities instead of defending programs that have existed for years."

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