



Nantucket in a more relaxed moment between appearances. From left are Mark Downing, Eddie Blair, Tommy Redd, Pee Wee Watson, Larry Uzzell and Kenny Soule.

## Cutbacks in Financial Aid May Affect Half of Students

By SUSAN CALHOUN

(CPS) — Fully half the nation's college students might have to change their plans for next year if Congress passes President Ronald Reagan's plan to cut federal financial aid by 20 percent, financial aid administrators warn.

The cuts recommended by the Office of Management and Budget have private colleges in particular scurrying to devise methods to compensate for the loss in grants and loans. But all college administrators contacted by College Press Service feared the proposed cuts would destroy their enrollments.

Don Mullen, head of financial aid at the University of Montana and the president to the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, predicts that if the cuts are approved, "Aid to part-time students will be the first eliminated. Then we'd probably have to make aid dependent on grades."

Even then, Mullen estimates that Montana still would have "about 500 hurt students," which would "unquestionably have a significant impact on enrollment."

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Of major consequence to Mullen and other financial aid administrators are the recommendations made concerning Pell Grants, National Direct Student Loans, and Guaranteed Student Loans.

Specifically, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director David Stockman wants to cut 286,000 students from the Pell (formerly BEOG) program by restricting the grants to students from families making less than \$25,000 a year.

Mullen frets such a move would "cut off a couple hundred students" at Montana alone, while Donald Chenelle of Case-Western in Ohio asserts "it would be an incredible hardship" for those families with more than one child in college.

"If you've got two or three kids in graduate and undergraduate school, even if you earn a higher-than-average income, you're going to have trouble putting those kids through school unless you can pay in installments over a long period of time. Pell Grants gave people that opportunity," Chenelle says.

Stockman also wants to eliminate the National Direct Student Loan program over the next four years. The loss would pose additional problems for students hoping to "make up for the loss of a grant with a loan," says Paul Chrisman of Wichita State.

Chrisman's financial aid office manages \$1 million yearly in NDSLs, some of which is used to fund other programs, like work-study.

The Guaranteed Student Loan plan, however, is the largest federal aid program, and administrators predict that Stockman's recommended changes in the GSL program, and administrators predict that Stockman's recommended changes in the GSL program could cause the worst problems and most drastically affect enrollment.

Stockman proposes the elimination of the "in-school interest subsidy" program of Guaranteed Student Loans. Under the current system, students repay bank loans tuition at nine percent interest rates, while the government pays the difference between nine percent and the regular interest rate. Under the new plan, students will have to pay the regular market rate, which now hovers between 17 and 20 percent.

Benjamin Culley of Occidental College mourns that the loss of any part of the GSL program "would be a very heavy blow" to schools. Nationally, it provides \$4.8 billion to students yearly.

Over 600 students get \$1.25 million in GSLs every year at Occidental, and Culley warns that many of those people would have to transfer to a public school if that money dried up.

"We simply don't have the resources to make up for that money," Culley says. "One-third of our students would be affected by such a thing, and they'd

have to get the money somewhere else in order to stay at Occidental."

Almost half the students enrolled at Maine's Babson College are dependent on GSLs, according to Edwina Middleton of the financial aid office. Any change in the program would "pose a threat" to private schools, she says, because students simply couldn't afford the high tuition costs of such colleges.

But if GSLs provide for 30-50 percent of undergraduates, Emory University's Herman Reese estimates that at least 60-75 percent of the nation's graduate students rely on the program.

"GSLs have a tremendous impact on the matriculation of grad students," he says, hinting that many students would have to drop out of school immediately if the "interest rates and income eligibility were changed" in the program.

Case-Western's Chenelle says that med students in particular would be hit because their costs are usually the highest. Between tuition, living, and supply expenses, Chenelle estimates that an average med student at Case must come up with \$12,500 each year.

"Only about a quarter of our students can come up with that kind of money without the GSL," Chenelle observes.

Tom Little of Emory Law School, for one, says that a GSL made it possible for him to attend Emory, where tuition is currently about \$4600, instead of a state law school, which costs "somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1000"

But now his financial aid officer has advised him that the \$5000 he is currently entitled to under the GSL program might disappear, and Little is getting somewhat frantic.

"Losing the GSLs would definitely make me have to change all my plans, and the same with everybody else I know in law school," he grieves.

"I don't know what my friends will do," Little adds. "But I might have to transfer to a state school. If I was starting law school over, I probably would have to make a financial decision not to enroll in the first place if there was no such thing as GSL."

Chenelle says it is impossible to know how many people are in comparable situations, but he would rather he never had to know.

"I don't think Stockman is the source or the final word in what the cuts are going to be. You've got (representatives William) Ford and (Carl) Perkins in the Congress, and a lot of people who are going to have their say," he warns.

"We're going to have some alternative plans," Mullen says. "I suspect we'll start with publicity so parents and students will know just how the government is affecting their college careers, then we'll give the government our own proposals for budgeting."

## Baseball and Softball Teams Off to Good Season Starts

### Frederick Edged In Doubleheader

By SCOTT GODWIN

In a doubleheader played Friday, March 13, Chowan won twice over Frederick by the narrowest margins, and increased their overall record to 4-0.

In the first game, the Braves won a close one 4-3, behind the seven-hit pitching of left-hander Pat Ehle. Frederick managed to get three runs in the first inning on the strength of two homeruns, but were shut out the rest of the way.

The two homeruns did not seem to faze the Braves, as they scored two in the first, one in the third, and one in the seventh, which was the winning run, and came via a Peery Agee walk, a single by Dwight Mangum, and a RBI single by Don Robertson.

Freddy Davis led the Braves with his two for three performance, while Robertson, Dwight Mangum and Agee were two for four. The Braves had ten hits in the game, but showed defensive lapses with four errors.

In the second game, Don Myers pitched a brilliant game with a six hit shutout. The Braves had only four hits, but the decisive run came on a Freddy Davis homerun over the centerfield fence.

Davis once again was the top hitter as he had another two-hit game.

Freddie Davis who came up to the plate in the 14th with a man on third base following a double and passed ball and singled cleanly for the winning run.

The final score was 3-2 Chowan as the Braves banged out nine hits.

### Twin Bill Split With Smithdeal

By SCOTT GODWIN

In the second meeting between these two teams, Chowan split a doubleheader with Smithdeal Massey, winning the first game 7-3, and losing the second game 4-0, Tuesday, March 24.

The Braves had 13 hits in the first game, which backed the fine pitching of Ron Baxter, who allowed only four hits and a walk.

Jeff Pierce, playing first base for Chowan, started things off in the first inning with a solo homerun. Another homerun in the fourth by Freddie Davis with one man on base gave the Braves a 3-2 lead. The homerun was Davis' second of the season.

In the sixth, Kenny Hall singled, and was further advanced with another single by Deon Douthett. Up to the plate came Sam Kayea, the shortstop, who tripled to deep right center, knocking in two runs. Jeff Pierce then powdered a double that brought in Kayea. Chowan went on to win the game 7-3.

In the second game, Chowan could get only two hits and lost the game 4-0. Errors proved costly as three were committed by Chowan.

### Lady B's Thump Southeastern

By BELINDA ELMORE

The Lady Brave softball team opened conference play beating Southeastern by a margin of 21-6 the first game and 17-5 the second game.

Everyone got a chance to play. Coach Linda Owens stated that "the offense and defense were very strong". We played well and I'm really pleased".

In other action, the Lady Braves defeated Methodist College 7-2 the first game and 2-1 the second game.

The team had little trouble achieving victory in the first game. Good defense and offense was seen. Carolyn Kelly, Molly Hopkins, and Lori Carter batted in two runs each with Duanne Keel batting in one. Kelly and Hopkins led the team in batting with 4 for 4 and 3 for 3 respectively.

In the second game, the Braves led 1-0, but Methodist managed to tie the game in the seventh inning. With one out and bases loaded, the team made a double play and went into extra innings.

Both teams refused to let the other score, but the Braves finally scored in the ninth inning making it 2-1. With the other team batting, the Braves held on and played an outstanding defense to win the game 2-1. Phyllis Greer was outstanding hitter, batting in both runs.

Coach Owens stated that "the team has a lot of injuries right now but with the strong batting and fielding, we should have a great season." The team is asking for a lot of fan support. "We appreciate those who have come to our games so far," said Owens, "we hope others will join them."

### Shipbuilders Downed Twice

By SCOTT GODWIN

NEWPORT NEWS — The Braves of Chowan swept a double header from the Shipbuilders of Newport News by scores of 5-1 and 3-2, Wednesday, March 25.

In game one, three singles by Sam Kayea, Jeff Pierce, and Dwight Mangum gave Chowan a 1-0 lead in the first. Two more runs in the second staked Pat Ehle to a 3-0 lead. Ehle went on to win the game, a four hitter, for his second of the season.

Newport News scored its only run in the fifth, but Chowan scored two more in the seventh, behind a solo homerun by Deon Douthett.

The Braves had nine hits in the game. Dwight Mangum had three hits, and Don Robertson had two hits and two RBIs.

The second game was a real dogfight, and went 14 innings to break a 2-2 deadlock.

Newport News scored its only runs in the game in the first inning, as Bruce Hoff pitched the distance and went on to settle down by striking out eight and allowing seven hits in the win for Chowan.

The tie breaker was produced by

### Braves Drop Pair To Smithdeal

By SCOTT GODWIN

RICHMOND — The first games of the year were lost by Chowan, Tuesday, March 17, as Smithdeal Massey had two good pitching performances in sweeping Chowan in the doubleheader.

Chowan had fine pitching also, but the hitting never came through and resulted in 3-1, and 2-1 defeats.

In the opening game, Smithdeal scored a run in the first, and the Braves tied it in the fifth with their lone run, but Don Oliver gave up a two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth that won the game for the home team. Chowan had only four hits — all singles.

The second game saw the Braves and Smithdeal Massey tied 1-1 in the bottom of the seventh inning, but Chowan lost on a suicide squeeze play that was worked to perfection. The final score: 2-1, Smithdeal Massey the winner.

Chowan had seven hits in the game, Gary Hunter, and Freddy Davis getting two each.

The Braves lack of hitting was apparent with six runners being stranded on base.

## Two Quit Jobs In Admissions

By JENNIFER WICKER

The resignation of G. Thomas Taylor, director of admissions, and of Micheal W. Hedgepeth, also in admissions, has created a gap which Dean Clayton Lewis, and his son, Hugh Lewis are now trying to fill.

Taylor, who was with admissions for seven years, left to accept employment with DuPont in Delaware. Hedgepeth resigned, and is now employed by the Halifax County School System.

Hugh Lewis was hired to represent Chowan in Virginia from March 23 through May 30, and the college is in the process of writing placement offices at many colleges to seek applicants, according to Dean Lewis.

There is a large turnover of employees in admissions offices, one reason is the amount of travel, which is particularly rough on a family-oriented person, noted Lewis.

Dean Lewis is working on Saturdays, and doing more telephoning to fill the gap.

"Frankly, almost all of my time and efforts are put toward admissions right now," he observed.

Lewis added, "I visited schools in New Jersey during Spring Break and I will probably do more letter writing and telephoning in an effort to generate applications from qualified high school seniors."



President Bruce E. Whitaker and SGA President Sharee Atkinson being interviewed by Carolina Today host Slim Short on WNCT-TV Greenville about what's going on at Chowan.

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