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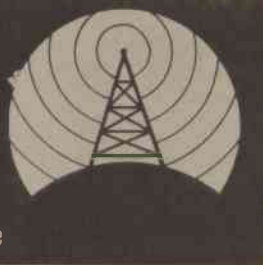
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## News Briefs

From College Press Service



### Mander Munching Spree Spoiled

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA (CPS)—A 20-year tradition of eating live salamanders has finally come to an end for a Pennsylvania State University fraternity.

Members of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity have bowed to pressures from their national office, the state fisheries commission, and a local animal rights group to stop their annual spring tradition of swallowing the tadpole-like creatures.

"We used to eat salamanders as part of the annual Bowery Ball each spring," confesses Mike Sagda, a fraternity member. "But we let it get around too much last year and it caused a lot of controversy. Now we'll just have to do without it."

The trouble started last spring when a reporter and photographer from the Penn State Daily Collegian attended the Bowery Ball, an annual campus party, and witnessed fraternity members devouring live salamanders. After the story broke in the newspaper, a local animal rights group, Trans-Species, complained to the fraternity's national headquarters.

In the meantime, the state fisheries commission charged the fraternity with violating state laws by breeding its own salamanders in a basement pool.

"We used to have around 400-500 (salamanders) in a pool in the base-

ment," Sagda recalls. "But we've stopped that, too."

The national fraternity has also made it clear that the practice of "munching manders" must come to an end.

"If the undergraduates attempt this kind of activity next year," warns Robert A. Briggs, director of charter services for the Phi Delta Theta national headquarters, "not only will they face possible suspension from their charter, but expulsion from membership in Phi Delta Theta."

"I would guess that something like that (munching manders) is a very isolated incident," says Jack Anson, executive director of the National Interfraternity Conference. "I've certainly never heard about it at any other campus."

"No, it's certainly not a tradition with the national fraternity," adds a spokesman at the Phi Delta Theta headquarters. "I know the group has been sanctioned, and as far as we're concerned the matter is resolved."

"I've eaten one salamander since I joined," Sagda says without noticeable depression, "but that was enough. I think the record is around 40 or something, but the guy who did that spent the night in the hospital getting his stomach pumped."

### Student & Pig Split

GAINESVILLE, FL (CPS)—A University of Florida student who literally fried his pet guinea pig has begun serving an unusually tough jail sentence for cruelty to animals.

UF math major George Schiro is serving 60 days and paying a \$198 fine for abusing his pet Albert, who has since been taken away from him by the court.

Police arrested Schiro earlier this summer after one of Schiro's dorm neighbors reported hearing the guinea pig screaming. The neighbor, Ruth Rose, says she's heard the butterscotch-colored rodent scream in pain before, and had seen Schiro throw Albert against a wall once.

Besides putting Albert in a hot pan because the creature, according to Schiro's testimony, refused to play with him, Schiro forced the animal to take showers with him.

"When he was brought in (to the Alachua County Humane Society) he just shivered and shook, like he was wondering, 'What's going to happen to me next?'" recalls Margo Duncan, Humane Society investigator.

The animal's feet were "scabby and bloody," she adds. Albert was underweight and suffered from abdominal swelling, probably the result of the showers, she says.

Albert himself, now adopted by another Gainesville family, is "happy and doing just fine," Duncan reports. "All his hair has grown back, and he comes when his name is called. He's coming out of it all very nicely."

The Florida case was the second recent instance of students disciplined for abusing animals. A Penn State fraternity was threatened with abolition last month for holding annual salamander-eating contest among its members.

### Getting Tough On Campus

BALTIMORE, MD (CPS)—Colleges and universities are getting much tougher on misbehaving students, according to a study just released by the University of Maryland.

The study shows that administrators are suspending 40 percent more students per year than they used to, are tightening disciplinary procedures, and making it easier to bring students before disciplinary boards.

Based on a random survey of some 150 colleges, the study says 7.8 students per campus were suspended during the 1980-81 school year, compared to 5.5 students in 1979-80.

There was also "a clear trend to increase the severity of sanctions" against students, says Dr. Scott Rickard, vice chancellor of student affairs at the University of Maryland-Baltimore and director of the survey. "Our research," he adds, "indicates that administrators think there are too

many procedural rules" protecting students against disciplinary sanctions.

"During the decade of the seventies, students due-process provisions were implemented extensively." Student Affairs officers told Rickard's researchers that the rules had become "overly legalistic, cumbersome and too technical."

As a result, "many campuses are examining this so it is quicker, simpler and more accountable," Rickard summarized. "They clearly want to maintain the necessary due-process rules to protect student rights, but many campuses feel it's gone beyond what's necessary."

The increase in the number of suspensions may, in addition to the effect easier disciplinary procedures, be due to move violence on campus. The survey found the number of physical assault cases among students increased by 75 percent between 1979-80 and 1980-81.

### Trivia

1. When did Chowan first open its doors?
2. What was its name then?
3. When was the name changed to Chowan College?
4. Did Chowan close during the Civil War?
5. Who was Chowan's first president?
6. How big was Chowan's first class?
7. How many students enrolled this fall?
8. What was the score of Chowan's opening game this season against ECU JV's?
9. Did Chowan close during World War II?
10. Chowan students come from how many foreign countries?

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### Department of Education

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up to \$2,000 a year under this program.

Grant programs are designed to help most needy students get a college education. The Pell Grant, in particular, is targeted to help those students whose families earn less than \$13,000 per year. Grant aid is not meant to cover all college costs but is expected to be combined with a reasonable contribution from the student's family and individual self-help, generally in the form of loans, private scholarships, and work.

Another type of student financial assistance is the College Work-Study Program. Designed to provide on or off-campus jobs for undergraduate and graduate students who need financial assistance, Work-Study is usually managed by the college financial aid administrator. Some 950,000 students will receive \$528 million under this program in 1982-83.

A great deal of publicity has been generated lately on federal student loans, particularly the National Direct Student Loan Program. Although all colleges do not participate in the NDSL program, 3,340 of them do. This program makes available low interest (5 percent) loans that students must begin repaying six months after completing school (either by graduating, leaving, or dropping below half-time status). Up to 10 years is allowed to repay the loan. Application is made to a school's financial aid administrator who manages the loan fund. The fund is a revolving account, designed to allow a school to continually make new loans as existing loans are repaid. About 800,000 students will receive NDSLs in 1982-83; 10,000 more than 1981-82.

### Play Set

By Maria Salaga

The Crucible is a play about the Salem witch trials in the 1690's. It entails nineteen people being put to death. By rumors that they were practicing witchcraft.

The play will be presented in November. Miss Boyce declares it will be a success. She selected people willing to commit their time and energy to the play.

Miss Boyce chose the Crucible because its one she has always wanted to do. It is a demanding play and she feels she has the right students for the parts.

Of equal importance are the people who prepare the sets and costumes. Performances will be given on the evenings of November 3-6, with a matinee at 1:15 on November 4.

### Boost the Braves

### Hoping For The Best

If you applied for any form of financial aid for this academic year, you are somewhat aware of the confusion that has existed this summer. There have been delays for first one reason than another.

In his attempt to get the government on its feet, President Reagan asked Congress to reduce their funding for student financial aid. As a result some of the following happened:

1. The number of Pell Grants processed per week was reduced. This saved overtime pay during the peak time. Therefore, many students still have not received their Student Aid Reports.
2. Guaranteed Student Loans are based on need if the family's adjusted gross income is over \$30,000. The chart for figuring need was not released until late May. Therefore, the processing of these loans was delayed. In past years processing began as early as March. Today College Foundation has not completed processing the applications they received in June.
3. Colleges still do not know how much money they have for NDSL, SEOG and College Work-Study.
4. The official Pell Grant Schedule arrived during the week of September 5. If the above did not cause enough confusion, Congress on September 10 over-rode President Reagan's veto of a Supplemental Appropriations Bill. This added funds to the Pell Grant and SEOG programs. Therefore, as soon as we receive a new Pell Grant Payment Schedule, we will have to revise the award letters of all Pell Grant recipients who are affected by the additional funds.

### From Other Schools

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under the slashed programs.

Florida State University, for example, didn't get its "look-up tables" for determining how much it could offer in GSLs until mid-July, though it usually gets it in June, complains FSU's Ed Marsh.

FSU still has "no official word" on how much it can give out in Pell Grants. "We haven't received our final allocation," confirms Michael Haloran, aid officer at the University of Southern California. "We anticipate losing about a half-million dollars in funding."

Martin says SEOG and College Work-Study awards, normally made in April, probably won't happen until September this year. "Most schools, he adds, are running about two months behind in awarding Pell Grants.

The result, says Northwestern's aid director Andre Bell, "is a fair amount of hysteria and confusion this year." The reason for the delay are subject to speculation.

Indeed, Sally Kirkgasler of the Dept. of Education calls the delays in SEOG and College Work-Study awards "overestimated," and claims Pell Grants are "ahead of schedule."

"As far as schools not knowing how much their appropriations are," she says, "we sent out tentative letters in April, and an August schools were given the authority to draw on half that amount if they wanted to."

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** One of the biggest questions facing college students today is the question of financial aid. In attempt to answer some of the questions, Smoke Signals is carrying two stories. One of them was furnished by the U.S. Department of Education and the other by Collegiate Press Service. We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Cliff Collins, Chowan's Financial Aid Officer, for his assistance in unraveling some of the mysteries of financial aid.

Collins says, concerning the statements by Sally Kirkgasler, As of September 17th, colleges did not know how much money they would receive in SEOG and College Work-Study awards for 1982. Tentative awards in the past have been at times larger than the final award and at other times, smaller. Not true planning can be 34 done with tentative awards."

Additionally, Collins said, Chowan received the Pell Grant Payment Schedule for 1982-82 during the week of September 5th. "Therefore, I do not understand how Pell Grants are ahead of schedule", says Collins.

### Trivia Answers

1. Oct. 11, 1848
2. Chowan Baptist Female Institute
3. 1910
4. no
5. Archibald McDowell
6. 11 young women
7. 1078 grand total enrollment (1069 total fulltime equivalency)
8. 7-7
9. yes
10. 25

## Welcome Back Alums



OCTOBER

**Campus Paperback Bestsellers**

1. **The World According To Garp**, by John Irving. (Pocket, \$3.95.) Outrageous story of T.S. Garp.
2. **Real Men Don't Eat Quilche**, by Bruce Feirstein. (Pocket, \$3.95.) A hilarious guide to masculinity.
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