

aptists Hope For State Aid

day throughout North Carolina with public and private colleges and universities there are numerous dormitory beds. A major reason is that because of the rising cost of a college education, many cannot afford to send their children either to a public or private college. Unless there is immediate relief the situation will become dire, and thousands of North Carolina young people who have both the desire and the ability to attend college will be denied the privilege.

The situation is particularly bad in North Carolina because of the large number of low income families. The number of young people going on to college from this area is far below the national average which is 52.4%. In North Carolina only about 33% go on from high school to college.

This problem is nationwide. Fifty million now have some type of student aid: either categorical (benefiting future teachers, or children of disabled veterans, or nursing candidates, medical students, etc.), or comprehensive (such as the program of assistance in nineteen states, including Calif., Conn., Ill., Iowa, Kan., Me., Md., Mass., N. J., N. Y., Ore., Pa., R. I., W. Va., and Wis.) At least ten states are now in the process

of asking for the establishment of comprehensive student aid programs.

What have been the basic reasons for the rapid development of substantive student aid programs in the United States? Basically there have been 3 reasons: (1) to preserve that uniquely American concept that each boy or girl who has the ability and the desire should not be denied the opportunity to attend college; (2) by including both public and private schools in the plan, to save taxpayers millions of dollars which they would have to spend for tuition costs and for expanding facilities at public colleges and universities; (3) unless help is forthcoming immediately, many private schools will close.

Unless immediate relief is forthcoming, the number of young people going on to college will continue to drop. The number of students from urban areas and from upper income families will increase, while the number of students going on to college from low and middle income families will decrease. To emphasize further the seriousness of this situation, recent studies indicate that by 1978 it will cost a minimum of \$2800 annually to attend a public regional university, and between \$4000 and \$5000 to attend a private college or university.

Moreover, if the enormous resources of private higher education are not conserved and used, state government can lose millions of dollars. For example, in 1969 approximately 26,000 in-state students were enrolled in private colleges and universities. If these were shifted to public colleges and universities, the tuition alone would amount to more than \$45,000,000 for each biennium. This figure does not allow for any facilities such as dormitories, classroom buildings, cafeterias, or libraries. It has been conservatively estimated that it would take well over \$1,000,000,000 to replace existing private college facilities.

Recognizing the need for a statewide scholarship assistance program, Gov. Scott, upon the recommendation of the Board of Higher Education, appointed a blue-ribbon Legislative Study Commission on Student Financial Aid of 21 members, 5 from the Senate, 5 from the House, 9 members-at-large, including the presidents of a private and public college, and 2 members from the Board of Higher Education.

It is hoped that the Commission

will report to the 1971 General Assembly. We hope that their recommendation will be a bill for comprehensive student aid, and that this bill will have the unanimous backing of our General Assembly.

Collegiate Innovations

The University of Kentucky is one of the first universities in the nation to drop a long-standing admissions procedure—the high school transcript. UK requires instead a student's application for admission, an official report of his senior year and a statement from high school certifying his graduation. High school grades are included in the ACT prospective student profile. Transcripts duplicated this information and have seldom been used in the past by UK admissions officials.

When on the University of Maryland's College Park campus, pick up a phone, dial 454-4321, and tune in on a recorded message service which announces each week's cultural, academic, and social activities on campus.

Prepared by the University News Services, the project is called "Dial-an-Event". Updated frequently, the recorded messages give date, time, and location of campus events.

Tougaloo College, Miss., is using a European construction process new to this country to rebuild its campus. College officials believe that the project will also apply to hospitals, housing developments, and other colleges.

The construction technique consists of prefabrication flat concrete panel units on the building site and assembling them into the finished structure. The process cuts construction time and uses 70 percent unskilled labor instead of the 30 percent usually employed. Burnett Company, the nation's largest Negro construction firm, brought the process to this country.

Upward Bound

For the third year, students from high schools in this area will be on campus as participants in the 8-week summer Upward Bound program. This program is a pre-college preparatory program designed to generate the skills and motivations necessary for success in education beyond high school among deserving students with special needs.

As in the past, the staff and administration of Upward Bound would like to involve interested Mars Hill students as tutors, tutor-counselors, and "Buddies" in the program and to solicit the cooperation of all students in making this year's program a continued success.

Any Mars Hill student interested in more information about this program or in applying for positions should contact Mrs. Judy Sears in the Education Department.



While a large number of Mars Hill's own collegiate tribe grooved to the sound of The Total Involvement on March 20, Allen Kirk appeared to be sleepwalking through the Coyte Bridges "grand ballroom." The Hilltop realizes Allen has experienced his own total involvement with the Drama Department's recent production of "The Zoo Story" but, honestly, sleepwalking at a dance is unreal.

Physical Education Department Plans Summer "Variety Pak"

The Department of Physical Education will offer programs in several areas for the 1970 summer term. Major categories involve theory courses for the physical education major, activity courses to meet core requirements, and recreational activity for the entire student body.

Indoor activities will be offered for the first time during a summer term. These are offered because of their carry-over value and their appeal to the students in the regular school year. Included are paddle ball and rebound tumbling. Other courses in the curriculum of interest to the college student are tennis, golf, archery and lifesaving.

A special feature for this summer will be an intermediate golf class to be held on Bald Mountain Golf Course. Credit will be given for the course. Mr. Henderson will act as instructor. An additional fee will be charged per student to cover use

of course and golf carts. More information will be made available at a later time.

Special programs offered by the Physical Education and Athletic Department include two camps. An Athletic Camp will be operated for two weeks, June 8-20, for boys ages 13-19. Instructional activities are football, baseball, weight training and basketball. A Sports Day Camp for both boys and girls, ages 6-13, will be held June 29-July 10. Instruction will be given in gymnastics, swimming, group games, archery, tennis and golf.

General recreational activities will continue to be held during the summer months. These will involve swimming, basketball, paddle ball, soft ball, weight training and other sports activities that may be performed in the gymnasium. There should be enough activity for all those who are interested in participating.

Sounds of the Times

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Dear Editor:

The other night I was reading a book titled FROM THIS DAY FORWARD by Kenneth J. Foreman and found a paragraph that I think all NEWLY engaged couples or old engaged couples for that fact should read and think about for a while. So, I am giving this statement from one newly engaged person to all the others concerning harmonious marriage.

"The harmonious marriage is not necessarily one in which each one reads all the other's mail; it is one where neither would be afraid to let the other one read all the mail. It is not the marriage in which each agrees with all the other's notions;

it is one in which each respects the other's belief as honest and sincere. It is not one in which there are never any arguments; it is one in which arguments can be carried on without weakening love for truth or love for each other . . . It is not one which needs a constant flow of words to ward off boredom. . . It is not one which dims the individuality of either, but blend to create a new dimension. . .

Sincerely:
Dianne Lee Starner

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