

# WASHINGTON REPORT

by  
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COLLEGE EDUCATION

We have had an explosion of human knowledge in the past several decades unlike any other period in history. With this fast moving expansion of human experience, one of the most essential needs for the preparation of the next generation is education on an unprecedented scale. Technologically, vocationally, and for a deeper understanding of the world around us, the complexities of life demand educational opportunities undreamed of only a few short years ago. All this has led to a crisis in the tuition costs and the costs for the "bricks and mortar" of our colleges and universities.

A short time before the Congressional recess, the House of

Representatives approved legislation by a vote of 389-15 to continue and improve the help provided for higher education by the Federal government. Although I have misgivings about some of the details in this program, I feel that, on balance, the bill is essential for the future well-being of the country and that a failure to enact it would have very serious consequences for many of thousands of students and for educational institutions themselves.

In only eight years, the number of students enrolled in American colleges and universities has doubled. Enrollments will continue to grow to an estimated 9.7 million students by 1975.

College costs have climbed tremendously and many parents have found that the cost of sending a child to college creates an impossible burden on the family finances. In 1960, the cost of attending a public institution averaged \$913 per year while the average cost for a private college was \$1673. Today, costs have increased by an average of 15%. If expected trends occur, it will cost \$2868 per year to attend a private college, an increase of 64% in 15 years. Predictions for increased costs at public institutions call for a 33% hike.

In this country, we hope to open the door of opportunity for talented young men and women to continue education beyond high school. In the broad sense, this means the development of our most precious natural resource.

Since the National Defense Student Loan Program started in 1958, over 2 million students have borrowed money to help them pay for the cost of their education. Sixty percent of these loans have been made to students where the family income was less than \$6,000 per year. Without this program, the chance would have been denied a large percentage of these people. It illustrates the point that the country can no longer afford to allow higher education to be reserved only for the children of the rich. Emphasis must be placed where it belongs — on talent, competence, initiative, and drive for self-improvement.

Under this bill, existing programs will be continued and modified including the student loan program, the authorizing of grants and loans to colleges for instructional equipment, the National Defense Graduate Fellowship Program, the strengthening of foreign language instruction, educational opportunity grants for needy students, and the College Work-Study Program.

In the fiscal year 1968, all of the programs affected by the bill involved a total authorization of \$2.2 billion. The legislation passed by the House recently carried an authorization of \$2.5 billion and provided for \$2.8 billion in 1970.

I believe the continuation of these programs at about the same level at which they have been conducted in the past is essential for the national well-being and I would assign them a high priority. It is clear, nevertheless, that such programs will not be sufficient to meet the needs that are sure to develop in the future. That is why I feel it is equally important that we consider grant-

ing reasonable income tax credits to parents who are attempting to finance the college educations of their children. This would make certain that the Federal government does not assume the full burden of educational costs and would provide a much needed tax break for parents in the middle-income range who are trying to carry the burden of the cost of their children's education.

## Ceramics Class Getting Underway

Cleveland County Technical Institute has announced a class of ceramics to get underway Thursday, August 22, at City Park in Shelby with Aubrey Beam to be instructor.

Hours for the meeting will be 7 to 10 p.m. on Thursdays with a total of 21 hours of instruction.

Registration fee is \$2 with \$4 for supplies.

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## The Veterans Corner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q—My sister is married to a World War I veteran who draws 100 per cent service-connected disability compensation. As his health is extremely bad and he is in his 70's, I am concerned about her financial welfare in the event of his death. Will she be entitled to any benefits as the widow of a disabled veteran?

A—Possibly. If a veteran dies as a result of a service-connected disability, his widow is eligible for death compensation. This amounts to \$120 monthly, plus 12 per cent of the monthly basic pay now being received by a serviceman whose rank and years of service are the same as those of

the deceased veteran. If the veteran's death is not the result of a service-connected disability, the widow may be eligible for a pension from the Veterans Administration. Detailed information may be obtained from the VA Regional Office where her husband's veteran records are kept.

Q—I am a war veteran but have never asked for any benefits from the Veterans Administration. Can I get a free medical examination?

A—Medical examinations are made by VA only in connection with an application for some sort of benefit, such as hospitalization, or to determine if a condition is service-connected. The VA is not permitted to give a veteran a free examination for some private purpose of his own.

Q—May I use my G. I. loan to buy a house strictly for investment purposes?

A—No. The law says that to obtain a G. I. home loan a veteran must certify that he intends to occupy the property personally as his home. If the G. I. loan is for improvements, he must certify that he is the owner and occupant of the home.

## Bolin On Board The "Shangri-la"

MAYPORT, FLA. (FHTNC) August 5 — Signalman Second Class Thomas F. Bolin, USNR, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Bolin of Grayson, N. C., has returned to Mayport, Fla., aboard the attack carrier USS Shangri-la following an eight and one-half month deployment in the Mediterranean Sea.

As a crewmember, he welcomed several dignitaries during that time including Secretary of the Navy Paul R. Ignatius and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands. The huge mobile airfield also made several television appearances as newsmen the world over came

aboard Shangri-la to watch and record at-sea operations.

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By WILSON GRIFFIN

A very high percentage of children brought to a clinic because of overweight had been given "reducing pills" by their parents, reports the U of Michigan Medical Center. Most children are overweight simply because they eat too much, and probably exercise too little. They should be guided to a well-balanced diet supplying fewer calories.

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