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New regulations slow student loan processing

New federal regulations in the processing of student loans, particularly Guaranteed Student Loans, have created gigantic problems for students, their parents and University staff members in the financial aid and bursar's offices.

Conrad McRoberts, director of financial aid, said the backlog of students trying to finalize their aid packages is the worst it has ever been at Bowling Green. It is just as bad, if not worse, at other college campuses throughout Ohio and the nation.

He said the financial aid office is running about four to five weeks behind in processing loans and that some students will begin the school year without knowing how much aid, if any, they have. In a normal year, the financial aid office processes nearly 9,000 federal aid forms, most of them Guaranteed Student Loans. Bowling Green is second in the state only to Ohio State University in the processing of GSEs.

"It's a frustrating situation, not only for us, but for the students and their parents," said McRoberts. "I've talked to some very irate people in the past few weeks."

The problems, said McRoberts, are the result of new regulations from the U.S. Department of Education requiring full verification of information on aid applications and the addition of new requirements for students applying for Guaranteed Student Loans.

Dallas Martin, executive director of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, in a letter to all university presidents said there was a 60 percent decrease in the number of Guaranteed Student Loans processed to date. He blamed the backlog on the sheer volume of required documentation which in turn was jeopardizing the delivery of financial aid dollars to needy students.

Students and their parents must now complete almost twice as many forms as last year. "We prepared a detailed set of instructions and mailed them to students early in the year," McRoberts said. "However, many forgot to send in the forms, misunderstood the instructions on what needed to be done or omitted returning some forms, thus delaying the processing of the awards."

Although I recognize why the government is tightening procedures to insure that financial aid is properly being used for school expenses, the procedures they have established are extremely difficult and confusing. The rules are going to have to be simplified."

The financial aid office has added several temporary employees, has extended its daily hours and is working weekends to process the forms. The office, already in cramped quarters, has taken over the student courtroom on the fourth floor of the Off-Campus Services Building to help with student traffic.

McRoberts also advises students not to call the financial aid office.

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Bunting to direct McMaster Institute

Karen L. Bunting of Clarksville, Tenn., has been appointed the executive director of the newly-established Harold and Helen McMaster Leadership Institute for Scientific and Technical Industry at the University of Minnesota.

Bunting joins the University staff after 10 years in various communications and marketing jobs with The Trane Co., a nationwide manufacturer of air conditioning units.

The McMaster Institute was created with the donation of $1 million to the University in November 1985 by Harold and Helen McMaster of Perryburg, Ohio. It was the largest single gift in University history. McMaster has forged a successful career in developing manufacturing processes for the glass industry and has learned from more than 40 years in business the value of a business background for scientists.

The institute will focus primarily on the ways in which entrepreneurial firms in scientific and technical industry can maintain and enhance their creative energies, activities and opportunities in a rapidly changing society.

Bunting, who joined the staff Aug. 4, was manager of communication and advertising at Trane's Light Commercial Division in Carllisle, Tenn. A native of Minnesota, Bunting has been manager of service literature, manager of market communications, manager of print media and has held other jobs as well, all with Trane.

She holds a bachelor's degree in technical communications from the University of Minnesota.

"We were seeking an individual who could interact comfortably with professionals and academics in the fields and who had management experience in the scientific and technical industry," said Kendall Baker, dean, College of Arts and Science.

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Deters, Lesage receive major research grants

Awards totaling $116,851 have been granted by the College for the 1986-87 academic year to 10 faculty members. Two faculty have been awarded $10,000 grants, five have been awarded $7,500 grants, and three have been awarded $5,000 grants.

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Commentary

The following is an excerpt from a letter to Paul E. Kostyu, public relations, from Benjamin M. Mahlo, who serves as a Fulbright Visiting Professor in the Department of History and Government at the University of the Philippines in Manila.

"I was very pleased to see the photo of me in the Daily News. It was a great honor to be selected from among 378,000 faculty who submitted research proposals. They will receive a total of $2,000,000 in salary and research grants. The awards will be used to support my work on the development of the Philippine economy."

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The coordinator will be responsible for the administration of the English Program.

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Awards totaling $18,561 have been given for the campus' second Research Grants Program. These grants offer up to $10,000 and are designated for full-time faculty members. The award, which is tenable for a single academic year through the Research Services Office, is awarded to faculty who submit proposals. The awardees are expected to complete the research project within one year, with any extensions provided by the University of the Philippines, Manila. The grant can be used for research expenses, including salary support, and any unused funds will be returned to the awardee.

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Olsom to address classified convocation

President Paul J. Olsom will address the classified employees at this year's annual convocation in the Lumber Hall at Ohio University. Olsom also will present the Ohio University 1972 Distinguished Service Award to Dr. John G. C. Smith, who was cited for his outstanding contributions to the university.

President Olsom will speak at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29.

Seven join staff, seven promoted

Seven people joined the Classified Staff in July and another seven current employees were promoted to new positions. The new hires are: Christine Hess, chemical specialist; Michael L. Schmitz, junior clerk; and others.

The new permanent part-time employees are: Florence Dielman, secretary assistant, junior office; Black, secretary assistant, senior office; Barbara Gandy, media staff assistant, Z. G. Og, Science Library, and Michael Bear, electronic technician, computer services.

Database

Monday, Aug. 25

The office of Public Relations is seeking a part-time temporary employee to assist in the communications and marketing staff. The employee would assist in public relations activities and answer phone calls. The position is temporary, with the possibility of becoming permanent.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

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CSC becoming more image conscious

Way to promote the work of the Classified Staff Council was the purpose of two sessions during August 15 meeting.

Exhibits

Through Sept. 16

The new exhibit at the University Art Museum is an exhibition of the "Art of the 1970's." The exhibit features works of art from the past year and includes a variety of media, such as paintings, sculptures, and photographs.

Faculty/Staff Positions

Open positions are available in the following departments:

- Political Science: Associate Professor and chair. Contact: Donald B. Cook, 650-8370.
- Economics: Assistant professor in macroeconomics. Contact: Daniel R. Conner, 650-3798.
- Political Science: Assistant professor in political psychology. Contact: Daniel R. Conner, 650-3798.
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