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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 between 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 GELs.

"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 commons on the fourth floor of the Student 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. 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. 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 Efficient Design Division in Carthage, Tenn. A native of Minnesota, Bunting has been manager of service literature, manager of marketing 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 Bakers, dean, College of Arts and
Deters, Lesage receive major research grants

Awards totaling $146,551 have been received by Sandra Deters, an assistant professor of mathematics, and Vincent Lesage, associate professor of art, for two separate National Science Foundation grants. Two faculty have been awarded $81,551 by the NSF for a two-year research program that explores the dis- tinctive properties of some newly discovered biological materials. The research is supported by a National Science Foundation grant totaling $76,551.

The grant program is designed to encourage innovative research by faculty members. The first grant is for $40,551 and will be used to support the research of Sandra Deters, an assistant professor of mathematics, and Vincent Lesage, associate professor of art. The second grant is for $40,551 and will be used to support the research of Sandra Deters, an assistant professor of mathematics, and Vincent Lesage, associate professor of art.

Commentary

The following is an excerpt from a letter to Paul E. Ramsey, public relations, from Benjamin W. Mang, who is a fellow at Fulbright Visiting Scholars Program at the University of the Philippines. It describes the project that was awarded to Mang's faculty.

"The project is very unique and exciting," said Mang. "We are trying to develop a new method for predicting the behavior of complex systems. Our approach is based on the idea that complex systems can be modeled as a network of interacting components. By analyzing the network, we can make predictions about the behavior of the system as a whole. Our goal is to develop a tool that can be used to predict the behavior of complex systems in a wide range of applications, including economics, medicine, and engineering.

Mang said that the project is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation. He added that the project will involve collaboration with faculty members at the University of the Philippines and other universities around the world. The project will involve the development of new mathematical models and computer algorithms to analyze complex systems.

The project is expected to be completed in three years, and the results will be published in a number of scientific journals.

Mang concluded by saying, "We are excited about this project and look forward to working with our colleagues at the University of the Philippines and other institutions around the world."
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Deters, Lesage, researchers in the University's College of Science and Engineering, have been granted by the University's College of Science and Engineering.

Deters, Lesage conduct a study entitled "Artificial Intelligence in Environmental Planning" and expect that their work will result in publications or other scholarly contributions.

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Oscamps to address classified classification

President Paul J. Ocampo will address classified employees at the annual classification during Council's Aug. 19 meeting.

Several join staff, seven promoted

Seven people joined the University in July and another seven current employees were promoted to new positions.

Newly selected classified staff are: Kristine Haas, chemical technician II; Karen Smith; John Schults, word processing supervisor; and Robert Miller, police department.

New permanent part-time employees are: Florence Kleinman, library assistant, Jerome Library; Linda Crull, secretarial assistant, Finance; Barbara Gamp, library media assistant; and Zelma O. Coyle, Science Library, and Michael Bear, electronic technician, computer services.

Evaluate

Datebook

Monday, Aug. 25

- Faculty Senate, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in the Owl Room of the University Union.
- First Aid Training, 1-3 p.m., in the Owl Room of the University Union.
- Academic Senate meeting, 2 p.m., in the mature room of the University Union.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

- Faculty Senate meeting, 11 a.m., in the Owl Room of the University Union.
- Fraternal Benefits Seminar, 2-4 p.m., meeting room I, University Union.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

- Faculty Senate meeting, 11 a.m., in the Owl Room of the University Union.

Exhibit

Through Sept. 16

"How to Save a Life: The Black Experience."
First Arts Gallery, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

FacultY/Staff Positions

Marketing Assistant, Financial Aid
Web designer: 3-year renewable appointments, $15,000 to $20,000, dependant on experience and qualifications. Contact: Susan Gearan, 5-6149. deadline: August 15.

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Owens-Corning donates $75,000 for BA expansion

Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation has given $75,000 to the University to help establish a new building for the BA expansion.

In announcing the gift, Design Building and Special Projects Director, said the funds would be used to erect a new building and that the University would work closely with the University to select a prime contractor and construction method.

"This gift will be used to help solve the problem of housing, the critical issue facing the University," said Charles G. Girard Jr., vice president for business and research.

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