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Deadline threatens student loans

Unless they graduate in January, high school students in Farmington will lose student benefits they now receive under the federal Social Security program.

Students who currently receive Social Security benefits must be attending classes at an accredited university by May 1, 1982 to continue receiving benefits under a new law that is part of President Ronald Reagan's budget cutting effort.

Counselors at three Farmington public high schools said there are very few students in the district affected by the change and added that it is up to the government to notify students of the fund cutoff.

Until the recent change in the program students who qualified for Social Security benefits, often due to the death of a parent, were entitled to receive aid through the age of 22. Now, those benefits will be reduced by 25 percent each year for the next four years until the program is phased out in 1985.

The change in the law has caught some students planning to use Social Security benefits to help finance their education off guard. Counselors, for the most part, were also unprepared for questions about the change in procedure.

"I'm not aware of what the entire changes are," said Richard Wilson, chairman of the counseling department at North Farmington High School. "Frankly, I've never checked it out that closely. Usually the only time we come across (Social Security benefits) is when a student comes in with a form to fill out and we let the government know they're a full-time student."

COUNSELOR Robert Hickcox at Harrison High School said that because only "a relative handful" of students qualify for the benefits his office refers students with questions about the change in the law to the Social Security office on Grand River in Farmington.

Farmington High School counselor Paul Hamway said one student he advised is affected by the fund cutoff date but adds that the student plans to graduate in June "and hope for the best."

To let students who may be affected know what the new rules are Congressman William Brodhead, a Democrat from the 17th District which includes Farmington and Farmington Hills, has sent letters to all local high schools.

Brodhead said he is opposed to eliminating the student benefits and has attempted to notify his constituents of the change.

"We regret that it happened the way it did," Brodhead said. "A college education requires a lot of planning, especially with the high costs of education today."



Summer's twilight

Before the river turns to ice and the leaves fall off the trees Jim Crawley and Amy Burt enjoy a few minutes of quiet and late summer sunshine in Farmington City Park.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Dems seeks unity in Washington

By Craig Piechura
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There certainly wasn't a traffic jam on I-275 Friday night created by crowds of Farmington area residents en route to the "Solidarity Day" demonstration in Washington, D.C. to protest President Ronald Reagan's policies. But in the crowd of at least 750,000 demonstrators were at least a handful of persons from the traditionally Republican communities of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Two persons who rode buses overnight to voice dissatisfaction with Reagan's social, labor, economic and environmental stance were Aldo Vagnozzi, 55, of Farmington Hills and Marian McCracken, a teacher at Farmington's Eagle Elementary School, a member of the Farmington Education Association board of directors and board member of the local chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW).

Vagnozzi is the first to admit he's in the minority in the Farmington area when it comes to evaluating Reagan's performance.

"Except that what I sense is he himself (Reagan) is personally popular," Vagnozzi said, "but there is opposition in Farmington and other suburban communities to certain policies. Budget cuts for education, for example, new cuts in remedial reading programs for children. Some of these programs have been helpful in many communities — not just the so-called inner city."

"The government getting out of reve-

nue sharing will impact the two cities (of Farmington and Farmington Hills). Cuts in Social Security will impact Farmington as well as other areas. It's not so much that Farmington is turning away from the Republican President but his policies."

VAGNOZZI MARCHED with The Newspaper Guild, a small union under the AFL-CIO banner. He is employed by Cy Aaron Publications, publisher of a number of newspapers including the Detroit Labor News which Vagnozzi works on. His wife, Lois, also a Newspaper Guild member, edits The Detroit Teacher and helped organize a contingent of teachers to represent at the march various teachers unions including the Michigan Education Association and the Federation of Teachers.

The turnout at the rally surpassed Vagnozzi's expectations, he said. Three significant things were evident, Vagnozzi said, the size of the crowd, the broad participation by rank and file unionists in every sector, and the numbers of young persons who attended.

"I say significant rank and file participation because the President said the workers support him, only the leaders didn't," Vagnozzi said. Like other observers, Vagnozzi noted that even the building trade unionists who had earned the label "hardhats" for their tireless support of former President Richard Nixon were back in the ranks of the loyal opposition.

HOWEVER, there were differences of opinion among the demonstrators.

Anti-nuclear activists traded words with construction workers who say the plans provide jobs. A communist group was booed, said one marcher, as they waved red flags on the steps of the Department of Labor and chanted, "Reagan — you liar — We'll set your ass on fire."

More popular chants at the rally were the slogans: "Hey, hey, he's no good, send him back to Hollywood" and songs like "Solidarity Forever" and "We Shall Not Be Moved."

The observation of Ms. McCracken was that the rally will show Congress and state politicians that the American voters aren't behind everything Reagan proposes.

"What's going to change (supporters of the President) minds is when they see fewer and fewer services," she said. "When they find what they get back on their income tax isn't that much greater than what they used to get."

Ms. McCracken said the middle class will find it is not immune to budget cuts "when they find out their kids can't get student loans."

Ignoring political rhetoric spoken at the rally, Ms. McCracken said, one still left the demonstration feeling that there was the seed for a coalition comprised of labor, civil rights, women and environmental groups seeking social change.

However, she said, the dialogue should be expanded further to encompass everyone in the country.

"One of the problems with rallies of this type is that sometimes we only

talk to persons who agree with us," said Ms. McCracken. "It's like religion. You hear something that you don't agree with and it only hardens your position."

Some of the groups appearing at the rally organized by the AFL-CIO included the Professional Air Traffic Controllers (PATCO), construction unionists, industrial workers, iron workers, the National Organization for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Citizen's Party, the National Audubon Society, Zero Population Growth (ZPG) and the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee, to name just a few.

Former police chief Irving Yakes dies

Farmington Township's first police chief, Irving H. Yakes, 61, of Oshtemo, Mich., died Monday evening of cancer in Providence Hospital.

His death came eight days after Farmington Hills police officers and members of the Farmington Elks lodge held a benefit to raise funds to defray medical costs for the retired police chief who was living on a small monthly pension. In recent years Yakes had required extensive medical treatment.

A total of \$2,329 was raised at the benefit, said Capt. Russ Conway, one of the organizers of the event and a close friend of Yakes.

"I just think he was a man who had compassion," Conway said of his friend and former supervisor. "He cared for people."

Mrs. May Yakes said that when her husband started the one-man police department in 1951, his office was in the

GOP taps Stadler as chief

By Mary Rodrigue
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Shirley Stadler, of Farmington Hills, has assumed chairmanship of the 17th District Republican committee succeeding Frank Vallotton, who was killed in a plane crash en route to a state Republican leadership conference last weekend.

Vallotton, 54, of Redford Township, was elected to a two-year term as chairman of the 32-member committee last February.

The committee coordinates Republican activities in the district, which includes Redford Township, northwest Detroit, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield and Laubrup Village.

It is one of 19 such Republican committees (one for each Congressional district) in Michigan.

Mrs. Stadler, of Farmington Hills, was vice chairman until Vallotton's death.

Vallotton was elected chairman by a caucus of 17th District delegates. As vice chairman, Mrs. Stadler is assuming his duties because the committee lacks by-laws.

"We didn't have those finished, I'm operating on tradition," Mrs. Stadler said.

THE COMMITTEE will hold a special meeting within the next two weeks to elect a new vice chairman.

Mrs. Stadler said she had planned to meet Vallotton on Mackinac Island Friday evening. He had planned to return home right after Friday's meeting so that he could sell peanuts with the Redford Township Kiwanis Club Saturday.

"I told him that I would sit in on the Saturday meeting for him," Mrs. Stadler said.

Vallotton shared the fatal flight with three other Republican leaders — Marshall Greene and George Stone, both of Farmington Hills, and Ray Saltzman of Birmingham. Greene and Stone were killed. Stone was chairman of the state issues committee.

Saltzman is in critical condition in Detroit Receiving Hospital.

He served as police chief until 1973 when there was a change of administration and Yakes became a zoning inspector. He retired from the city on May 2, 1977 after more than 25 years of service.

Mr. Yakes was an avid deer hunter and fisherman. As a veteran of World War II, he received a bronze star for valor and a Purple Heart.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. today at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home with the Rev. Victor F. Halbooth officiating. Burial will be Friday in Evergreen Cemetery in Alpena.

He is survived by his wife, May; sons, Irving C., Dale and Thomas; daughters, Mrs. Roger (Mayvis) Reniff and Mrs. Darwin (Diane) Heilman; two sisters and 12 grandchildren.

Ice stars gather to honor hockey doc

By Craig Piechura
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Familiar hockey names such as Sid Abel, Alex Delvecchio and Bill Gadsby were just a few of the almost-300 persons who packed the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home Sunday to honor Dr. Milton Kosley, D.O., team physician for the Detroit Red Wings for the past 27 years.

Kosley, 63, of Farmington Hills, died last Thursday in Warren's Bi-County Osteopathic Hospital, where he had served as the first chief of staff. Family members described the death as a blessing because Kosley had been ill for the past four years following the second of two heart attacks.

In recent years, Kosley's duties with the Red Wings largely were taken over by Dr. John Finley, a former associate of Kosley. Because of the high esteem in which Kosley was held, team officials continued to list him as team physician and left a spot open for him at all home games.

He is remembered by the public as the man who sewed hockey players' faces up after the high-sticking got out of hand. The faces of Bill Gadsby, Ted

Lindsay and the late goalie, Terry Sawchuk, were stitched up often, skillfully and carefully by Kosley.

"We gotta get 'em in and get 'em out when they get cut up," said Ross "Lefty" Wilson, the team trainer.

"Stitches don't bother them too much," he added. "The main thing is get 'em back in the game. (Kosley) was quick but he was careful. If (a player) wasn't right, he wasn't going back in the game."

DORIS KOSLEY, Kosley's widow, said her husband became close friends with many hockey players and team officials.

"You can't hardly tell where the doctor part gives off and the friendship begins," she said.

While her husband held a prestigious job, Mrs. Kosley said he never thought of it as such. And, just as important as the friendship of hockey goals like Gordie Howe, she said, were the people he came to know through his surgical work. She read a letter of condolence written by a family whose son was operated on 11 years ago by Kosley.

"Your husband was our savior nearly 11 years ago," read the note which ac-

companied a donation to Bi-County Hospital. "Thanks to him we know have a happy, healthy, son today."

Mrs. Kosley said, after reading the letter, "that's the real guy. Hockey was kind of second to him. That brings tears to my eyes when I hear things like that. More important than things like Gordie (Howe) and Lefty (Wilson) would say, those are." Kosley also loved the outdoor life.

"HE WAS a hunter, a fisherman, a farmer because we had an apple orchard out in Romeo," she said.

Family members said there were some hard-fought games of Jarts, or lawn darts, at the apple orchard, often pitted Kosley against Alex Delvecchio with a friendly wager at stake.

Some of the current players on the Detroit Hockey team, such as Dale McCourt, eulogized Kosley. McCourt said the team knew Kosley was ailing from the latest heart attack but "he remained very dedicated to his job. Naturally, he kind of slowed down."

Aside from his involvement in hockey, Kosley was a fellow at the Ameri-

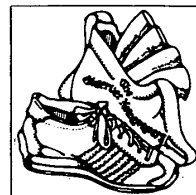


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