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### Three of five U-M students get subsidies

Nearly 60 per cent of University of Michigan students on the Ann Arbor campus received more than \$52 million in grants, scholarships, loans and employment from the university in 1976-77.

During the previous year, 1975-76, nearly \$49 million in financial aid went to 57 per cent of the students.

Of the 1976-77 total, \$24.8 million was given as grants or scholarships. Another \$8.1 million was in loans and \$9.1 million paid through campus jobs.

Of those students who received assistance, 34.8 per cent earned salaries and wages, 38.6 per cent got grants and scholarships, and 16.8 per cent obtained loans. Many students, however, received funds from more than one type of support.

The average amount of financial aid was \$2,706 per student.

Blacks, native Americans and Spanish-surnamed students represented 8.8 per cent of the total number of students receiving financial aid. They received over 18 per cent of the total financial aid funds and 26.4 per cent of the total scholarship and grant funds.

## Retarded home will get fewer new jobs; officials deny violating judge's order

By MICHAEL MATUSZEWSKI

The Plymouth Center for Human Development had asked the state for 250 more employees. The Michigan Department of Mental Health (DMH) denied that request. Previously published reports indicated that by saying no the DMH had violated a federal court order mandating increased staffing by denying the request.

This week, Plymouth Center and state officials denied those reports. They said the requested 250 positions were outside the jurisdiction of the federal court order.

The additional employees, which would have been hired in the coming fiscal year, would have increased the center's staff to 1,545. Instead, DMH approved a staff of 1,295 employees, 772 of whom will be attendants working daily with the center's residents.

DMH Acting Director Vernon Stelman

and Donald Worden, regional director denied the request, saying the center did not prove the need for the new employees to comply with the order. Federal District Judge Charles Joiner issued last March. That order contained a lengthy list of changes to improve conditions at the center.

However, center officials explained some of the denied positions had been targeted for improving programming and recreational activities for the nearly 800 residents.

Those positions were described by John Maciejewski, a Plymouth Center administrative officer, as some that "would have been nice to have."

Judge Joiner's order regarding staffing deals primarily with increasing the number of attendants in the eight residence halls.

Plymouth Center Director Eranell Mel-

ton-Wilson said that the center will hire more than 100 new attendants in the coming months to bring it in line with Judge Joiner's order.

Keeping in line with the court-ordered staff increases, Plymouth officials said DMH and the state legislature will significantly increase the center's budget.

Plymouth administrators expect to receive about \$24.7 million for the coming fiscal year. \$6.5 million will be appropriated from a special DMH "discretionary fund."

Last year, the center received \$16.4 million from the state, but later received \$1.8 million as a special "emergency" appropriation.

Plymouth Center officials said they were not surprised when their staffing request was turned down. But they said the 250 new employees which they sought were not essential in meeting the court-ordered goals.

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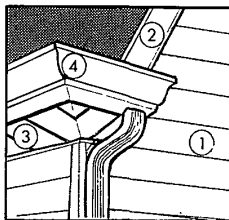
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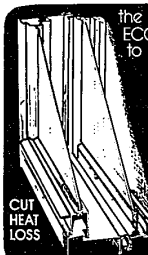
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