

Many may drop out

Students are stung by U.S. aid cuts

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Middle-income students and single parents will be hurt most by the Reagan administration's proposed education cuts in the fiscal 1983 budget, an Oakland Community College official says.

"Educators have a hard time understanding diminishments in human investment. We'll always come down on the side of human investment," said Spencer Johnson, director of financial aid at Oakland Community College.

THIS FISCAL year, Washington is dispensing \$11 billion to college students and universities.

President Ronald Reagan proposes a 25-percent cut for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

Largest is Guaranteed Student Loans, currently at \$7.7 billion. Reagan proposes stricter eligibility requirements and commercial interest rates instead of the fixed 9 percent. Currently, the guaranteed student loans program aids 3.5 million students, 52 percent more than last year.

Pell grants would be cut 40 percent. The self-help College Work-Study grants would also be cut. Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants would be eliminated entirely.

Protests have occurred at the University of Michigan, where an estimated two-thirds of the student body is receiving some kind of aid or loan.

MORE THAN 5,000 OCC students — about 40 percent of the full-timers — receive some type of financial aid. Cuts will prevent many from continuing their education, said Johnson.

"Because of the cutbacks in the Social Security funding, we really need to increase financial aid. High unemployment affects students trying to get employment," Johnson said.

Overall, however, OCC's enrollment could actually rise. Johnson believes students unable to afford to go away to four-year colleges will choose commuter colleges such as OCC.

"If a percentage of the community can't afford to attend college, it's our obligation to help," said Johnson. "How are we going to service our lower-income students?"

If students can't afford to buy books and supplies, they can't afford to go to school, he added.

The middle class will be hurt by Reagan's cuts, Johnson believes. If Congress approves them, people in the \$18,000-\$30,000 income bracket will not qualify for grants, and those above \$30,000 will be unable to obtain loans, he said.

AMONG THE hardest hit by the cuts are women belonging to the Student Association for Self-Survival and Independence, he said.

This OCC group is made up of women, many of whom are receiving Aid to Dependent Children and trying to get an education so that they can become self-supporting.

Penny, a single mother with two children, said, "It's terrible being a single parent in the best of circumstances. But when you are desperately poor and just trying to make a go of it, it's really hard. It's scary with all the cutbacks."

Penny will leave OCC in June and hopes to continue her education if she can find the money. She is working toward a nursing degree.

Although she has a 4.0 (all-A) grade point and has applied for a scholarship, she is pessimistic. There are just too many people trying to get scholarships and too little money available, said Penny.

MARY, an ADC mother of two, was attending OCC with hopes of going into commercial art.

But she had to quit because she couldn't afford it any longer. She has \$210 left each month, after the house payment, to cover all other living expenses such as utilities, food and clothing.

Nevertheless, Mary has stayed in the student association because being with others in the same situation helps her to cope. "This group has given me a lot of support," she added.

Penny spoke of a friend who "made it." The friend got through school with a degree in a traditionally male field — electronics — and obtained a job. When times got tough, she was one of the first to be laid off. The friend is now back on ADC.

"Where's the justice?" Penny asked.

AT NEIGHBORING Schoolcraft College, John B. Tomey, director of financial aid, said this is the worst possible time for Reagan to make cutbacks with so many out of work in Michigan and trying to go back to school to retrain themselves for new jobs.

"Community colleges have been identified as one of the viable types of institutions that can tool-up and retrain faster than other educational institutions," said Tomey.

"I think a lot of kids just won't go to college, and that's really tragic." He believes this will result in a real shortage of qualified, educated people in the coming years.

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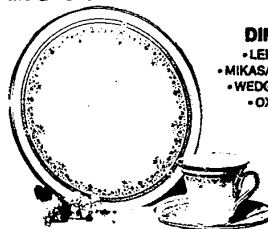
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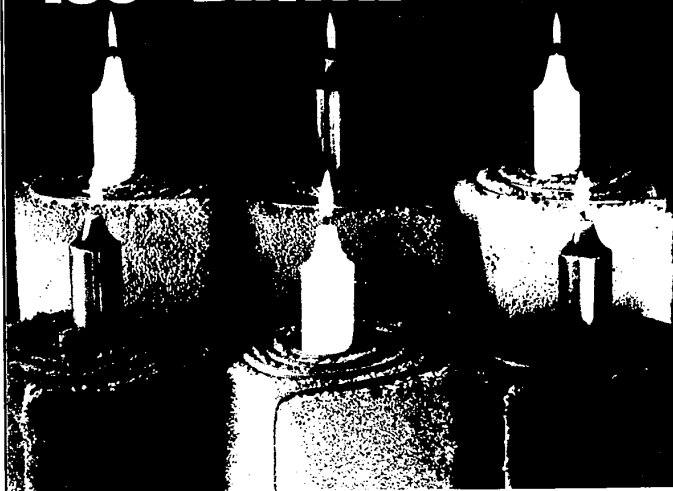
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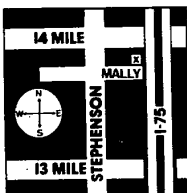
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