

# Aid for private college students?

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Expect to see someone approach you at home or in a shopping center this weekend. They may be asking for your signature on a petition that seeks to eliminate a flat \$500-fee given to private college students, regardless of financial need or academic achievement.

The petition drive to repeal Public Act 105, Michigan's tuition differential plan, is being sponsored by the Michigan Federation of Teachers and is supported by the Michigan Education Association and the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principal Association.

Supporters of the petition drive maintain that tuition aid to private students is an example of the state helping the private sector at the expense of public education.

Private college spokesmen, such as Fr. Malcolm Carron, president of the University of Detroit (U-D), argue that the \$500 tuition differential is helping middle-class families meet rising tuition cost and offers students a choice between private and public school.

The people behind the petition drive have until March 15 to collect a minimum of 145,000 signatures from registered voters in the state to force a referendum vote.

Mrs. Anetta Miller, a member of the Michigan Board of Education, said last week that the supporters of the petition drive have already collected 20,000 signatures on petitions but will escalate their effort with booths in the Ten-Twelve Mall, Livonia Mall and Westland Mall, locally.

MRS. MILLER says she is confident that voters will reject "blanket tuition grants" if they learn the facts of the state aid package but adds that backers of the petition drive are up against a formidable lobby of public education interests.

"All a private college student has to do is be alive and willing to sign up for this (tuition differential) aid," said Mrs.

Miller. "The appropriation started out last year at \$6.2 million. This coming school year they've been allocated \$10.5 million and that figure increases even if the student body remains at status quo.

"That means the state will be giving out \$25 million to every private college student at the end of four years."

Mrs. Miller states that the tuition differential aid, which was designed to make up part of the difference between attending private colleges and the less expensive public colleges, "adds up to one more state program for the private sector."

Because the financial aid is available regardless of a student's financial status, Mrs. Miller says the program will not help needy students but rather encourage private schools to raise tuition and become "even more exclusive."

THE MICHIGAN Federation of Teachers and the "anti-parochial" organization, the Michigan Council About Education, formerly the Michigan Council Against Parochial, argues that the state's annual \$13,700,000 Tuition Grant Program already helps private college students if they demonstrate financial need.

U-D's Fr. Carron, one of the committee members who helped initiate state funding for private college students, said Tuesday it is more economical for the state to help fund students in private institutions than build new colleges.

"We've got to have some kind of freedom of choice in education," Fr. Carron stated, "rather than having only one option — public education. Right now we have a better system in the state because it's not a monolithic system."

Carron cited the fact that U-D trains 45 per cent of the dentists in the state, with the only public dental school being the University of Michigan Dental School.

"We can't do all that alone," Fr. Carron said. "We really do need some kind of help."

In addition to the tuition differential aid, U-D receives \$15,000 from the state for each dental degree issued under a 1969 degree reimbursement plan.

Carron said that since the aid is going to help students receive an education, "what difference does it make" if the student receives state aid at a public or a private institution.

THE DIFFERENCE, according to Mrs. Miller, is that public colleges are receiving a smaller share of the state revenue — down from a high of 18.4 percent in 1966 to a current low of about 14 percent of the state's expenditures.

Furthermore, Mrs. Miller states that the legislation is eroding the separation of church and state.

Nonsense, says Fr. Carron. The public act specifically exempts students seeking degrees in divinity or theology.

"Besides, I ride the DSR bus to work every morning," Fr. Carron said. "That isn't a violation of church and state."

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