

No aids cut expected yet

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UNL Director of Scholarships and Financial Aids Don Aripoli took a gamble Thursday and awarded UNL students money based on his estimate of how much the federal government will give UNL students in Pell Grants.

As of yet, no action has been taken on the federal aid programs, Aripoli said. Proposals have been made by the Reagan administration to reduce the number of eligible students receiving student aid, but Congress has delayed action on the proposals.

UNL's gamble is low-risk compared to the chances other schools are taking, Aripoli said because it waited until this month to make its awards while

most schools made their awards in April when the financial picture wasn't as clear, he said.

Another reason UNL is in good shape is because the amount of financial aid at UNL is up overall, he said.

"We have more grant money, the same amount for work/study and a little less in Guaranteed Student Loans," Aripoli said. "But the lower amount for loans is expected because we make up for it on our own."

UNL has increased its allocations in student aids in proportion to increases in tuition, he said. UNL has at least as much funds to give out this year as last year, he said.

"Our students are fairly well insulated as long as Congress doesn't change the rules," Aripoli said.

The last cut in federal aid was in 1981, he said. Since then the rules and the level of appropriations have remained the same.

"I'd expect the first time we'd see a cut would be for the 1986-1987 academic year if Congress and the president agree on what student aid should look like," Aripoli said.

Aripoli said he didn't foresee student aid cuts for this year because social security and defense are "the two big ticket items" with which Congress can reduce the federal deficit.

Congress will probably keep smaller programs such as student aids at the same appropriations levels and concentrate on the big programs that make a difference, namely, tax reform, social security and defense, he said.

Police Report

The following incidents were reported to UNL police between 12:30 a.m. Monday and 9:28 a.m. Wednesday.

Monday
12:30 a.m. — Embezzlement reported at Keim Hall on East Campus.

11:15 a.m. — Vandalism reported to a bicycle at Harper Hall.

4:46 p.m. — Indecent exposure reported in Parking Area 36 near the College of Dentistry on East Campus.

Tuesday
7:44 a.m. — Hardware reported stolen from Plant Science Hall.

10:44 a.m. — Vandalism reported at Benton Hall.

11:34 a.m. — Person arrested for the embezzlement reported at Keim Hall Monday.

2:53 p.m. — Hit-and-run accident reported in Parking Area 3 near Harper Hall.

8:26 p.m. — Billfold reported stolen from Henzlik Hall.

9:25 p.m. — Person arrested for the indecent exposure reported Monday.

9:41 p.m. — Bicycle reported stolen from Love Library.

Wednesday
9:28 a.m. — Medical emergency reported at Andrews Hall.

Shorts

UNL's Office of International Educational Services is looking for volunteers for the Lincoln Friends of Foreign Students program. There is no financial obligation nor do students need to live with the volunteer "friends." Volunteers, however, have an opportunity to learn first-hand about the countries and cultures of UNL students from abroad.

About 1,000 foreign students from some 90 countries study annually at UNL. Many of them want and need American friends — someone to show them a glimpse of American life — a meal, a ballgame, a movie or a picnic.

Among the countries represented by students attending UNL are Malaysia, Korea, the People's Republic of China, Taiwan and India. Others come from Europe, Africa and Latin America.

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CIA employee arrested for giving secrets to Ghana

WASHINGTON — The nephew of the leader of Ghana and a nine-year employee at the CIA have been arrested and charged with passing U.S. secrets to the government of Ghana, administration officials said Thursday.

Federal Bureau of Investigation and other administration sources said Sharon Scranage, 29, an operations support assistant at the CIA who until recently served in Ghana's capital, was arrested Thursday in nearby Alexandria, Va.

They said FBI agents arrested Michael Agbotui Soussoudis, 39, a citizen of Ghana and nephew to the West African Nation's leader Jerry Rawlings, Wednesday at a hotel in another Virginia suburb, Springfield.

A federal complaint filed before a U.S. magistrate in Alexandria Thursday charged both of them with unlawfully conspiring to provide illegal information to the government of Ghana with intent to harm the United States.

Both were ordered held without bail. If convicted, Scranage and Soussoudis could face up to life in prison.

The administration has taken a number of steps to limit access to classified information by government employees and contractors and to tighten up security in general.

Also Thursday, the House voted overwhelmingly to reinstitute the death penalty for military personnel convicted of spying in peacetime.

Robot sub recovers flight recorder

CORK, Ireland — A robot submarine recovered the "black box" flight recorder of an Air India jet Thursday. It is the last major piece of evidence that could explain why the plane crashed last month, killing all 329 people aboard.

An American-built Scarab midget submarine brought up the black box Thursday morning, almost exactly 24 hours after it recovered the plane's cockpit voice recorder.

Both devices were located 150 miles off the Irish coast in over 6,700 feet of water. No salvage operation has ever been attempted from such a depth before.

An international recovery team is hoping the flight recorder — detailing instrument readings on the plane — along with the voice recorder, an examination of wreckage and forensic tests on the bodies recovered, will indicate whether an explosion or structural failure caused the crash.

Sikh extremists have claimed they put a bomb on board the 747 jumbo jet, which was flying from Toronto to Bombay when it went down.

Pet turtle exports called health threat

CHICAGO — Small pet turtles, banned in the United States since 1975 because they spread salmonella poisoning to children, are being exported from the United States by the millions each year, posing a global health threat, medical researchers said Thursday.

In Puerto Rico alone, there is probably one case of salmonella poisoning for every 10 turtles sent there, the study in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association said.

U.S. bred turtles, mainly from farms in Louisiana, are exported to Japan, France, Italy, Hong Kong, Yugoslavia, Britain, and elsewhere in Europe, Latin America and Asia, the report said.

Dr. Eugene Gangarosa of the Emory University School of Medicine said, "What are urgently needed are export constraints in the United States so that people of distant lands are protected against pet turtles and other knowingly dangerous products we export, which include but are not limited to pesticides, obsolete pharmaceuticals and toxic wastes."

Will disregarded, pets get life lease

LONDON — A donkey, four pigeons, two bee swarms and other pets sentenced to death by their mistress's will were saved from slaughter Thursday, just two hours before their execution.

Mary Mirehouse, 77, had left instructions in her will that all her pets should be destroyed before her funeral. Mirehouse had told friends that she wanted her pets killed because no one could look after them as well as she could.

But shortly before the funeral her lawyers issued a statement saying that beneficiaries and executors had decided to hand the pets over to an animal welfare organization.

Housewives call international strike

NAIROBI, Africa — Militant housewives called Thursday for a worldwide strike by all women, whether they work inside or outside the home, to back demands that housewives should get pay.

"We are working for nothing, or next to nothing, we are fed up with it," Anne Neale, a member of the London-based International Wages for Housework Campaign told Reuters.

Women, she added, did two-thirds of the work in the world and received only five per cent of the global income, while they owned as little as one per cent of the world's assets.

Thousands of women are in Nairobi to attend Forum 85, a gathering of Non-Government Organizations, and a U.N. Women's Conference to mark the end of the decade.

Car thief escapes by jumping a bus

DALLAS — An ex-convict who had just been found guilty of car theft bolted from the courthouse, dashed across the street, jumped on a bus and escaped, authorities said Thursday.

Harry "Oilcan" Harrison, 39, of Wichita Falls, Texas, escaped during a court recess after being convicted of stealing a 1983 Cadillac Eldorado from an auto dealership. He was about to be sentenced and faced 25 years to life in jail because of two previous convictions.

With a dozen people standing by, including his lawyer, two prosecutors and Judge Thomas Thorpe, Harrison bolted from the third-floor courtroom of the Dallas County courthouse.

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