

# Parents pay most college costs

Students use various options to cover rising tuition costs

By RUTH COCHRAN  
Reporter

With the rise in tuition and the seemingly endless rise in the cost of living, more and more students have to think twice about paying for their college educations.

The Texas A&M Student Financial Aid Office calculated that it will cost each student \$5,820 to attend school this year. That figure includes tuition, room and board, books and entertainment.

It estimates that the cost for the 1986-87 school year will increase to \$6,100 for each student. So how do students pay for their educations?

Some receive money from home while others depend on financial aid, such as grants, loans and scholarships. Others use their savings or hold down jobs, and a few participate in the work-study program.

According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, 66.2 percent of college students receive some money from their parents.

The Chronicle figures also show that 42.4 percent of students use savings from summer jobs to help meet costs. However, more than half of these students have savings of less than \$1,000.

The Chronicle reports that 11.8 percent of students participate in work-study programs and 56 per-

cent of all students are employed outside the university.

Many students, though, depend at least in part on other financial aid programs.

The March 2 issue of America magazine reported that the American Council on Education estimates that federal aid underwrites 50 percent of the cost at a public college and 36 percent at a private college.

The Chronicle notes that a large number of students receive grants, loans, scholarships or some combination of those.

It reports that 24.7 percent of students receive Pell grants, 8.6 percent receive supplemental educational grants and 15.6 percent receive state scholarships or grants. The Chronicle also reports that 22.6 percent of students receive guaranteed loans and 8.4 percent get national direct student loans.

Taft E. Benson, A&M director of student financial aid, says a significant number of the University's 35,000 students apply for and receive financial aid.

Benson says the number of financial aid applications has risen from 7,206 last year to 7,425 this year, probably in response to the increase in tuition.

For this school year, Benson says 4,295 students or 12.3 percent of the student body received



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Andy Richardson, a Texas A&M junior, works at KBTX-TV.

grants and 8,961 students or 25.6 percent received long term loans. Benson says 8,312 students or 23.8 percent got short term loans.

Benson says 462 students or only 1.3 percent participate in work-study programs and 8,894 students or 25.4 percent are employed by the University. Benson says graduate assistants are included in that number.

Benson says 5,155 or 14.7 percent of the student population receive scholarships in some amount.

Although Benson's office keeps no statistics on the number of students who work off campus, he says he assumes there are more students looking for jobs than there are available jobs.

Benson says that an informal survey of area businesses revealed that for every available job there were six student applicants.

Although a significant number of students receive some form of financial aid, the majority of students depend on their parents to pay for their college educations.

# Changing values mirrored in college decisions, prof says

By JULIA COKER  
Reporter

Today's men and women attend college not only for monetary reasons but also to gain an appreciation of new ideas and to enhance their knowledge and self-esteem, a UCLA professor told an audience at Rudder Tower Thursday.

Dr. Helen Astin, associate provost and professor at the University of California at Los Angeles, said that articles stereotyping college students as self-serving and too material-minded bother her.

"Children today look upon a college education as a way of self-improvement," she said. "The descriptions in these various articles ignore how much students achieve and learn through education."

Astin, participating in the College of Education's lecture series, gave examples of college freshmen's goals to illustrate the trends in goals that make young people attend college.

Freshmen today have increased self-esteem and feel more adequate intellectually than those who entered college in the 60s and 70s, she said.

And young people are less interested in the meaning of life than their predecessors, Astin said. She added that they have acquired material goals but haven't lost their humanitarian values.

Students still are interested in helping others and value the family

though they may postpone having a family themselves, she said.

The trends in goals that lead people into college are reflected in the changing makeup of college campuses, she said. Astin pointed out that four of 10 students attending college are the first in their families to do so.

She said for the first time in history, 51 percent of the entering freshmen are women, and the number of minority students has increased substantially.

# Street vendors to be allowed in Houston parks

HOUSTON — A woman who once chained herself to a pushcart because she was prohibited from selling New York's Sabrett's hot dogs on Houston streets may soon be able to set up business in a downtown park.

"I think it's great," Shirley Rubenstein said after the Houston City Council voted 12-1 Wednesday to authorize the city Parks and Recreation Department to license vendors to operate in four downtown parks.

Councilman Larry McKaskle voted against the measure, dubbed the "hot dogs in the park" ordinance, but did not voice his objections.

Rubenstein, a transplanted New Yorker, has butted heads with city officials since 1983 in her campaign to allow food carts on Houston streets.

Official say vendors could open for business in mid May.

But Rubenstein, like other vendors, will have to apply to the parks department for a license, which could cost as much as \$350 every six months. Parks officials will control the number of vendor in each park and the types of food sold.

# Man acts as IRS agent to aid dad's campaign

Associated Press

DALLAS — The son of a candidate for the Texas House of Representatives said he saw nothing wrong with impersonating an Internal Revenue Service agent to gain financial information about his father's opponent.

After all, he said, he got the idea from watching a rerun of the "Rockford Files" television series starring James Garner.

Mike Lawshe — whose father, George Lawshe, is challenging State Rep. Alvin Granoff in the Democratic primary — told The Dallas Morning News it was "an old college mischievous prank."

Neither his father, Granoff, nor the IRS considered the action entertaining, however.

A federal law enforcement official, who asked not to be identified, said the IRS is looking into the incident to determine whether Mike Lawshe broke any laws.

Sissy Day, a political consultant for Granoff, said someone identifying himself as "Dan Jackels" of the IRS called her on Feb. 24 and told her the IRS was doing a preliminary audit on her client.

The younger Lawshe — who himself is on the ballot as a candidate for precinct chairman — said campaign finance reports for Granoff indicated he spent more money than

he raised. He said he had heard rumors that Granoff owed Day money and used the subterfuge to determine if that was true.

"We didn't find out anything out that we didn't already know, and it was a pretty dumb thing to do now that I look back at it," said Lawshe, 24.

Day said she became suspicious of "Jackels," and after calling him back at an east Dallas office number he gave, she notified the IRS.

Agents traced the telephone number to a Lawshe family business in Pleasant Grove, a southeast Dallas suburb.

Lawshe said agents later questioned him at

the office and that he got a "good chewing out" from his father.

The elder Lawshe, who lost to Granoff in the 1982 Democratic primary, said he regrets the incident, but doesn't believe it will affect his campaign.

"I certainly hope it wasn't George's idea and I don't have to worry about nonsense like this in the future," he said.

Granoff said he didn't know what campaign figures Mike Lawshe was trying to obtain. "Every penny" of campaign contributions and expenditures had been reported under the law, he said.

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