

Area Universities Hope For Approval Of TAP Aid Bill

BY PAUL MITCHELL

Area colleges and universities hope to see the New York State Legislature approve a bill early this session that would increase financial aid for students.

The state's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), established in 1974, helps low- and middle-income students pay tuition at New York State colleges of their choice.

In 1974, maximum TAP awards for the lowest-income students paid about 60 percent of the average tuition charged at independent institutions. Currently, TAP covers only 42 percent of tuition for needy students.

The 1985 TAP proposal calls for increased maximum awards and raising the income levels for minimum awards.

At St. Lawrence University in Canton, raising TAP would help entering students pay the school's tuition costs.

"We have been losing ground in the last few years," said Phil Bisselle, director of Financial Aid for SLU of efforts to help needy and middle income students pay for college. "This TAP increase would enable us to make income families who wish to go to school here."

As family's earnings climb, they are often find they are not eligible for TAP assistance, he said. The new proposed eligibilities would place these families back into the TAP picture.

The Tuition Assistance Program

is particularly important to private schools, Bisselle said.

"The school provides 55 percent of the enrolling freshmen with a financial aid package and only 20 percent of the accepted freshman will not be able to meet financial needs," Bisselle said.

"All in all, a TAP boost would help state universities," he said, "and better TAP would more likely keep the better students in New York state schools."

At Clarkson University, the jump in TAP awards would also be greeted with open arms.

John Chapple, vice provost at Clarkson, said any increases in TAP grants and extension of eligibility standards would be beneficial to the college.

"We had an increase last year enabling nearly 600 additional students to receive TAP awards," Chapple said. "Now nearly half of our students receive TAP."

Any time a family salary is increased, there will be significant effects toward financial aid for students, Chapple said.

The majority of accepted students at the financially independent colleges with the average family salary around \$30,000. Therefore, the proposed jump from \$29,000 to \$33,000 would mean additional TAP awards for many students, Chapple remarked.

Clarkson has nearly a \$1.4 million financial aid budget and TAP is very helpful in supplementing financial aid packages," he said.

Area institutions also hope to see the TAP increases approved for graduate students because their aid has remained at \$600 since 1970 while the average tuition at the state's independent colleges and universities has risen from about \$1,700 to \$7,000.

The bill calls for increased TAP awards as follows: financially dependent undergraduates from \$2,700 to \$3,100; emancipated undergraduates from \$1,800 to \$3,100; all graduate students from \$600 to \$3,100.

The bill also extends TAP eligibility as follows: financially dependent undergraduates from \$29,000 to \$33,000; emancipated undergraduates from \$5,667 to \$11,000; financially dependent graduate students from \$20,000 to \$33,000; and emancipated graduate students from \$5,667 to \$11,000.

Part-Time Students May Receive Aid

Potsdam College has some \$16,000 available to aid part-time students who expect to earn a degree from the college.

This announcement comes from Joan Berkes, Potsdam's assistant director of financial aid, as part of Financial Aid Awareness Week, being celebrated Jan. 7-11. North Country students may obtain information and applications for part-time study at Potsdam College by calling the Financial Aid Office at (315) 267-2162, or the New York State toll free Financial Aid Office at 1-800-345-6789.

Part-time study awards first became available last fall, according to Berkes. "Very few of those students who might be eligible for Aid for Part-Time Students have applied and we hope to make more awards for the Spring 1985 semester," Berkes said.

General criteria for APTS include taking at least six but not more than 11 credit hours, enrollment in an undergraduate degree program, and at least six credit hours of college work already completed satisfactorily. Potsdam College students must also be in good academic standing, according to Berkes. Additional income criteria are included in the APTS application.

All APTS applications must be completed by Jan. 28.

Water Main Breaks Occupy Village Crews

Two water main breaks in the past two or three days have kept village crews occupied, but Roger Fadden, acting superintendent of public works for the Village of Potsdam, said he didn't think the cold weather caused the breakages.

The village had three or four other breaks since fall. All but the last two were before cold weather set in, Fadden said.

Fadden said the frost level has not yet reached below 1 1/2 feet under the road surface. Water mains, he said, are about five feet down, so frost hasn't caused any of the breaks.

Until last year, Fadden said, the village usually had only one or two broken water mains each winter, mostly due to frost. Last year, he said, crews were plagued with seven or eight.

Fadden said the public works department has been trying to figure out why the water mains have started these mass breakdowns.

Crews were busy until 11:30 p.m. Monday searching for the broken pipe in a water main leak on Pine Street near the Agway store.

Unable to find the break in the dark, Fadden said, crews returned to work early this morning (Tuesday). The main should be repaired sometime today, he said.

On Sunday, a water main break on Barclay Street kept five village DPW workers busy from 7 a.m. until just before 2 p.m.

The break was reported at about 1 a.m. Sunday, but crews were not able to locate it until night, Fadden said.

According to Fadden, the main had been caulked with hot lead, and when a four-inch by four-inch piece of lumber underneath the pipe rotted, the lead cracked.

Crews dug into the street, put a sleeve on the main and repaired it, Fadden said.

When the weather moderates, cold patch will be placed over the street where crews dug, Fadden said, and hot patch will be applied in the spring.

Fadden said breaks in water mains are often difficult to find. Just because water is seeping out of the ground at a certain location, he said, it does not mean that is where the leak is.

Other water main breaks in the village over the past several months, Fadden said, have been on the Potsdam College campus, College Park Drive, Hamilton Street, and Clarkson Avenue.

BARR COMPLETES TRAINING

Pvt. Craig L. Barr, son of Ralph L. and Rut Ann Barr of RD 2, Norfolk, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.



FIRST BORN — Young Tabatha Lee was the first born for Jeffrey Provost, above, and his wife Roberta, as well as for the Canton-Potsdam Hospital in 1965. Tabatha, who was seven weeks premature, was born at 10:50 a.m. Jan. 2 and weighed two pounds, 15 ounces. She was transferred to the House of the Good Samaritan shortly after birth and was reported healthy and in satisfactory condition there today (Tuesday). The Provosts are residents of Newton Falls. (Ron Robertson photo)

For Washington, D.C.

Brass Firemen Planning Jan. 20 Departure By Bus

BY SANDY COLBERT

NORWOOD — Members of the Brass Firemen met in the Norwood municipal building Sunday afternoon to review the itinerary for their upcoming Washington, D.C. trip.

The group, the official band of the Norwood Volunteer Fire Department, will be New York's representative in the Jan. 21 inaugural parade for President Ronald Reagan.

Band members will leave Norwood by bus early on the morning of Jan. 19; band manager Robert Haggitt and his wife will leave on the 18th to fly to Washington to attend an inaugural committee meeting.

Twenty-seven band members, four color guards, two state fire officials and 16 wives of band members are expected to make the trip, Haggitt said.

At Sunday's meeting, band members also prepared their uniforms and completed last minute details for the trip.

Haggitt said information on the band for television networks has been forwarded and security reports for those making the trip have been prepared for the Secret Service, as required.

Itinerary Outlined
On Sunday (Jan. 20) the Norwood contingent may visit the Smithsonian or other attractions in Washington. No White House tour

is planned, as the group toured there in 1981.

On the 21st, band members will be bused from their Virginia motel to their parade position at 10 a.m., where they will prepare for the 2 p.m. parade. They will be led by a New York State float, then four color guards who will carry the state flag.

The Brass Firemen will pause in front of the main reviewing stand and play "America The Beautiful" for the President and First Lady.

An antique fire truck, carrying state fire officials Earle Mousaw of Hannawa Falls, vice president of the Firemen's Association of New York; and William Reid of Massena, FASNY executive committee member, will follow the band.

A reception at Congressman David O'B. Martin's office will be held for the group following their performance.

They will leave for home Tuesday morning, and expect to arrive in Norwood around midnight.

The band made its first trip to Washington in 1981 to perform at the capitol. In 1982 they were called to perform at a reception on the White House South Lawn at the request of First Lady Nancy Reagan.

This trip is being financed with surplus funds donated for their trip to the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, last winter.

Del Guidice Named Liberal Studies Dean

Dr. Richard J. Del Guidice, who has been Acting Dean of Liberal Studies at Potsdam College for the past year, has been appointed permanently to that position, according to an announcement made jointly by college President Dr. Humphrey Tonkin and Dr. Joyce Scott, Potsdam College Provost.

In making the announcement, Dr. Scott said, "Dick Del Guidice is a skilled and dynamic leader, a respected and innovative teacher, and a dedicated member of the Potsdam College academic community. He brings to this important post a strong sense of academic standards and a clear vision of the

centrality of the liberal arts in a complex technological society. This vision has been and will be valuable to the School of Liberal Studies — and to our College — in the years ahead."

A member of Potsdam's political science faculty since 1968, Dr. Del Guidice holds the Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts. His research and teaching interests include bioethics, constitutional law, civil liberties, and public law. As Acting Dean of the School of Liberal Studies since January 1984, Del Guidice has emphasized the school's responsibility to confirm and expand the relationships among different disciplines.

"One of my priorities will be to consider a reform of the general education requirements at Potsdam College. We will be looking at Potsdam's particular strengths and attempting to relate

our uniqueness into a new, strong general education curriculum," Del Guidice said. The new dean added that he will examine the ways in which the liberal arts may play a larger role in teacher preparation.

A 1983 recipient of the college's President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Del Guidice has served on the College's Faculty Assembly, as well as the Pre-Law, Curriculum and Academic Affairs Committees. Over the past 10 years he has organized an annual Pre-Law Forum and has served as advisor to prospective law students.

During his 17 year career at Potsdam College, Del Guidice chaired the political science department for six years, the Presidential Task Force on the Student Bill of Rights, the Presidential Task Force on Educational Support Services and the Sub-committee on the Student Code of Conduct.

Main Street Parking O.K.'d

Despite a brief objection from a trustee, the Potsdam Village Board unanimously approved a resolution to allow parking on Main Street along Clarkson University's downtown campus.

Trustee Richard Murphy, during a public hearing on the law held prior to Monday night's meeting, admonished Clarkson for seeking to allow parking in a section that two years ago they asked to be parking-free.

Murphy said Clarkson had approached him in 1982 to have parking banned in the Main Street section adjacent to the campus.

"I worked hard on getting it changed," Murphy said.

Speaking on behalf of the university Monday night, Seth Chichester, director of plant and services, said that in 1982, Clarkson believed that eliminating parking would make it safer for students crossing the street.

The intent, he said, was to eliminate traffic and "facilitate a safer atmosphere."

The parking ban, Chichester said, "hasn't made a significant difference" in eliminating traffic on Main Street.

Now, he said, parking pressures on the downtown campus are forcing the university's administration to try to find as much parking space as possible.

Police Chief Clinton Matott noted that the new parking regulations in that area will be "a lot easier to enforce than what they have now."

The measure passed unanimously.

In other action, the board authorized hiring two additional, temporary members of the water plant workforce to ensure the smooth operation of the water treatment and hydroelectric plants at night.

Two temporary employees, according to board resolutions, will be hired at \$3.60 an hour from Jan. 15 to March 31. The additional manpower will allow the village to have employees on hand to, for example, clear ice from the hydro intakes.

The board also set the sewer rates for residences not connected to the municipal water supply at \$1.30 per 1,000 gallons.

Only two village homes, connected to independent water supplies, are affected.

A public hearing on the local law was held in December.

Teen Pageant Feb. 16

The Miss Seaway Area Teen-Ager Pageant, preliminary to the Miss Teen-Ager Pageant of New York, will be held on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at the St. Lawrence Central School. It will be a part of the Tri-Town Winter Carnival.

All single girls between the ages of 13-18 years of age as of Sept. 1, 1985, living or going to school in the following counties are eligible: Lewis, Jefferson, St. Lawrence, and Franklin.

For information call or write Ed Ackerman, 19 Cornell Ave., Massena, N.Y. 13662 or phone (315) 769-8545.



FRACKENPOHL HONORED — Arthur Frackenpohl, center, receives a service award from Potsdam College Provost Joyce Scott and President Humphrey Tonkin on his 35 years of service on the Crane

School of Music faculty. Frackenpohl and over 90 faculty and staff members received service recognition awards for their five years to 37 years at Potsdam College.

Partial Payment Approved

Following a Monday night executive session during which legal matters concerning the hydroelectric and water treatment plants were discussed, the Village of Potsdam Board of Trustees voted to grant a partial payment to the primary water plant contractor.

Mayor Paul Claffey said this morning (Tuesday) that the board voted to pay some \$62,000 of the over \$160,000 the Visconti Corp. believes it is owed.

The remainder of the bill from the primary contractor for the

water treatment plant, Claffey said, is still in dispute.

Claffey said that during the executive session, the trustees also discussed litigation with another water plant contractor, Hammond-Lane Mechanicals, and pending litigation with the Axel Johnson engineering firm, the prime builder of the hydro plant.

No formal action was taken on either case, said Claffey, who declined to detail Monday night's closed session discussion.

Three Seats Open; Who Will Run?

Although Village of Potsdam elections are over two months away, local party officials have to begin thinking about who to nominate as candidates.

With the deadline for party caucuses in the village some three weeks away, Democratic and Republican leaders both said they will hold nominating committee meetings this week to get the campaigns rolling.

At stake in the March elections are two-year seats for mayor and two trustees.

Mayor Paul Claffey said Monday that he would like the chance to run again for the top village post.

Claffey, a Democrat, said "if I get the nomination, I'll grab it. If I get elected, I'll grab it."

Republican Trustee Richard Murphy said that after a total of 19 years as a trustee, he will not seek re-election.

Trustee Jeffrey Belodoff, who also serves as chairman of the Democratic party in the village, declined to comment on whether he

will seek to be elected to his post, seek the mayor's post, or not run at all.

The terms of Claffey, Murphy and Belodoff all expire at the end of March.

Claffey was elected last year to fulfill the unexpired term of the late Mayor James Pennock, who died in September 1983. Joseph Calipari served as acting mayor from September 1983 until March 1984.

When Claffey, who had a year remaining on his trustee seat, assumed the duties of mayor, he appointed Belodoff trustee.

William Pelotte, Town of Potsdam Republican chairman, and Democratic Chairman Belodoff both said nominating committee meetings will be held later this week.

The village Republican caucus, Pelotte said, will be held Jan. 24. No date has yet been set for the Democratic caucus, Belodoff said.