

# Compromise could make student loans harder to get

By The College Press Service

College student loans might be much harder to get next year if Congress approves the federal "budget summit" compromise reached Sept. 29.

The compromise, worked out by President George Bush and congressional leaders over four months of tense negotiations over how to bring the federal budget deficit under control, hopes to cut \$500 billion in spending over the next five years. The plan includes saving \$2 billion from the student loan program.

Supplemental Loans for Students, Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students, Stafford and Perkins loans would all be affected.

"I would just expect a lot of angry students," said Kathy Hicks, controller at Eastern Montana College.

Before becoming law, however, the entire Congress must approve the budget package. On Oct. 4, House Democrats, upset over the plan's cuts in Medicare spending, threatened not to support it.

If a compromise isn't reached, automatic cuts go into effect. It would mean an immediate cut to all aid payments not yet made to colleges and students. Funding to the Department of Education would be cut 35 percent.

Yet the Sept. 29 agreement heightened chances that the government will finally enact some form of compromise — the first tentative agreement between the White House and Congress since 1979 — to cut the federal deficit, sources said.

Students, like all recipients of federal dollars, would pay a price.

While the compromise did not detail ways to cut \$2 billion out of the almost \$4 billion loan programs, congressional leaders quickly suggested doing it by imposing a series of new limits on who can get student loans:

- Requiring a student to have a high school diploma or the equivalent to receive any federal tuition loan.
- Making students wait 30 days after the start of

school to get their loan money.

■ Eliminating or restricting federal loans for correspondence schools.

■ Having all loan applicants who are 21 or older undergo a credit check to apply for a loan.

■ Cutting students out of college loan programs who are from schools where loan default rates are above a certain rate.

The provisions "are definitely going to hurt student access to federal loans," asserted Selena Dong, legislative director for the United States Student Association, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that represents student government presidents.

But it's probably too early to panic, said Becky Timmons of the American Council on Education.

"The budget summit can't spell out how those savings (the \$2 billion) will be achieved," so no one is sure what provisions will go into effect, said Timmons, whose Washington, D.C.-based group is com-

prised of college presidents from around the country.

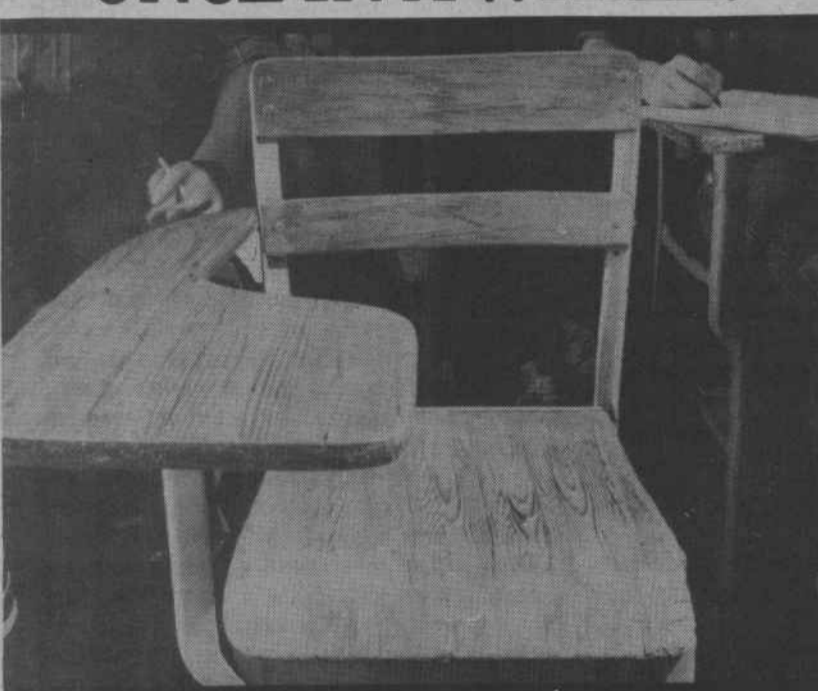
Consequently, no one really knows how many of the approximately six million collegians who use financial aid will be affected by the compromise.

School financial administrators don't seem worried about the provision that would affect them the most: the 30-day delay of payment of government student loans.

"We would probably extend that (the 30 days) to them (students) gladly," said Lynn Holaday, associate vice chancellor for fiscal operations at Appalachian State University in North Carolina.

Eastern Montana's Hicks conceded the provision, designed to stop people from fraudulently collecting loan money and then leaving campus without ever attending class, would mean "there would be some technical types of things that would need to be worked out" so the school could get along without some of its tuition money for the first 30 days of each term.

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- "The Pontiac Comedian Caravan," mocktails will be served. Featuring: Paul Provenza, Russell House Ballroom (Admission \$2 students and \$3 general public), 8:00 pm Sponsor: CPU and Co-sponsors: GAMMA and OADP.

#### THURSDAY:

- "RisQue Business" Belk Auditorium, 4:30pm. Co-sponsor: GAMMA

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#### Russell House Lottery

### LOTTERY FOR REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

October 25, 1990 - 1st Ballroom Date - at 9:00 A.M.  
October 25, 1990 - 2nd Ballroom Date - at 10:00 A.M.

Russell House Room 205-A  
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TRADITIONAL EVENTS..... OCTOBER 23, 1990  
(see list on page 77 in the Carolina Community)

CAROLINA PROGRAM UNION ..... OCTOBER 24, 1990

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They leap to high heaven and swirl like tops in costumes that would put a peacock to shame! They playfully toss wicked looking knives and, in the process, cause audiences to explode with excitement!

That's what we hear from those who have spent an evening with Lezginka, the incredible folk dance troupe from Daghestan, U.S.S.R.

On Oct. 25, you get your chance to personally experience these high voltage performers when the company appears at Columbia's Koger Center for the Arts.

On its first tour of the United States, the Lezginka company of 65 dancers and musicians will perform numbers inspired by the 30 different cultures that make up the Daghestan territory.

The *Washington Post* compares Lezginka's boundless energy to a hurricane in a review of the company's recent performance at the Kennedy Center.

"For the men, cavalry manners are second nature. They gallop onto the stage, catapult to the floor and rebound into the air as if leaping from and into a saddle," writes *The Post*. "Sometimes they spin up from a standing position, fold the legs in back and land on their kneepads like buzzing tops."

The male company members combine their amazing dancing skills with acrobatic daring. One soloist even dances while balancing on a high wire!

The women of Lezginka "are as buoyant as swift schooners, revealing the intricate patterns of



The men of Lezginka are renowned for their incredible athletic ability, showcased here in an extraordinary leap.

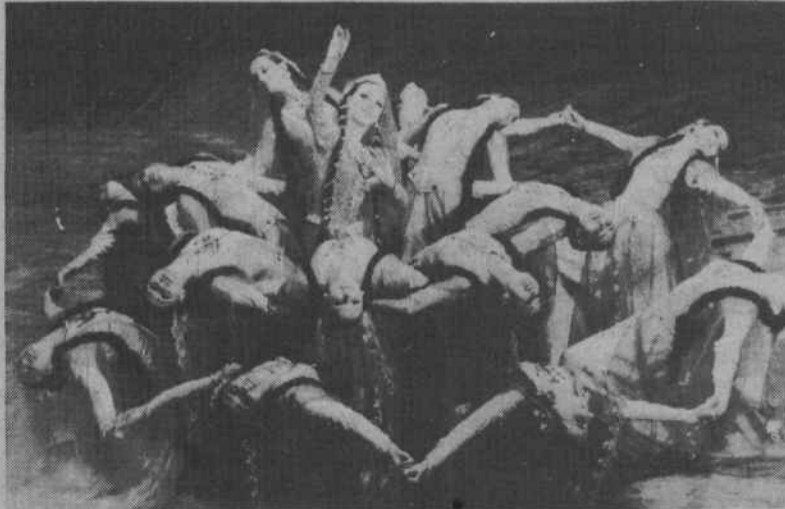
their gowns as these billow like sails," says *The Post*. "While the female range of movement and dynamics is restricted in comparison with that of the male, the women slyly imitate men's bravado when they are unchaperoned."

Don't miss this opportunity to experience the exotic culture of this far away land. Lezginka promises to command the stage and your attention Oct. 25 at the Koger Center.

### Lezginka

Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.  
Koger Center for the Arts

Tickets: \$15 and \$10 for adults; \$5 for children. The child ticket price is sponsored by The State. On sale at the Carolina Coliseum box office and all SCAT outlets. Call 777-SCAT to charge.



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## Just for Kids

Give your child the chance to learn more about Lezginka and the region of the Soviet Union from which it springs at a special Just for Kids lecture/demonstration before the performance.

Just for Kids begins at 6:15 p.m. in the Donor Room on the second floor of the Koger Center. The program will entertain children while giving them information that will allow them to better understand and appreciate the performance. While they're learning, you can relax with your friends in the Koger Center lobby.

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