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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio --Confused students and parents who fear there is a shortage of money for financial aid for college students need to be reassured that student financial aid funds will continue to be available, notes Neil D. Humphrey, President of Youngstown State University.

In fact, proposed cuts have not become reality, and Pell Grant funds continue to be available.

"We have discovered that many students and parents believe aid has been severely curtailed, and are either hesitating or deciding not to apply for aid," said President Humphrey.

"It must be made clear that student aid is still available at YSU, and will continue to be available," he added.

Many students and parents were very concerned about a shortfall in funds for the Pell Grant program. Earlier this year there were reports that this could either reduce or eliminate individual Pell awards, President Humphrey said.

A supplemental appropriations bill that includes additional Pell Grant funds has been adopted by Congress and signed by the President. This will prevent massive reductions in this program for the 1986-87 academic year.

Richard Jerue, vice president for government relations with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, announced that the Pell Grant program will be funded this fall. The maximum Pell Grant award is \$2,100 and is limited to 60 percent of the total cost of attendance.

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It is important to note that not only are federal funds still available, but also there is still time to apply for the Ohio Instructional Grant program as well as Youngstown State University Foundation scholarship dollars.

William Collins, director of YSU's Scholarships and Financial Aid Office, said, "Time for making applications is critical, but there is still sufficient time to apply for financial aid."

Applications for both federal and state aid require about four to six weeks processing time.

At YSU, more than 50 per cent of the University's students receive some form of financial aid. Collins expects the funding level to be about the same as last year, when over \$13 million was awarded.

Again, he urged that applications for this student aid be filed as soon as possible.

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2--YSU high school programs

Some 50 are taking part in photography, video, music and theatre programs and activities in YSU's College of Fine and Performing Arts.

Another 100 young people will be participating in special activities planned by the School of Education. These "hands-on" programs will cover many areas, including computers, holography, archeology, space, aerobics, and even urban simulation.

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Three programs at Youngstown State University have been pushing the doors to learning and education still wider for area high school students!

Thirty-six from seven city high schools, selected as "achievers" by their schools, took part in the Summer College and Occupational Preview Experience (SCOPE). This free, creative program for those who will be high school seniors this fall provided a two-week, on-campus preview of college life, plus a close-up of the world of work in the Mahoning Valley.

As part of the experience, they were matched with local professional people and followed them through a workday.

With the help of Youngstown area business people, YSU's new "Career Beginnings Program" introduced 100 Youngstown juniors to career possibilities and emphasized the importance of education and career preparation. Local "mentors" from business and industry counseled them and provided on-the-job experiences.

The third special program, the Governor's Summer Institute for Gifted and Talented Students, is providing some 150 teen-agers with in-^edepth, specialized activities.

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2--YSU financial aid

More and more of the University's enrollment is made up of "nontraditional," or older students. These are defined as persons who have been out of school four or more years, never attended college, or attended on an irregular basis.

This past year one-third of YSU's student body was nontraditionals--men and women starting or restarting college, or acquiring more skills and education to advance their careers.

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Youngstown State University's "helping hand" to students keeps getting bigger.

This past year, the University provided more than \$13 million in financial aid to approximately 8,000 of its nearly 15,000 students. This included scholarships, loans, grants, and student employment, according to William T. Collins, director of YSU Scholarships and Financial Aid.

Among the scholarship awards were 28 to area high school valedictorians this past year, and 96 who will benefit this coming fall from the new Deans' Scholarships.

Collins said that during the 1985-86 fiscal year, some \$2 million was awarded in scholarships alone. About \$1.4 million was in scholarships and grants provided through the YSU Foundation.

YSU, an urban university, finds well over 70 percent of its students work either full-time or part-time while going to school.

Charles Whitman, director of Career Services, reports that Youngstown State provides about 700 part-time, on-campus jobs to its students, which means some 1,200 of them are getting YSU paychecks. Their work periods vary from one quarter to three quarters of the year.

Whitman also points out that Career Services supplies leads for off-campus employment to part-time, full-time, degreed and non-degreed YSU students. This service begins with freshmen and continues even past graduation when they are alumni.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - A total of 2,182 Youngstown State University students have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring Quarter, 1986, according to Dr. Bernard T. Gillis, provost.

Spring Quarter enrollment at YSU was 13,707.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must attain a grade point average between 3.4 and 4.0 and take at least 12 quarter hours.

Those named to the Dean's List from your area for the Spring Quarter are as follows:

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