

SUNY SIDE UP, March 24, 1982

The music is "Sunny Side Up"; ~~the~~ the program is "SUNY Side Up." And this week, the prospects for a sunny SUNY appear just a little bit slimmer. The ~~presidents~~ ^{leaders} of 17 Long Island colleges and ⁹ universities gathered last week to call attention to a ~~potential~~ ^{threatened} loss of student aid funds of major proportions--- in all, \$54 million in the 1983-84 academic year ^{on Long Island}

Hi, everybody. This is Al Oickle at the State University of New York, here at Stony Brook. Today, we will be taking you to ~~about~~ the news conference conducted in Plainview on March 18 by the representatives of 17 institutions of higher learning on Long Island. The subject has special relevance for the Stony Brook campus and the communities nearby because of the loss in financial assistance being threatened by the Reagan Administration's proposals. I will give you additional information later, but for now consider that the loss projected for the Stony Brook campus alone is \$ 10 million in 4,800 student awards for the year 1983-84. That represents about 45 percent of ~~the~~ ^{the student federal} aid given in the current year ~~95~~

With that background, then, we will go to the conference. You will hear first ~~about~~ ^{chairperson} the LIRACHE ~~president~~ ^{president} Sister Janet Fitzgerald, who is also the president of Molloy College in Rockville Center.

TAPE 000 - 292 (SIDE 1) (Sister J. is saying "all graduate students.")

AFO LIVE: ~~The~~ You are listening to an edited recording of a news conference conducted ⁹ by the presidents ¹ of 17 Long Island colleges and universities ¹ last week. They were informing the public, though the media, of a threatened loss of \$54 million ^{to Long Island} in student financial aid ⁹ under the Reagan Administration's proposed programs for 1983-84. ^{As we rejoin the conference,} President Albert M. Ammerman of Suffolk County Community College responds to a question about how many students ^{might} ~~would~~ drop out of college.

362 -- 383 -- from "There's a certain number" to "and that's why I made that statement."

AFO LIVE: Can the ~~State~~ of New York ~~pick~~ ^{MAKE} up the loss? President John ^{H.} Marburger of Stony Brook answers that question:

397 - 423 from "I can hazard a guess" to "big business in our state"

AFO LIVE: Another question had to do with the possible change in enrollment the balance between public and private institutions.

President Edward ^{J.} Cook of C. W. Post responded:

440 - 458 from "Surely there would be a tendency" to "totally uneconomic use of resources."

AFO LIVE: ~~That~~ Balance in the use of financial resources was stressed also by President Marburger in reviewing the student financial aid record of the federal government.

Side 2 - 155 - 184 -- from "It is true that..." to "we hope that's what happens"

AFO LIVE: A look at the Stony Brook figures is useful in illustrating the sudden change of which President Marburger speaks. For example, GSL is the ~~the~~ guaranteed student loan program. This year, Stony Brook students have borrowed \$15 million to help them in their education. Under the Reagan plan, graduate students would not be eligible, and by 1983 Stony Brook students would be eligible only for an estimated \$7 million...a loss of \$8 million ^{2 year} work study, a program in which students ~~work~~ earn

money on the job, would be cut by \$346,000 to \$800,000. The Pell grants, called B_E_O_G, would lose \$1.6 million ^{perhaps}. I'm sorry to throw so many figures and strange alphabet names at you. ~~The~~ President Lawrence Weiss of the Friends World College, in fact, ^{cited} ~~picked up on~~ the confusion that results from this "alphabet soup."

113 - 141 from "I think a lot of people in this room..." to "cruellest possible manner."

AFO LIVE:

The thrust of the president's message at this news conference was on the personal loss for so many thousands of Long Island students and their families. But ~~there is also~~ a major economic ^{also is} factor involved. President Marburger explains:

260 - 276 -- from "The total operating budget of our institutions..." to "factor of 5 to estimate this impact."

AFO LIVE:

So, what ^{Long Islanders} ~~anyone~~ do about this ^{threatened loss} ~~threatened~~ The ^{campus} presidents ^{have} made it clear that the Reagan Administration's proposal for student financial aid is not yet an accomplished fact. The proposals ^{is} ~~are~~ before the Congress ^{for its votes} ~~the president's~~ Sister Janet Fitzgerald ~~explains~~ summed up the need for action this way:

Side 1 292 -- 306 -- "With that in mind we ask all of you..."

to "which has been expected and anticipated for so many years in our country."

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If you would like more information about the ~~long~~ project ^{ed} impact on Stony Brook, or ^{on} any of the Long Island colleges and universities, please call the Office of University News Services, 246-3580. We will try to provide that information.

Next week, our guest ~~will~~ here at Stony Brook will be John C. Partin, head of the Department of Pediatrics ^g in the School of Medicine and at the University Hospital. Dr. Partin will be discussing modern trends in education for pediatricians and ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{medicine} ~~for~~ children's health care. Until then, this is ^g Al Oickle. So long, everybody.