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HEW Considers Ending
Student Loan Guarantees
Department of Finance and Administration Director Vincent Montoya told members of the governor's cabinet earlier this week that the state needs to make immediate changes in its. student oan program in order to save it.
Under the present system, students with loans have 13 months after leaving school to begin repaying their loan. If they have not begun to repay their loan by this time, collection procedures are initiated by each university.
If the student does not begin payment within 120 days, the university, as a fiscal agent for the state, must file a default statement for that loan with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), who guaranteed the loan. HEW then reimburses the university and begins collec tion procedures of its own.
Montoya said that HEW has been considering withdrawing its guarantee of the loans for the past six months. He said the default rate in New Mexico is from 31 to 35 per cent. He said HEW would like the default rate to be below 20 per cent.
Montoya said two alternatives are being studied for a possible solution to the problem: a better screening of applicants and more vigorous collection procedures.
In reaction to Montoya's statement, Charles Sheehan, director of student aids at UNM, said, They (HEW) are talking about tightening up the collection procedures, which is nice to talk about, but very, very difficult to do. And how do you idenyou suspect that someone might default on a loan you what basis are you going to deny the loan? It's a on what basis are you going to deny the loan? It's a Sherex situation
IEW "W and that they are working on the problem.
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Sheehan said he wasn't sure what the default rate is, "but 35 per cent sounds a little high to me." John Merrett, associate comptroller at UNM,
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default rate for New Mexico.
"But 23 per cent would probably be a more realistic figure," Merrett said, "because HEW figures that everyone who hasn't paid by the 120 days isn't going to. We have found that some of the people who haven't paid want to repay their loans, people wor time, or might be entitled to a deferment."
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Peace Corps or similar programs.
It is important that students complete all of the necessary paperwork to obtain a deferment because a till on our delinquent list because of ments are still on our delinquent inst because of
breakdown in communication," Merrett said.
When asked about the figure of 35 per cent referred to by Montoya, Merrett said, "I can't speak to that figure. There are many ways to com: pute default rates. That may be old information, as the figures change from month to month. But don't know where it came from.

## UNM Faculty Calls For New Athletics Report on Title IX

The UNM Faculty Tuesday rejected the Athletic Council report and tabled an amendment to the ASUNM student constitution. The report was submitted in compliance with the Faculty Handbook. The report was rejected because of a minority report from Jan Roebuck, member of the Athletic Council.
Roebuck told the faculty, "Women students do not have the same opportunities as male students at this institution."
Roebuck's minority report said, "Equal opportunities for female students do not exist at UNM. Although we have three years in which to remedy this situation, the gross inequities evident in the athletic budget require drastic steps in each of the years available to us. To do nothing is to risk losing vital funding in the fond hope that Title IX will go away."
Title IX guidelines require all educational institutions to provide equal opportunities for all students. If UNM does not comply with the Title IX guidelines by 1978 all federal funds could be withdrawn from UNM.
The Athletic report shows the average grant for males is almost five times higher than that for females:

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The 1974-75 total spent for. grants to athletes was $\$ 512,899$-out of that female athletes received only $\$ 9,548$.
The faculty rejected the athletic report and instructed the council to submit a new report
showing how the council will comply with title IX. The report is due by the end of this semester.
In other action the Faculty tabled its approval of an amendment to the ASUNM student constitution.

The amendment would have created a Student Standards and Grievance Committee to hear grievances against any faculty or staff of the university.


The faculty seemed to agree with most of the amendment except for one part which read: "In matters' involving grading, the Student Standards and Grievance Committee may nullify the grade by the professor or substitute the grade of credit (CR). The final disposition of the student grievance shall rest with the Student Standards and Grievance Committee."

Dr. Sanford Cohen of the Economics dept. said this part "is a per se violation of academic freedom. The committee should not have authority to deal with grades." He suggested that the section be removed from the amendment.

ASUNM President Alan Wilson said after the meeting, "They used that as a stepping stone to avoid the whole issue. The faculty is going to have to get the message that students have something to say, that they want a voice in how this university is run."

## Project Volunteers Help Pregnant Mothers


"Let's face it, motherhood is scarey to every woman the first time around, that's why we're here," said Sharon Pecha, director of the Bernalillo County Mental Health Center Motherhood Project.
The Motherhood Project received a $\$ 5,000$ grant from ACTION for 1976 to begin training BCMHC volunteer services personnel to help expectant motherstounderstand their upcoming motherhood.
Funding primarily pays the traveling expenses for the volunteers and the babysitting cost for their children. The rest of the money is used for training materials.
"We modeled the project after our Child Abuse Program where our volunteers would go to the homes of families with a child abuse history once a week and help the mother feel better about hersel so she could feel better about her child," said Collie Hinton, volunteer director for the project.
The project was started in January 1976 when 12 pregnant mothers from the O.B. clinic at BCMC volunteered to participate.
We wanted women in their eighth or ninth month of pregnancy," Pecha said.
All the mothers are under 20, some are married; however, most of them have some type of economic problemb:w
"Mothers in our program do not need psychiatric help or a social worker, that's not what we're here for," Pecha said. "We want to help our client find the available resources in the city, help them with any personal problems they may have, help them understand about having a baby and be a friend when they need one,
The project is basically a pilot program. There are 12 volunteers assigned to 12 mothers and four alternate volunteers, in case a volunteer moves or becomes ill. "If the project is successful we
larger scale next year," Pecha said. The project stresses getting in touch with whe the mother is at and where she is coming from.
The volunteer starts where the mother is, she doesn't go into the home with a lot of do's and donts for raising children. Advice is minimal,
Pecha said. Pecha said.
"The mothers have a lot of ideas on what they think they should do, and sometimes the husband gets involed fame proct. In he extend fill ill get involved," she said.
Program requirements are the mother will be the primary care taker of the child, and the mother will not work full time and she wil tive in the Albuguerque area for the next year to work witha

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