—Morgan wants million $

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The $1.1 million supplemental budget was approved late Monday by the university's board of regents and presented to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

It is slated to be used for:

— Salary increases so that the Morgan faculty pay scale will be equal to that of other schools of its own size.*

— Preventive maintenance so that the school can make the necessary repairs on several buildings.

— Plans for a new dormitory.

— Teaching 30 elementary school teachers so they might teach science and math on a high school level. Billingsley says this program is being worked out with the cooperation of the city schools.

The tuition increase also approved late Monday represents a jump from the present $560 a semester to $695 a semester.

Billingsley was quick to point that with the increase the tuition is still $25 cheaper than Coppin State College and Towson State University.

"We're still the cheapest school to attend," he said.

Billingsley said that the belt tightening effort of last semester was successful but the university faces a tight budget situation again next year.

Last year the president announced several budget restraining measures which resulted in the reduction of 11 full time faculty positions (through attrition rather than layoffs) as well as not hiring any part-time instructors.

So many administrators are teaching some courses and an estimated 16 volunteers and 100 faculty members are carrying double duty.

Billingsley and the other university officials attribute some of the current crunch and the need for additional funds to the school's present drop in enrollment.

According to Dr. Wright Lassiter, vice president for business, the enrollment is down 2 percent from last semester, estimated count of 3,154 to the present estimated total of 3,040.

The slight drop came from close to 100 students completing their degree requirements in December, another 125 transferring and 224 withdrawing.

But an estimated 534 new students enrolled this semester, university officials reported.

University officials also attribute the current crunch to last semester's fiasco involving the Basic Education Opportunity Grant. Almost 700 students did not receive grants in time to enroll.

Yet despite all this the university is continuing to develop new programs.

With the present $800,000 for new programs to work with it has begun three graduate programs and an urban research institute and its basic studies program.

—Lawmaker's Day

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A usual day, if you can call it that, of a delegate or senator begins around 8:30 or 9 a.m. when he or she (there are now 28 female members of the assembly) arrives in the office to go through the mail, reads over the schedule for the day and discusses work assignments with administrative assistants and interns. Then it's off to the morning session.

By 9:30 a.m. members of the House are flocked around the coffee area of the House lounge, like bees around honey buzzing away about pending legislation, trying to drum up support for a bill or discussing testimony for afternoon committee hearings.

With the sounding of the bell for roll call, the session begins and once it's underway, it's the beginning of a busy and hectic day, requiring the legislators to be in two places at the same time or being two people at the same time. The latter would be the answer to many a legislature's prayers who unfortunately has not been tapped with that kind of magical power.

At first glance, the loose, jovial atmosphere would not seem conducive to the lawmaking process but further investigation would prove that the House members are busy making notes, calling upon student pages for everything from coffee to copies of the U.S. Constitution, making phone calls to staff members and at the same time voting.

When the session ends and now that's usually in about one hour if a hot issue doesn't come up for final vote, members mingle and talk, then scurry off to either grab a quick sandwich or skip the so - called lunch altogether and head for the afternoon committee hearings.

Each delegate serves on one of the House Committees where bills are heard before they are ready for voting action. This is when the problem occurs. A delegate serving on one committee may be the sponsor of a bill scheduled for another committee. How do you sit in on your own committee and hear pertinent testimony, yet be in another hearing and give testimony. Tricky, right?

Depending upon how many bills are heard, the meeting can drag on for hours, putting the day well past 4 or 5 p.m. Now it's time for dinner. Well, maybe?

Most of the time it's back to the office to go over more mail and paperwork, writing new bills or preparing testimony.

Those legislators who stay in Annapolis during the session at least save the wear and tear of driving back and forth to Baltimore and surrounding areas which can mount up to more than 40 miles one way.

"It's absolutely maddening," said a veteran delegate. "I can't believe I'm really working this hard and the double session hasn't even started, but there's so much that needs to be done."

For the first eight weeks of the 13 - week session the House of Delegates and Senate meet at 8 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays through Friday, the House convenes at 10 a.m. and the Senate at 2 p.m.

During the last five weeks, both the House and Senate will meet at 10 a.m., break for afternoon recess and convene again at 8 p.m. Some evening sessions go on well past midnight.

So, the situation in Annapolis will get worse before it gets better for the 148 lawmakers who will skip many lunches, eat many quick dinners and miss out on eight hours of good sleep.

—Smart dogs

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In another case, Allen Stokes Jr., told police he became "suspicious" about a vacant house in the 1400 block Druid Hill Ave., while walking his dog in the neighborhood around 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4.

Stokes, of the 1400 block Druid Hill Ave., stated his dog continued to "run in and out of 1408 Druid Hill Ave.," and he decided to follow the dog in the house.

The front door to the three story row house was open and Stokes followed his dog to the third floor, where he observed a woman "curled up on a sofa pillow."

The woman, who has not been identified, apparently froze to death and was "drying up" said a spokesman for the City Morgue.

Police said the unidentified woman is between 55 and 60-year-old, 5 feet, 6 inches and weighs 93 pounds.

She was wearing a tan waist length coat, a white sweater, a blouse, red pants and a black full length tweed coat and no shoes.

The medical examiner has not determined how long the woman had been dead and there were no signs of foul play.

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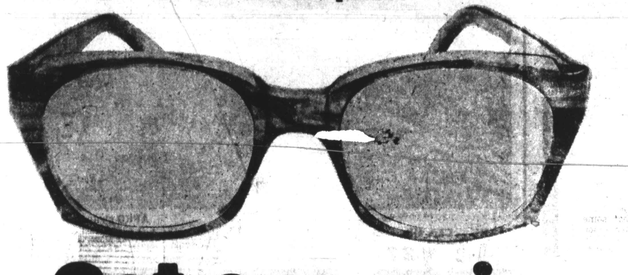

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They're trying to cut welfare again

ANNAPOLIS — A proposed budget cut for the Social Services Administration may reduce welfare aid funds by nearly $3 million.

The cut would place a crunch on desperately needed programs that primarily affect those either temporarily or permanently out of work.

At a Thursday, Feb. 8 hearing in Annapolis before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Resources, testimony was heard from administrators from the Department of Social Service and the Employment Security Administration.

Speaking before the committee, Human Resources Secretary Kalman Hettleman stated that public assistance is the single largest user of funds in the human resources area.

"Each year the Social Services Administration gets less than its fair share," he pointed out. "I just hope we don't lose sight of the people being served in order to save dollars."

The general public assistant program for employables primarily serves employable but unemployed adults who are not functioning as part of a family with children.

Many of those served are individuals who are prisoners, just being released from state and local institutions.

Nearly half of the $3 million cut is expected to be saved by checking eligibility requirements of public assistance recipients.

Because of a reported 50 percent error rate, which Social Services state is inaccurate, eligibility would be reviewed again in hopes of pinpointing persons now receiving benefits who are not entitled to assistance.

Cutting funds in emergency assistance programs is expected to save $1.2 million. This program provides immediate help for those without food, shelter or clothing.

Some 128 positions of Project SERVE would be fazed out by 1981. This program provides job training and experience for those persons on public assistance.

Through this programs they gain valuable experience that could result in their becoming a permanent part of the work force.

It is felt that the Work Incentive program and the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) will be able to provide those services which are being performed by Project SERVE.

Members of the subcommittee requested additional information from Hettleman before making its recommendation which is expected to come in the next few weeks.

Howard "Pete" Rawlings, D-38th, is a member of the subcommittee.

Del. Walter Dean, D-40th, stated that the proposed budget cut is "absolutely terrible. Just terrible." —P.E. Badham

Annapolis begins affirmative action

Affirmative action is coming to Annapolis.

The city's new director of personnel is developing a plan that would recruit more blacks and women into the city's predominantly white male labor force.

The plan, has brought a cautious "wait and see" attitude from the city's leading black activist and the head of the statewide chapter of the NAACP.

Thomas W. Engelke, who assumed the city's personnel post on Jan. 22, said recently that an affirmative action plan for the city is his "number one priority." Engelke was formally an official in the Anne Arundel County personnel office.

At the present there is no affirmative action plan for Annapolis. There is, however, a statement called "Policy and Affirmative Action Plan for Equal Employment Opportunity," which says no one will be denied a job because of race, creed, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Carl Snowden, an Annapolis activist, said he is cautious about Engelke's proposed plan.

"It's easy to talk about an affirmative action plan," he said. "The end result will depend on how successful it is."

Snowden also said Engelke has not spelled out his plans to him and would reserve any further comment until he has met with him.

Nathaniel Smith, president of the state NAACP, said that some type of affirmative action program is definitely needed but would wait to see what course Engelke would take.

He added that he would assign the Anne Arundel NAACP, to oversee the project.

The local human relations commission and the federal government have been putting on the pressure after two firefighters — one black and one woman — won their respective discrimination suits.

Engelke denies that one has anything to do with the other, pointing out that it is not unusual that the city lacks an affirmative action program and that he fully intends to engage in active recruitment.

Engelke said he will personally attend meetings at colleges, schools and civic associations to acquaint students and residents with city job opportunities and the proposed plan.

In addition, he said he will work to begin a training program for minority groups so they can compete for various city jobs and revise application forms, deleting questions on age and sex that could be prejudicial to an applicant.

He pointed out that type of information should not be seen by the person who hires.

Engelke also said he will contact black leaders and women's groups to work with them in attempts to recruit minority workers and balance the inequity within the employment system.

Records submitted to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for the period from July 1976 to July 1977 show few minority workers in city government. Current records, according to city officials, will not be ready for at least another week.

During the 1976-77 period, there were 108 employees in the police department, 78 white males, 14 black males, 14 white women and two black women.

The fire department had 79 employees, 70 white men, eight black men and one white woman who serves as a clerical worker.

The city's sanitation and sewage division is almost all black. Of the 41 employees only two are white. There are no women.

In utilities and transportation there were 24 white men, one white woman and six black men in a work force of 31 employees.

There are no blacks in either the housing and housing code enforcement division and the central office.

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