Higher prices, federal budget cuts bad news for fuel program...

Federal budget cuts, already responsible for a number of vital program cuts in the city, may affect yet another area of need—winter fuel.

The federally funded fuel assistance program may be cut by as much as 25 percent, which could mean up to $3 million less for the city's needy families.

In addition, monies available for fuel assistance may be channelled into weaterization programs, which will mean even fewer real dollars for fuel assistance grants.

The impending fuel assistance cuts have city officials worried. The fuel program was seriously hampered last year by a new method of allocating funds.

Families were met by confusion as they attempted to file applications for fuel. For many families, a wait of almost the entire winter was necessary before any fuel was received.

Urban Services Agency employees, in charge of implementing the program, voiced frustration that they were unable to expedite the program in any way, since it was the method of fund allocation and application processes specified by the state that was the cause of the confusion.

But this year, faced with methodology problems as well as fewer funds, things will be worse, they fear.

Urban Services Agency spokespersons have said that grant awards this year will probably be substantially less than they were last year.

Last year, the average grant ranged from $250 to $275 each. The grants were a one-time only award, and in many cases were not adequate to heat homes for significant periods of time, especially those households with small children.

City officials are hoping private contributions to the fuel fund will be plentiful this year to help make up for the anticipated losses.

Last year, the Baltimore Fuel Fund was successful in raising about $30,000, but double that amount is expected to be necessary this year.

Approximately 35,000 families were served last year by the Fuel Assistance Program, and about the same number is expected to qualify this year.

But with the same number of families and fewer dollars, problems are expected to increase manifold.

Families anticipating fuel assistance are urged to begin filing applications Oct. 1 at any Urban Services Agency center.

Failure to do so, or delay in filing application, may result in not being served with oil until late spring, or possibly being left out altogether.

In the running again

Bauman says homosexual spree may have cost him career

Former Rep. Robert Bauman, R-Md., says he is "trying to put on the best face" he can in admitting he is not free of the alcoholism and homosexual tendencies that may have cost him re-election last fall.

In an interview with the Baltimore Sun, Bauman said he knows the problems will be central in his effort to regain the seat, should he decide to run.

"I'm trying to put on the best face I can on what little I have to go with. When I go into that press conference (to make a re-election announcement) the lions will be there. Maybe there's a tactical advantage to answering questions now," he said.

Bauman, 44, a long-time conservative spokesman and three-term congressman, lost the 1980 election to Rep. Roy Dyson, D-Md., by four percent a month after Bauman acknowledged being "an alcoholic with homosexual tendencies."

In his first extensive interview since the election, Bauman said if he runs again he will not deny homosexuality.

"I feel the press will make the issue and I will have to run against myself. I will be candidate and the candidate's opponent," he said.

He also told the Sun he and his wife of 21 years have begun a trial separation.

"My wife, Carol had the good grace to wait until she thought I could handle it. It's not any angry situation, it's a sad situation. It's the single most painful thing that has happened," he said.

The interview came about a year after he was charged in a District of Columbia court for soliciting a 16-year-old boy for the purpose of prostitution.

A judge accepted Bauman's plea of guilty in return for his promise to participate in a six-month alcoholism rehabilitation program.

Bauman held a news conference at his Easton, Md. home a few weeks later and admitted he was fighting both alcoholism and homosexuality. He said he hoped the voters would forgive him.

Dyson, who won early in the race had been given little chance of upsetting Bauman, won the race.

Recently, Bauman has been tabbed by local political experts as the man to beat in the 1982 race against Dyson. Several polls taken on the Eastern Shore said Bauman could win. one poll showed that 73 percent of those surveyed believed Bauman could be elected.

Bauman has made no official announcement of a run for the seat.

...but HUB pushes for support of black oil dealers

Black homeowners are being urged by members of HUB, Inc., to support and patronize black oil dealers in fuel purchases this year.

The organization formed to promote economic self development in the black community has published a list of black fuel dealers in metropolitan Baltimore which they plan to distribute city-wide.

They are also distributing lists of white oil companies who have no minority retailers in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area.

According to recent figures, black hopseholds in the city consume about 1200 gallons of oil a year.

Out of approximately 125,000 families in the city, about 70 percent of the homes are heated with fuel oil, but up until now, only 8.9 percent of the $118 million spent on oil goes to black dealers.

HUB statistics also reveal a lack of black wholesaling operations located in and around the city.

By circulating lists of black oil retailers, HUB hopes to encourage black families to support the black businessmen, especially as the costs of oil continue to escalate and many businesses may in fact be threatened.

Terry Addison, a representative of HUB, said that consumers need not fear that black dealers will charge higher prices for their oil than do white retailers.

"With a standard market it's hard to do that," he said. "Prices won't be higher with the black retailers, neither will they be lower.

"They will be the identical prices charged by white," he said.

Families in the city are expected to be hard hit by oil prices this year. The average cost of a gallon of oil is expected to raise to $1.50, and some projections are even higher.

HUB officials said last year, many families were forced to buy as little as 50 gallons of oil at a time because of high costs.

But even with those conditions, black families chose white over black oil retailers, and HUB wants that trend changed.

The AFRO is publishing a list of black oil retailers identical to that being circulated throughout the city.

Black fuel oil dealers

ADAMS FUEL OIL COMPANY 5901 Park Heights Ave. James C. Adams, owner 578-1000

J.J. ADAMS FUEL COMPANY 4905 Reisterstown Rd. J.J. Adams, owner 466-4800

APACHE OIL COMPANY 1644 North Milton Ave. James S. Mason, owner 276-5062

APEX FUEL OIL COMPANY Mario Muse, owner 945-8888

B.E.&H FUEL OIL COMPANY 815 E. 25th St. Clarence Boles, president 889-4900

BLACKMON FUEL OIL INCORPORATED 1526 N. Gay St. Cleveland Blackmon,Jr., owner 732-7262

IDEAL FUEL OIL COMPANY 3604 Ferndale Ave. 367-4726

JACK FROST HEATING OIL COMPANY 3217 Powhatan Ave. 664-5700

THE JACKSON OIL COMPANY 1919 St. Paul St. Will D. Jackson, president 727-0026

SYDNOR & SON FUEL OIL COMPANY 3413 Grantley Rd. Claude A. Sydnor, owner 664-4528

M&E Fuel OIL COMPANY 5011 Liberty Heights Ave. H. Rice, owner 367-1434

W.W. MOODY & SONS FUEL OIL 845 N. Luzerne Ave. Willie W. Moody, owner 675-7349

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C&H FUEL COMPANY 2511 Chelsea Terrace Herman Lee, owner 542-9623

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JET FUEL OIL COMPANY 2613 Huron St. Martin Parker, owner 837-8626

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M. BROCK & SON 3500 Woodbrook Ave. Manson Brock, owner 523-8526

E.D. BROWN & SONS 3224 Gwynns Falls E.D. Brown, owner 383-9322

D.J. OIL SERVICE 2404 Garrison Blvd. Daniel Johnson, Sr., owner 664-1856

GLADNEY OIL COMPANY 2739 Greenmount Ave. Joe Louis Gladney, owner 235-2100

G&M OIL COMPANY 1549 N. Warwick Ave. Rudolph Ave. Rudolph C. Gustus, owner 728-0333

THE CENTRAL ICE & FUEL COMPANY 4317 Kennison Ave. Walter Jones, president 664-0062

PAYNE OIL COMPANY Bentalou Industrial Park Joseph A. Payne, owner 945-8300

SAVE ON OIL COMPANY 311 N. Warwick Ave. William Reed, owner 566-1010

—Appointments—

John Green promoted

John L. Green, of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene recently was appointed Deputy Secretary for Operations.

Green 41, joined the department in October of 1979 as Assistant Secretary for Health regulation and Policy Analysis. He will continue those duties as well as assuming responsibilities for the day-to day activities of the department.

Prior to joining the department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Green worked as a health planner from 1970 until 1974 with the Regional Planning Council, an independent governmental agency of the State of Maryland.

Green served as vice president for operations

John L. Green

and administration for Lutheran Hospital of Maryland in Baltimore from 1974 until 1979.

His appointment as Deputy Secretary for Operations with the department was effective Sept. 10.

A native of Tappahannock, Va., Green moved to Baltimore in 1963. He received a BS degree in Physical Education and Recreation from Virginia State College in 1962.

Green graduated from University of Maryland School of Social Work with a master's degree in Social Work in 1970. Green also has studied health care administration at the graduate schools of George Washington University and the University of Maryland.

Green, his wife, Edith Shadd Green, who is English Department head at Northwestern High School, and their 9-year-old son, John L. Green III, live in Baltimore.

Ossie Davis at Brailey salute

Internationally-acclaimed playwright and actor Ossie Davis will be the keynote speaker at a "Citywide Salute to Del. Troy Brailey" slated for Sunday, Sep. 20 at the Blue Crest North.

Davis will join local politicians Sen. Paul Sarbanes and Rep. Parren J. Mitchell and Rev. E.D. Nixon, civil rights struggle veteran, in paying tribute to Brailey.

Monies raised from the event should come in handy, as Brailey has announced that he will be seeking the state Senate seat currently held by Sen. Verda Welcome, D-40.

Brailey represents a vanishing breed of politicians. He depends largely on his ability to deliver constituency services rather than a raft of of legislation to maintain his popularity.

The 60-year-old politician come up the hard way. His first job, upon arriving in Baltimore from Lynchburg, S C. was that of a shoeshine boy. He later became a sleeping car porter, where he became a supporter of A. Philip Randolph, founder of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Randolph's influence rubbed off on Brailey considerably, and even now he is considered by labor officials to be one of the most sympathetic lawmakers in Annapolis

Samuels to head OMSE

Dr. Joseph M. Samuels recently was named head of the Office of Minority Student Education (OMSE) at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus.

Samuels, a secondary education professor and former coordinator of the Affirmative Action program at San Diego State University, assumed his duties as OMSE head effective Sept. 1, 1981.

He serves as the campus' chief advisor on minority undergraduate and graduate student issues. Samuels said he sees as one of his top priorities increasing the academic success of minority students.

In the past, Samuels has served as past president of the NAACP, Springfield, Mass.; founder and pastor of the Rock Church of San Diego, Ca.; and was a member of the Advisory Board of Yale University's "Upward Bound" program.

He received his Ph.D in educational administration from the University of Connecticut, where he was an assistant dean of the Graduate School and assistant to the dean of students.

Youth's presidential award stolen

A 17 year old Southwestern High School student was able to enjoy medals presented to him by President Ronald Reagan for only a few days before they were stolen

Even though the White House has offered to replace the medal and matching tie tack presented to Jerome Dale of the 500 block of North Gilmor St., at a Sept. 11 ceremony, the boy's mother, Madeline Dale said, "He doesn't want a duplicate — he wants the original back."

The high school student was 15 years old in 1979 when he rescued two small children from the third floor of their burning home. For his heroic act, Dale received the Young American Award For Bravery and Freedom

But Dale did not have the 24 karat gold Plated medal a week before it was stolen On Sept. 15, Dale's stepfather, James Daniels, 45, took the medal and tie tack to work where he displayed them to his co workers. Mike Bass police spokesman told the AFRO

At about 3 30 p.m., Daniels told police he placed the medals, encased in a cardboard box, on top of a locker and left A few minutes later, he returned to show another co worker the medals, but discovered they were missing from the box, Bass said

Daniels and Dale searched the building, the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health at 615 N. Wolfe Street for several hours Wednesday, but they found no medals

Frisby Historical Society hosts third annual Luncheon-Card Party

The Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society will host its third luncheon - card party on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Regency Terrace, 4147 Labyrinth Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

Mesdames Ruth Rosedom and Kathryn Frisby, President of the Historical Society, are chairman and co - chairman, respectively, of the luncheon.

Tickets for the luncheon may be secured from either of the chairpersons or from any one of the following committee members: Mesdames Martha B. Bradford, Catherine T. Howard, Lota Howard, Queenie Lane, Rosalind Lee, Reva G. Lewie, Lillie N. Myers, Ida Swanson, Mary T. Sprow, Louise Turks, Mildred A. Williams, Mamie Woodford.

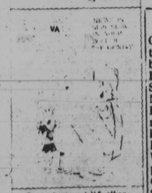
The Historical Society is a non profit organization founded by the Honorable Lena King Lee as a tribute to the outstanding work of world traveler and North Pole, Arctic traveler, Dr. Herbert M. Frisby.

This organization is devoted to the quest for information about the contributions of black Americans, especially those in the Baltimore Metropolitan area, and it endeavors to make public information about the notable achievements of outstanding persons.

Donations from this affair will help the members of the Society to publish a second edition of the book, The Black Presence In Maryland, a book which stresses the notable accomplishments of outstanding blacks in and around Maryland area who have made and are currently making contributions to society during this current age.

A projected activity which the members of the Society hope to initiate in the near future is that of the awarding of scholarships to deserving talented youths who need further training and incentive to perform scholarly research in various fields of study.

Members of the Historical Society are are most grateful to the many persons who have supported all of its activities.



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REWARD $ drive launched to nail killers of Dr. Phillips and other victims

Last rites for slain physician Saturday, see page 8

Crime holds us all hostage!

By James M. Abraham and Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writers

In response to the recent slaying of a respected West Baltimore physician, a state delegate has called for a reward to be established in an effort to expedite the arrest of those involved in the crime.

"The community must come together and stop these senseless killings among us," Del. Troy Brailey, D-40, told the AFRO. "I am calling for the establishment of a reward fund for the arrest of those apprehension and conviction of those who are committing these heinous crimes."

Brailey, a neighbor of Dr. George Phillips, the slain physician, said that he himself was the victim of an assault and robbery less than four years ago, and that he felt the time had come for citizens to stand up and protect their community.

Brailey's announcement comes on the heels of Del. Frank Conaway's, D-40, call for a "black crusade against crime."

Conaway stated last week that federal, state and municipal funds for crime-fighting have been or will be decreased, and that it is time for the black community to police itself. Conaway said that blacks should organize into block clubs or patrols as part of the ant-crime effort.

Probably one local group which has taken a page from Conaway is Redeemer Palace, a youth outreach program located in West Baltimore, behind the crime-ridden Metro West complex.

There, a group of youth under the direction of Rev. Willie Ray have organized themselves into a crime-prevention squad known as the Redeemer's Palace Escorters. The group has contacted officials at the Metro West complex, and plans on patrolling that area, as well as several other center-city crime spots.

But despite these efforts, the threatening specter of crime holds our community hostage.

Since Aug. 10, there have been 31 local homicides and nine murders remain unsolved. Homicide detectives report that these they have not shut the book on the Sept. 18 homicide of Kenneth R. Edwards, of the 3700 block W. Franklin St.

Edwards was attacked while playing ball with a friend in the schoolyard behind the Edmondson Village area Mary E. Rodman school.

He and a friend were approached by three teenagers, one of whom shot and killed young Edwards after stripping him of his valuables.

The grisly strangulation murder of Dorothea Martin, who was found lying on the pavement of the 1500 block N. Potomac St., remains another unsolved homicide.

What about James Jacobs, who met death by stabbing while sitting in his 2500 block E. Biddle St. home, or Byron Cherry, who was found dead in the street in the 2400 block Loyola Southway?

Community silence is community compliance, and the AFRO urges all to heed the words of Conaway, and take matters into our own hands.

Call the city's homicide squad at 396-2721.

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Who stole our 'Roots'?

Probe of airline stewardess' death on Jet continues

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

A spokesman for a federal agency investigating the Sept. 20 death of a 24-year-old Baltimore based airline flight attendant said he is not commenting about the woman's death until a final autopsy report has been received.

Karen Williams, a two-year World Airways employee from Oakland, Calif., died in a DC-10 jetliner accident enroute to London from Baltimore-Washington Airport.

Ms. Williams lived in Washington, D.C., but had been based at BWI for about four months. She was pronounced dead on board the jetliner by two doctors, who were among the 330 passengers.

National Transportation and Safety Board officials said she died after she was caught between the elevator cab of the plane and a door frame.

Rudy Kapustin, a senior NTSB investigator, said the jetliner's crew found Ms. Williams lying "half-in and half-out" of the elevator after the accident had occurred.

Ms. Williams' body was removed from the plane once it landed in London and an autopsy was ordered by British officials.

Karen Williams

The plane was then released to continue its flight to Germany.

Kapustin said he was reluctant to comment about Ms. Williams' death until a final autopsy report by British coroners had been reviewed.

Earlier reports of the incident gave conflicting versions. Some reported Ms. Williams was "crushed to death," other reports stated she died of a heart attack.

A statement from Michael D. Henderson, the airline's public relations director, said a preliminary autopsy report indicated her death was due to "cardiac arrest with a minor degree of asphyxiation."

Henderson said Ms. Williams suffered no internal organ damage which apparently refutes reports that the young woman was crushed.

Kapustin told the AFRO he refused to make any comments about the cause of her death.

"We simply don't know (how she died.)" he said.

Otherparts of the investigation are proceeding. Kapustin said a World Airways technician at the firm's Oakland base is awaiting the arrival of an inner lock switch which will complete the NTSB's investigation.

"We got all the parts off the plane we need, except for one switch that was taken off (the plane) in the United Kingdom," he said.

Passengers and airline personnel also have been interviewed.

In a recommendation to the Federal Aviation Administration, the NTSB urged the switches be moved "to a position where they would not be susceptible to damage by food service carts, to advertent contact by personnel attempting removal of food service carts, and to contamination by foreign substance."

Who really stole the Kunte Kinte plaque?

The bronze plaque commemorating the arrival of Kunte Kinte—ancestor of Alex Haley—to this country 214 years ago was dedicated Monday in lavish ceremonies on the Annapolis dock.

Present were state and city officials, as well as "Roots" authbr Alex Haley. According to the governor, the presence of the plaque symbolized an end to senseless racism here.

But on Wednesday morning, the plaque was discovered missing, a KKK business card in its stead, which read, "You have been patronized by the KKK."

While black citizens and leaders expressed rage at the prank, KKK members have expressed an equal amount of protest centering around their ethics.

A Klan official told Annapolis officials "Klan members are not allowed to participate in unlawful events."

Annapolis police are now baffled. Did the Klan really take the plaque and are now lying to stump investigators? Or was the theft the work of some other prankster who realized blaming it all on the Klan would take the heat of his act?

Nobody knows. Everybody is a bit baffled and very disgusted.

At AFRO presstime, Annapolis police reported no suspects.

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Port Welcome passenger 'search' policy queried

By Patricia Tatum
AFRO Staff Writer

In the face of complaints received by a Baltimore cruise liner firm, the company's manager insisted his company's policies are the same for all customers, both black and white.

But, according to the president of a black social club, guards hired by the company are rude and search blacks, but whites are allowed to board the liner, Port Welcome, without being searched.

Milton Tankard, president of the Finos Club, said he was alerted to rude searching procedures by guards employed by the Baltimore Harbor Cruises firm in July, several weeks before Tankard's group was to sail to Annapolis from the Inner Harbor on the Port Welcome.

Members of the Mt. Vernon Club told Tankard how the guards really "messed" them up. Tankard said Mt. Vernon Club members accused the guards of "putting hands on their bags" and of talking to them rudely.

Tankard said he later learned the Mt. Vernon Club filed suit against the cruise company.

He said he and another Finos Club member, Earl Rich, visited the Inner Harbor boarding area of the Port Welcome three Sunday mornings prior to their cruise in early August "and watched the Port Welcome guards."

"White people came and went

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Photog found dead in Druid Hill Park

"I just can't believe he committed suicide. He was just a happy person."

Those were the words of Leonard Tennessee, a friend of John Sydnor, 26, who was found dead in Druid Hill Park Sept. 22, by a man who was jogging through the park.

Sydnor, who was employed as a photographer for Segal Majestic never arrived on his assignment Tuesday morning. According to a friend, Sydnor had been assigned to take pictures at Milford Mill High School.

Police report Sydnor was found lying near his car in the 3100 block of Swann Drive and that he died of a self - inflicted wound to the head. He had been employed for Segal Majestic since 1976.

Funeral services for Sydnor will be held today (Friday) The family will receive friends at 6:30 p.m. and services will be held at 7 p.m.

City changing stance on contracts

The Board of Estimates seems to be involved in a tug-of-war in its decision to award a bid to a firm that does not meet the requirements for the city's minority business enterprise program.

The MBE program, approved more than a year ago, requires that all contracts approved for the Department of Public Works and Housing and Community Development, the only two agencies using the plan, must meet a 15 to 25 percent minority participation goal.

At its Sept. 9 meeting, the Board of Estimates awarded a $1.7 million contract for improvements to the pump and blower of the Patapsco Waste Water Plant to the Johnston Construction Company, which was the second lowest bidder.

Johnston, a Delaware-based firm, used six minority contractors to achieve a 25 percent minority participation goal. J. Vinton Schaefer & Sons, Inc. submitted the lowest bid but with only four percent minority participation, saying that it acted in "good faith" but could not find minority firms.

Schaefer appealed the board's decision and last week, by a vote of 2-1, the decision was rescinded in favor of Schaefer.

But after much criticism was raised over whether the city was slacking up on its commitment to the MBE program and Johnston's decision to appeal the reversed decison, the board scheduled yet another hearing at its Sept. 23 meeting. But the agenda item was re-scheduled for two weeks later.

City Comptroller Hyman Pressman and Deputy Public Works Director Richard Trainor were responsible for the vote to reverse the decison while City Solicitor Benjamin Brown, who voted the week before in favor of the Johnston firm, voted against it.

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Literacy campaign begins

The fight against illiteracy in this city officially got off the ground this week in ceremonies held at the main branch of the Enoch Pratt Library downtwon.

Attended by Barbara Bush, wife of Vice-President George Bush, and Wally "Famous" Amos, honorary chairman of the campaign, the ceremonies eventually ended up at the Oliver Multi-Purpose Center, the site for one of the city's first reading centers, for its official opening.

According to William McKay, staff coordinator for the Baltimore City Literacy Commission, the program got underway in February of this year.

Concerned that there were an approximate 200,000 people in Baltimore who could not read or write, Mayor William Donald Schaefer appointed the Commission to come up with a plan to alleviate the problem.

In addition to increasing public awareness and designing specific programs to deal with illiteracy, the Commission took it upon itself to establish reading centers, such as the one at Oliver Multi- Purpose Center, as places for interested students to get assistance.

McKay said volunteers teach students, who range in age from 18 to 30 years, in reading skills, comprehension and listening.

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Local high school sports controversy

No more winning athletes with failing class grades

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

City Council members this week presented a strong show of support for Council President's Walter Orlinsky's letter to the school board asking for a closer watch on academic requirements of high school athletes.

Orlinsky, concerned over an apparent 50 percent passing score on academic courses by city high school youths, asked School Board President David Daneker to set a passing standard of "no less than 60 percent on courses" in order to play organized sports.

"Playing sports is a privilege, not a right," said Orlinsky, adding that the 50 percent pass requirement is "potentially damning" to the school system.

Orlinsky said that he hoped the board would "see the folly of its current rule," and make appropriate changes.

Nearly all of the councilmen present supported Orlinsky's concerns, some proposing that the council look into the matter even further.

"I hope this is not just the tip of the iceberg," said Norman Reeves, D-5th. He suggested the council look into the matter deeper, including the recruiting practices of area coaches, to "make sure our kids aren't being exploited."

Daneker, when queried, said he had received Orlinsky's letter and that the matter would be looked into at the next school board meeting, set for next week.

Daneker said he was not aware of the 50 percent requirement before the news broke this week, but said the deeper matter of the relationship of recruiting practices to academic standards would probably be left alone for now.

"If we get involved in too many issues at this time," Daneker said, "we might delay action on the most pressing issue, which happens to be the academic passing requirement."

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