news roundup

World

Iranian disquiet ends — Iran’s new revolutionary government reports that it has quelled all resistance. The government, however, conceded that it was having trouble controlling its own supporters. Revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini appealed to his followers for order and the return of thousands of looted weapons.

Nation

Gas station closings may return — Officials in the Carter administration are now warning that Sunday gas-station closings and long lines may return if the Iranian oil shutdown continues for the rest of the year. Gasoline prices are also expected to reach $1 a gallon within the next year.

Carter to meet with Mexican President — President Jimmy Carter will meet with Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo. High on the meeting’s agenda is the problem of illegal aliens entering the United States from Mexico. Current estimates put the number of aliens entering the country at half a million annually.

Pentagon studies nuclear tactics — The Pentagon is financing dozens of studies in an effort to determine alternative ways of targeting the US strategic forces, according to Department of Defense documents. The subject of one of these studies is the determination of a “nuclear weapon deployment strategy that would eliminate the USSR as a functioning national entity.”

Local

Harvard student snagged — A 22-year-old Harvard senior was arrested when rescue units found him after searching for him for two days. He had attempted to hike over Mt. Katahdin at night without getting caught, and was charged with failing to register his presence in the park.

King toughening up on judges — Governor Edward J. King has assumed greater control over the process of selecting judges than did his predecessor, Michael Dukakis. He has appointed a Judicial Nominating Committee dominated by lawyers and former judges sharing King’s view that “we have no choice but to punish those who break the law.”

Weather

Partly cloudy this morning with a chance of light snow. Becoming cloudy this afternoon. Very cold, though, with highs 12-17. Bitter cold tonight; under clear skies, lows will be 6-10 above. Slightly warmer Wednesday, with partly cloudy skies, highs in the low 20’s.

Fed regulations restrict total aid packet

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The balance of the $2500 self-help comes from student “Term-time jobs.” Most students with financial needs are eligible for employment under the Federal Work-Study Program and the Financial Aid Office (FAO) regularly earmarks $1500 of self-help to a job. The federal government pays 80 percent of a financial aid student’s work-study wages, with MIT picking up the balance. The program permits a university to provide expanded employment opportunities for students not on aid.

However, federal regulation prohibits aid, which when combined with other resources, exceeds the standard cost (MIT’s $8350). Therefore a student working under the Work-Study program cannot exceed the amount earmarked, or what the Student Employment Office calls the “eligibility limit” (which is the $1500 figure in our example). Armstrong explained that his letter was intended to notify those students pacing themselves toward exceeding that limit.

The rumors and unrest arose when some students assumed that their jobs were to be ended immediately. As for our model student, who has not reached his $1500 limit, Armstrong stated, “I can’t tell him he can’t earn up to $1500... I can’t tell him that.” Armstrong later added that depending upon interpretation of federal regulation, there was hesitancy to push the limit $1000, $200, or even $400 to $1900.

The notification system used by the Student Employment Office exists because, as Armstrong put it (Please turn to page 3)

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