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August 9, 2010

Senator Henry Wilkins, IV, Co-Chair  
Representative Allen Maxwell, Co-Chair  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
State Capitol, Room 315  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Messrs. Wilkins and Maxwell:

This letter is in fulfillment of Section 10 of Act 29 of 2010 requiring Arkansas Rehabilitation Services to report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all counselors employed by ARS who are eligible for and have enrolled in the division's Forgiveness of Student Loan program benefit. The program has been very successful in enhancing the division's ability to recruit and retain vocational rehabilitation counselors. You may recall that an eligible ARS vocational rehabilitation counselor may elect to enroll each calendar year in the student loan forgiveness benefit for a total of 5 years and \$10,000 in loan payback assistance. As part of the benefit's obligation, every two years a VR counselor is employed at ARS the division will retire 1 year of the eligible student loan.

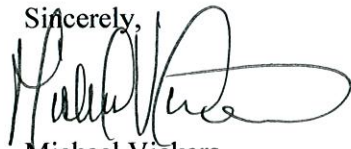
On August 24, 2009, notification of the program benefit was sent to all ARS counselors and district managers throughout the state. Additionally, notification was also included in the agency's newsletter and ads were placed in university newspapers of all 3 graduate vocational rehabilitation programs located within the state. As program administrator, I have conducted eligibility awareness presentations in each of the division's 19 field offices located throughout the state.

Currently there are 10 counselors taking advantage of the employee benefit. For the period July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, 7 vocational rehabilitation counselors enrolled in the program. For the period January 1, 2010 through July 30, 2010, 3 vocational rehabilitation counselors enrolled in the program.

The notification was completed on August 24, 2009 to comply with the July 1, 2009 notification requirement. The July 1, 2010 notification requirement will be sent out on August 12, 2010 to the vocational rehabilitation counselors. All future required reports will be submitted twice a year for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010 report by or before January 15<sup>th</sup> and a January 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011 report by or before July 15<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, enclosed are the notifications sent out to all vocational rehabilitation counselors.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a status report to the Council and for the members' generous support of this program. If you have any questions, please let me know and I will gladly provide additional information for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Vickers', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Michael Vickers  
Program Administrator

## **Michael Vickers**

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**From:** Michael Vickers  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2009 3:16 PM  
**To:** ARS District Managers; ARS Field Staff  
**Cc:** Robert Trevino; Cassandra Williams; Brooke Crane; Rodney Chandler; Michael Vickers  
**Subject:** STUDENT LOAN PAYBACK PROGRAM UPDATE NEWS!

Dear Counselor,

Recent modifications have been incorporated into the Student Loan Payback Program. The previous language setting the eligibility date on or after July 31, 2007 is no longer applicable. Any counselor that has a current student loan outstanding in pursuit of a Master of Rehabilitation Counseling degree and wishes to commit to two years of service for every year of payback shall be eligible. The amount made directly to the counselor's student loan creditor may not exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year with a maximum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or the amount of the balance due on the loan.

To sign-up for this program or acquire additional information regarding rules, application, and eligibility, please contact Arkansas Rehabilitation Services' Student Loan Payback Program at 501-296-1663. You may also log on to [www.arsinfo.org](http://www.arsinfo.org) and click on the Student Loan Payback Program link under Special Programs.

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## Michael Vickers

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**From:** Michael Vickers  
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**To:** ARS Field Staff; ARS District Managers; ACTI Vocational Instructors; ARS DWE ALL  
**Cc:** Michael Vickers; Carl Daughtery; Robert Trevino  
**Subject:** STUDENT LOAN PAYBACK PROGRAM UPDATE!  
**Attachments:** Student Loan Payback brochure.pdf; Student Loan Program Rules and Forms for completion.pdf

Dear Counselor,

Do you currently have student loans? Would you like for up to \$10,000 of your student loans to be paid off? well look no further because the Student Loan Payback Program is here for you! Any counselor that has a current student loan outstanding in pursuit of a Master of Rehabilitation Counseling degree and wishes to commit to two years of service for every year of payback shall be eligible. The amount made directly to the counselor's student loan creditor may not exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year with a maximum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or the amount of the balance due on the loan.

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August 2, 2010





### **Student Loan Payback Program**

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# **Student Loan Payback Program**

**For students  
graduating with a degree  
in Rehabilitation Counseling  
or for Vocational Rehabilitation  
Counselors employed by the  
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## Student Loan Payback Program

The Arkansas Department of Career Education's Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division's **Student Loan Payback Program** was established during the 2007 session of the Arkansas General Assembly. Its purpose is to provide an incentive to qualified vocational rehabilitation counselors who are considering employment with the State of Arkansas.

In accordance with guidelines issued by the federal Rehabilitation Services Administration, **ARS vocational counselors are required to have an approved master's degree in counseling or a related field, qualification as a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, or be eligible to sit for the CRC exam.** In order to assist individuals in achieving these requirements, the student loan program offers assistance with repayment of loans incurred in pursuit of a master's in rehabilitation counseling, sociology, psychology, or a related field.

**The Student Loan Payback Program is available to Arkansas Rehabilitation Services' vocational counselors who have been determined eligible under the following rules.**

1. A counselor must satisfactorily complete the six-month probationary employment period, as certified by the Commissioner of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services.
2. An eligible counselor who wishes to apply to participate in the Program shall submit to Human Resources:
  - a. A completed Student Loan Program Request form
  - b. An original statement and/or correspondence from the student loan creditor, dated within 30 days of the request. The proof of loan document must indicate the original loan disbursement dates.

## Student Loan Payback Program

- c. A completed Student Loan Program Contract signed by the requesting counselor and his immediate supervisor. In the contract, the counselor will agree to:
  - i. *Remain in the employ of ARS for a term that equals two (2) years for each year that the Program makes a payment on the counselor's student loan; and*
  - ii. *Reimburse the Program the full amount of any loan payment(s) made under the Program in the event that the counselor resigns his position with ARS or is terminated by ARS for cause before the term of the contract expires.*
3. A loan eligible for the Program must have been incurred in the pursuit of a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling, psychology, sociology, or social work required for employment with ARS.
4. The amount of payment(s) made directly to the counselor's student loan creditor may not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per year.
5. Cumulative loan payments made for any counselor may not exceed the lesser of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or the amount of the balance due on the loan.

Program rules, applications, contracts, and other information are available by contacting the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services' Program Director for Alternative Financing Program/Student Loan Payback Program at 501-296-1600 for questions or further information, or by logging on to [www.arsinfo.org](http://www.arsinfo.org).

**Rules for Administration of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services  
Forgiveness of Student Loan Program  
Act 1275 of 2007**

**INTRODUCTION**

Act 1275 of 2007, effective July 31, 2007, established the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) Forgiveness of Student Loan Program (Program) to assist qualified current employees and newly-hired rehabilitation counselors employed by ARS with the repayment of student loans incurred while pursuing credentials that are required for employment.

The act provides that ARS shall administer the Program and promulgate rules for its administration.

**PROVISIONS OF ACT 1275 OF 2007**

Eligibility

An ARS rehabilitation counselor shall be eligible for the Program who

1. Satisfactorily completes the probationary employment period, as certified by the Commissioner of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services.
2. Provides proof of an unpaid student loan, including the name and address of the creditor; and
3. Agrees contractually to
  - a. Work for ARS for a term that equals two (2) years for each year that the Program makes a payment on the counselor's student loan; and
  - b. Reimburse the Program the full amount of any loan payment(s) made under the Program in the event that the counselor resigns his position with ARS or is terminated by ARS for cause before the term of the contract expires.

Payments Under the Program

All payments made under the Program shall be made directly to the counselor's student loan creditor.

Loan payments may not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per fiscal year.

Loan payments made for any counselor may not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).



**Rules for Administration of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services  
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**RULES**

1. A counselor must complete the ARS six-month new-employee probationary period.
2. An eligible counselor who wishes to apply to participate in the Program shall submit to the Program Director
  - a. A completed Student Loan Program Request form (Appendix A)
  - b. An original statement and/or correspondence from the student loan creditor, dated within 30 days of the request. The proof of loan document must indicate the original loan disbursement dates.
  - c. A completed Student Loan Program Contract (Appendix B), signed by the requesting counselor and his immediate supervisor. In the contract, the counselor will agree to
    - i. Remain in the employ of ARS for a term that equals two (2) years for each year that the Program makes a payment on the counselor's student loan; and
    - ii. Reimburse the Program the full amount of any loan payment(s) made under the Program in the event that the counselor resigns his position with ARS or is terminated by ARS for cause before the term of the contract expires.
3. A loan eligible for the Program must have been incurred in the pursuit of a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling or a comparable degree as recognized by RSA and required for employment with ARS.
4. The amount of payment(s) made directly to the counselor's student loan creditor may not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per year.
5. Cumulative loan payments made for any counselor may not exceed the lesser of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or the amount of the balance due on the loan.

**Arkansas Rehabilitation Services  
Forgiveness of Student Loan Program  
Request Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Current ARS position \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Student loan incurred to obtain \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of degree attained

Degree obtained from \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of college or university

Name of creditor owed for student loan \_\_\_\_\_

Address of creditor \_\_\_\_\_

Balance owed to creditor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of loan attached Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Proof of student loan must include an original statement and/or correspondence from the student loan creditor, dated within 30 days of this request. The proof of loan document must indicate the original loan disbursement dates.**

Employee signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**For ARS Use**

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Employee hire date \_\_\_\_\_ New hire probation completed \_\_\_\_\_

Verified loan balance with creditor \_\_\_\_\_

Request reviewed and approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Program Director Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Arkansas Rehabilitation Services  
Forgiveness of Student Loan Program  
Request Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby accept the terms of the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Forgiveness of Student Loan Program (Program), as indicated in this contract.

I understand that Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) has agreed to assist me with the repayment of a student loan I incurred in pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_.

A balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is owed to \_\_\_\_\_, located at \_\_\_\_\_.

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services agrees to make payments directly to the aforementioned creditor in amounts not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per fiscal year. Loan payments made on my behalf may not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in the aggregate.

In exchange for the student loan payment(s) ARS will make on my behalf, I agree to (a) work for ARS for at least a term that equals two (2) years for each year that the Program makes a payment on my student loan; and (b) reimburse the Program the full amount of any loan payment(s) made under the Program in the event that I resign my position with ARS or am terminated by ARS for cause before the term of the contract expires.

_____	Date _____
Employee	Date

_____	Date _____
Supervisor	Date

_____	Date _____
Commissioner	Date



## GENDER

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A year has almost passed since my tenure as a fashion writer. Whatever I wrote, the exact words are blurry and obscure, but I'm very certain that my opinions and ideas on fashion have been endlessly recycled. I suppose this suggests, I think anyway, my style has not really changed, not evolved, whatever that may connote. I have not ceased to be what I was before, what I think has been my style, for many years now. I am not a fashion chameleon as some of my acquaintances exhibit themselves to be. I don't like to play dress-up. When in dress, I know who I am, and who I may be if I choose, permitting slightly contrived influences from Maggie Cheung and Johnny Depp. Fine, I once wrote about my fascination with attempting to dress androgynously, my interpretation of androgyny, but it only appears to be concordant with my shopping habits.

Clothes, I regard them to be superficial things, not quite indicative of that person's character, just a self-fashioned proposal of how they project themselves to be. In fact, I don't consider myself to dress any more uniquely than another female wearing black leggings, a T-shirt and a cardigan. But he, my Mr. Chow, tells me that I wear my outfits differently, specifically referring to my collection of necklaces and trinkets. Has my sense of style changed since our first encounter, I asked him. I loosely recalled his response, his observation that I have not dressed at all differently, only dressing in variations of a previous outfit.

I don't like to change for anyone, I don't like to feel obligated to change, in dress or in character, for any individual. Lately, I've come to realize, as I've been idling my time away with Mr. Chow, I find myself parroting his English idioms and slang. I, too, had thought

that I detected a slight influence from his nouveau hippie style. He negated the observation, stating that I have always possessed a boho-chic edge. Perhaps I dress more bohemian-like than I had initially thought; it must be the sudden investments of bracelets from World Treasures, as evident from the frivolous amounts of colors that have since accumulated on my right wrist.

If change in wardrobe is noticeable, it is in Mr. Chow's clothing, as he said that I had enhanced his interest in certain clothes from my own closet, specifically accrediting to dark denim jeans and V-neck T-shirts, classic items that he had not worn before we met. It's only a trite change, for he still dresses in his preppy, albeit slightly hipster, J. Crew wear, and he usually accessorizes his ensembles with a single beaded necklace and a man purse. At times, I find that is outfits can be rather emasculated, though I now realize that his outfits often resemble my own, which is considerably conspicuous during the winter season, as we both dress in understated pants – usually leggings on my account – and cardigans and possess a similar wardrobe palette. How often we would run into each other wearing similar clothing in black, blue, grey and white. Perhaps Mr. Chow dresses in the manner that I would imagine myself wearing if I were a male. Or perhaps we both dress accessibly in ways that is not quite gender determined.

Time has moved on, the weather has changed into a cooler climate. Our dress isn't quite as similar as it was before. Mr. Chow dresses to the functionality of the weather, while my dressing habits still clings hopelessly for the longing of colder days, the past weather. I think I have a hard time letting go of my winter wardrobe, always taking the time to grab one of many grey cardigans when the weather displays a bit of a grey overcast.

## DICKSON

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town Dickson Street Enhancement Project that preceded a slew of new bars in 2001. The parade of renovations was costly – it obscured storefronts and choked off the foot traffic so valuable to revenue, Walker said. Flying Possum took a series of big hits and the rest of "Dickson has had its eye blackened," too, he said.

During this period, the \$7 million Walton Arts Center paid for itself, Walker said. It attracted big-spending customers who walked Dickson when it was blocked off from traffic, and it kept registers ringing, he said.

"When the Walton Arts Center was built, it really reinvigorated business," said Charlie Alison, the founder

## TIME

from Page 2B

outstanding vocals, killer dance moves and not to mention hip-hop legend husband, place Beyonce as more than just an entertainer, but the star by which all others are judged.

Several newbies to the list include gleeek Lea Michele ranked at 67 and Jersey Shore's Snooki at 80. Though Michele is more often recognized as perky Rachel on the breakout, high school musical comedy Glee, she began her career at age 8 on the Broadway stage, winning fans as Wendla in the Tony Award-winning production of *Spring Awakening*. Snooki, on the other hand, has made her claim to fame as an MTV reality star. Her absurdity, verbal mishaps and life goal to meet a "nice, juiced, hot, tanned guy" turned Jersey Shore into a surprising, must-see.

Two older, always sexy actors seem to juxtapose the two younger, awkward

of FayettevilleHistory.com. "It made owners repair their stores and it filled a lot of vacant lots."

The Center's effect on business spread to the west end, which has begun to thrive over the past three years, Alison said. Stores like Flying Possum, Something Urban and Moore's Boutique are enjoying the business of theater buffs and students alike.

That includes Orange Mango, a frozen yogurt shop that has stayed full since its March opening. With its windows as walls, bright pastels and futuristic furniture, it is the antithesis of Walker's earthy leather shop. From across the street, it glowed orange and yellow.

As always, Walker trusted Dickson. "That place is always packed," Walker said. "I need to go try some of that yogurt."

comedians ending the *Time* 100 ranking. George Clooney at 89 appears on the list for the third time, continuing in his dramatic acting in *Up in the Air* and doing a memorable voiceover as a fox. Alec Baldwin at 90 continues down his hilarious path of sitcom comedy in *30 Rock* each week and proved his big-screen comedic worth in *It's Complicated*.

The breakout comedian of the year is awarded to Zach Galifianakis, ranked at 97, who stole the show in 2009's summer comedy *The Hangover* and stole laughs in *Up in the Air* despite only having a cameo. The comedian following Galifianakis at 98 is SNL personality Andy Samberg. His pioneering of the absurd, but hilarious digital shorts have amplified his popularity into more than "that funny guy on SNL," especially with "I'm on a Boat" nominated for a Grammy.

To see the full list of *Time* 100 winners, visit the *Time* Web site.

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## New gate causes problems for students, Residence Life

Officials say replacing gate costs university \$45-\$100 a pop

Tami Wynn  
Staff Photographer

The repeating vandalism of the parking gate at NorthPark Quads is creating a pattern of push and pull between Residence Life and some ASU students.

The hassle of having to stop, dig into pockets, swipe a card and wait for the gate to open, may be causing some students to lose their patience resulting in repetitive replacement of the armed gate.

The director of Residence Life, Patrick Dixon said, "I would say some weekends the gate has been torn down, but most weekends it is at least bumped, and every time it's replaced, it costs between forty-five and one hundred dollars."

Dixon said the closing of the Caraway entrance is causing students to use the NorthPark entrance as a cut through to University Loop East on the other side of campus, causing students to break through the gate.

"I think some students, out of old habit, use the parking lot as a drive thru

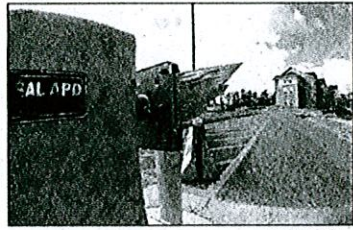


Photo by Tami Wynn

The gate that is being used to control who can get into the NorthPark Quads parking lot gets broken most weekends, according to Patrick Dixon, director of Residence Life.

"The vandalism to the armed gate may even be students who go out and have a good time, then come home and just drive through the gate," he added. "So I'd say it's a combo of things that are causing people to break it down."

Assistant director of facilities and operations, April Konvalinka, said there may be multiple reasons why students are breaking the gate.

"I think it's students who don't have access to NorthPark Quads, who are not residents and don't have I.D. cards. It could be current residents who don't have their I.D. cards or students who are trying to get to the other side of campus through the parking lot," she said.

Konvalinka said students need to realize that the parking lot at NorthPark Quads accommodates almost 1,100 residents,

and the security gate is a measure of protection and assurance that ASU's residents have a place to park.

"When our residents go home, they need a place to park and it provides them with a sense of security," she said.

There are also security cameras in place for protection at the entrance, which has allowed UPD to catch some of the vandals.

"The security cameras are how we have been able to catch some of the folks who have gone through the gate, and those individuals have gone through the judicial system," Dixon said.

Konvalinka said students need to look at the "bigger picture and be able to adjust to change and in order to provide a sense of security, there are going to be inconveniences that we all have to deal with."

## ASU prepares for earthquakes

Todd Fogle  
Staff Writer

Jonesboro is located near the New Madrid Fault and many students do not know what to do in the event of an earthquake emergency.

Robert Stafford, a senior exercise science major from Salem, said he did not know what to do even in the event of a tornado.

Donald Davis, a safety supervisor at ASU, said the fault is on a 500-year cycle. We are in the 200<sup>th</sup> year. He said there is about a 10 percent chance of a 7.0 earthquake or greater within the next fifty years.

Though that may seem like a low percentage, he said students should have some kind of plan and talk about what to do.

"If you can feel it, you probably need to be making precautions. You need to be aware of what's going on," Davis said.

Students who are inside buildings should take cover under furniture or in a stable doorway.

If nothing is available, try to get by an interior wall.

In all circumstances it is important to use hands and arms to cover the head and neck.

If walking outside, get in

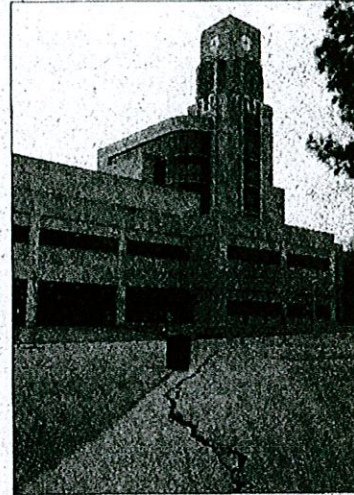


Photo illustration by Abdulhaseen

According to Donald Davis, a safety supervisor at ASU, it is important to remain calm during an earthquake. He said if you become trapped, make noise to alert someone.

an open area where falling objects will not injure you.

If that is not possible, he said going inside a building could be the best option.

In tall buildings during an earthquake avoid the stairwells and elevators.

In either area, enter

the nearest floor and take cover.

While driving, pull over while avoiding overhangs such as tree limbs, power lines and bridges. Remain in the vehicle until shaking stops.

Continued at asuherald.com

### Briefs

MidSouth Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Society's annual conference will be held at ASU Feb. 19-20. Early registration is available at [www.midsouth.org](http://www.midsouth.org) and Feb. 5. Regular registration fees are \$275 for nonstudents and \$150 for students.

Intent to graduate forms for students planning to graduate in May should be turned in to the registrar's

office by Feb. 5, 2010. The cards must be advisor approved. Undergraduates should submit cards to the Registrar's office and Graduate Degree Students to Graduate School located in the Library Plaza information located on the publication web page <http://registrar.asu.edu/graduation.php>.

Recomplete GPA forms need to be turned in to the Office of the Registrar located on the second floor of the Student Union after a class has been repeated.

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