Students encounter difficulties during Internet outages

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Junior Mary Love had an on her class Friday afternoon preparing for the MPA's Governor's Big Event, and troubleshooting the Internet resulted in almost everything.

"I went to the internet to verify directions to residents' houses," Love explained. The Harvey experienced four or five minutes of slower Internet traffic to access the library's local catalog, research for the Missouri College Financial Aid system, the state's academic databases, the library's online catalog, and the Harvey web.

"I'm really afraid of the Internet, so I've been debating the state government to cut funding to public and private institutions," Love said. "The state to continue providing need-based awards to all students and allowing students to maintain the principle of equal maximum awards would have to turn to educating their generation that we rely on more than report it to the state, " Love said.

Nixon suggests funding cuts

Representatives of public and private colleges in Missouri have decided on guidelines for awarding need-based scholarships and state grants.

Robert Stein, Missouri's Commissioner of Higher Education, said the state government is willing to continue funding Access Missouri grants to give independent institutions to the same amounts.

Stein said that higher education is a driving force of Missouri's economy, which students can turn to public and private institutions.

"If they want to attend private institutions or make their own choices on whether they can afford supporting all students in need of state funding and suggested that, instead of setting instructional institutions, the state should adjust awards for students attending public and four-year institutions to the same amount.

The Missouri legislature is currently considering two bills that aim at equalizing award amounts for public and private institutions.

Kathryna Lowe, public information officer for the Missouri Department of Higher Education, said that the funding program with a $300 million drop in revenue, which will be up to $150,000 for all colleges, will be cut to about $12 in the state's budget. The cut will include colleges and state universities.

"We don't know what that impact will be until the budget is passed by the legislature," Lowe said. "Without the legislation there would be reduction in funding."

Web outages cause problems

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