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## News Shorts

Pennsylvania is in the midst of what is being called the worst snowfall in 20 years. The Department of Transportation had 8,300 employees battling the high winds in an attempt to clear the snow off the roads one day last week. A spokesman for the department said that 70 per cent of the state's secondary roads were closed.

The American attempt to continue Jerusalem peace talks were rejected by Egyptian president Anwar Sadat attacking Israeli Prime Minister Menachen Begin's way of negotiating. Sadat's remarks followed a meeting with Cyrus Vance.

President Carter is attempting to lower the inflation rate by 0.5 per cent by asking businessmen and labor leaders to hold their wage and price increases in 1978 below the average of 1976 and 1977.

The U.S. Transportation Department is recalling Ford and Toyota vehicles. About 190,000 Ford Fairmounts, trucks, and Mercury Zephyrs, along with over 131,000 Toyotas are being recalled. The problems include faulty wiring, cracking engine cooling fans, and corroding fuel tanks.

In Detroit, two previously fired policewomen were reinstated and given back pay of about \$1,500 each. The reason they were fired was because they refused to cut their waist-length hair.

## Start To Dig Deeper

by Kurt Cavano,  
Executive Editor

Tuition increases and service cuts were discussed at the January 14 meeting of the Penn State University Board of Trustees in an attempt to balance the 1977-78 budget. A deficit of \$3,362,000.00 created by unexpected drops in enrollment, accrued interest on outstanding debts, and a 2.1 million dollar cut in state appropriations by Milton Shapp brought about a 2.2 million dollar cut in services, and a 1.1 million dollar hike in tuition rates.

The tuition hike, which will become effective spring term, will raise the tuition of Commonwealth Campuses and Behrend College from \$378 to \$393 and University Park tuition will go from \$421 to \$456.

### Building Erected

by Jay Shannon  
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The Physical Education Department at Behrend has added a new feature to the athletic fields behind Erie Hall. A small cement building, to be used for storage of athletic equipment, has been constructed directly behind the tennis courts. According to Dr. Roger Sweeting of the Phys. Ed. Department, the new structure was erected to alleviate a shortage of storage space in Erie Hall.

The building will be used mainly to store such large items as baseball backstops, bases, soccer and tennis nets, and archery equipment. The building has not yet been utilized, but it will hopefully be ready to for use by next spring's baseball season.

This tuition hike, the second increase of the year was the most heavily discussed topic of the day's meeting. Strong opposition came from student representative David Hickton, who proposed two alternative plans to try to avoid a tuition hike. One plan was a \$25 one-time surcharge to all students at all locations, and the other was floating the deficit in hopes that

the legislature would come through with additional monies. Both plans were voted down.

Grant Ackerman, Student Government President, stated: "As a rational and reasonable individual, I can't question the necessity of a tuition hike." He then added that the tuition hike was not the Board's fault, but rather Mr. Shapp's.

Also showing strong opposition

to the tuition hike was State Representative James Rhodes. Rhodes said, "If you really want to unrecoverably antagonize the House of Representatives towards Penn State, vote this tuition increase."

Neither Mr. Hickton's nor Mr. Rhodes' attempts seem to have had any effect, as the Board voted overwhelmingly to raise the tuition.

## R.A. Selection

by Robin Baulding  
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As one recalls his experiences with his resident assistant, he may think of him as a friend, an advisor, a person to talk to in time of need, or he may remember his R.A. reprimanding him for rule violations. Whichever the case, the resident assistant has the responsibility of all of these.

Now is the time for these people to be chosen again for next year. For those of you who are applying, have you ever wondered how you're going to be selected?

First, the term resident assistant, according to the residence life office, will be changed to resident advisor. The basic requirements for the resident advisor assistantship will be sophomore standings, or above, and a 2.25 cumulative average. (Note: a 2.5 or above average after spring term will be a positive factor in the final selection decision).

Second, the selection procedures for the candidate will be in five phases: (1) initial interview (2) leaderless discussion (3) hall interview (4) individual

interview with coordinator (5) area coordinator staff's placement of resident advisors.

In phase one, the purpose of the initial interview will be to identify those individuals who project basic helping and human relations skills. These interviews will take place February 1 through 3. One student, one resident assistant and one area coordinator will be the interviewers.

The candidates' individual behavior through group interaction will be evaluated through a leaderless discussion in phase two. Area coordinators, present resident assistants and possibly other professional staff will be observing the candidate's performance. The candidates will be given a problem to solve as a group with no leader identified.

Phase three will entail the hall interviews. Two resident assistants and three area coordinators will be assessing candidates for abilities and skills as they relate to residence hall life: judgment, leadership, exemplary behavior. Also they will be judging each candidate's ability to work with people of varying

life styles and cultures, and familiarity with the campus and community resources.

An individual interview with the area coordinator will be phase four. The purpose of this interview will be to clear up questions the area coordinator may have about candidates, to assess motivation and to allow the candidate to get to know the coordinator better. After this interview, each coordinator will choose from the applicants those he wishes to hire for his hall.

After this stage, the R.A. candidates must complete the residence life course offered Spring term, "Self Directed Behavior and Human Relation Training in a Residence Hall Setting."

Phase five will be the final placement decision. The coordinators will choose the candidates they will hire, and the remaining candidates will be alternates.

All applicants should note that at each phase, some individuals will be screened out of the assessment process. Those at any phase not recommended to progress to the next phase will be notified.

### In Memoriam Julie Masteller "Death, Be Not Proud"

*Death, be not proud, though some  
have called thee  
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so:  
For those whom thou think'st thou dost  
overthrow  
Die not, poor Death; nor yet canst thou  
kill me.  
From Rest and Sleep, which but thy picture be,  
Much pleasure, then from thee much  
more must flow;  
And soonest our best men with thee do  
go—  
Rest of their bones and souls' delivery!  
Thou'rt slave to fate, chance, kings, and  
desperate men,  
And dost with poison, war, and sickness  
dwell;  
And poppy or charms can make us sleep  
as well  
And better than thy stroke. Why swell'st  
thou then?  
One short sleep past, we wake eternally,  
And Death shall be no more: Death, thou  
shalt die!  
John Donne*



"Remember, Spring fun is right around the corner."