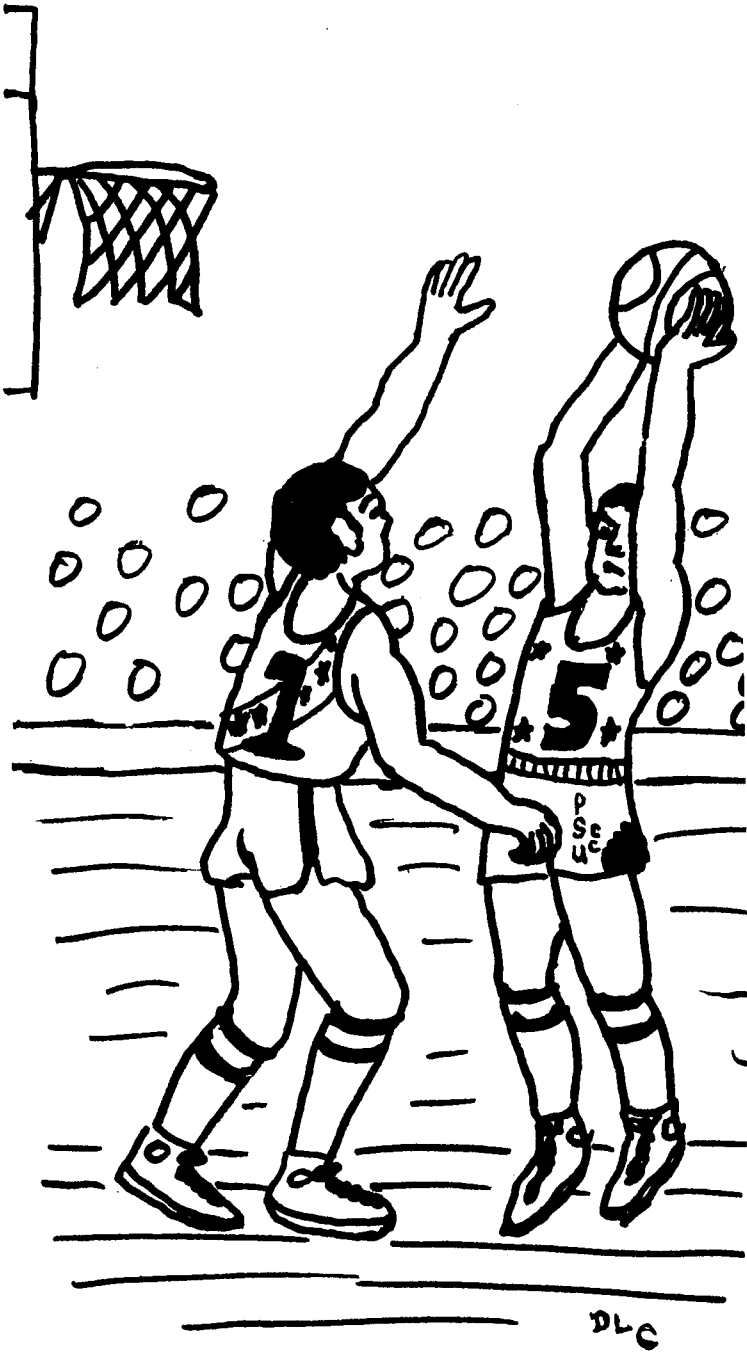


# Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE OF CONTEST	TIME
Feb. 4	Shenandoah College	CAPITOL CAMPUS	7:30 pm
Feb. 7	Schuylkill Campus (PSU)	CAPITOL CAMPUS	7:30 pm
Feb. 10	Mont Alto Campus (PSU)	Mont Alto, Pa.	7:00 pm
Feb. 11	Lackawanna Jr. College	CAPITOL CAMPUS	7:30 pm
Feb. 13	Stevens Trade School	CAPITOL CAMPUS	7:30 pm
Feb. 18	Spring Garden College	CAPITOL CAMPUS	8:00 pm
Feb. 21	Delaware Campus (PSU)	CAPITOL CAMPUS	8:00 pm
Feb. 26	Wilmington College	New Castle, Del.	8:00 pm



## Chess Tournaments Scheduled In Hbg.

Chess players are reminded of the area tournaments to be held in Harrisburg at the Holiday Inn Town at 2nd and Chestnut Streets on February 1 and February 2. There are three tournaments in all.

(1) The Sixth Harrisburg Beginners Open is open to all under 1200 or unrated. The entry fee is \$10 at the tournament. Trophies go to the top five players. Registration ends at 9:00 am, 2/1/75. Rounds are at 9:30, 12:00, 2:30 and 5:30.

(2) The Central Pennsylvania February Tornado offers three trophies and the entry fee is \$5. Registration ends at 9:00 am on 2/2/75. Playing times are at 9:30, 12:00, 2:30, and 5:30.

(3) For the really avid enthusiasts, the two-day Fifth Penn Capitol Open tempts you with six cash prizes from \$100 to \$30. Registration, \$13 at the tournament, ends at 9:00 am, 2/1/75. The rounds begin at 10:00, 3:00 and 8:00 on Saturday, and at 10:00 and 3:30 on Sunday.

If you plan to enter a tournament, be certain to take your own clock and set. It is possible to borrow sets and clocks from the Capitol Campus Chess Club through a club member.

# Tuition: Your Problem

BY Scott Deardorff, SGA Senator

The tuition at Penn State may have to be raised, but maybe you can stop it. During the past few weeks I have been in attendance at several meetings at University Park, at the meetings the subject of the University's financial situation was always discussed, President Oswald has always assured us that a tuition hike would be the last resort. At the last meeting the following letter from Douglas Ford, a U.S.G. Senator, best summarizes the situation of the University and what you can do to help.

To the student body of the Pennsylvania State University and the entire university community.

Do you remember Nixon's Six Crisis?

Well, Penn State doesn't have six crisis, but it has one very big one. The Pennsylvania State University like many universities and colleges in this country is facing a severe financial crisis. I will attempt to explain briefly the problem, the reasons why the problem exists, and the consequences of the problem.

### The Problem

The university has submitted a budget request to the governor that is approximately a fifteen to seventeen percent increase from last year's budget. This increase is necessary to avert the financial crises we now face.

### The Reasons Why the Problem Exists

There are basically four reasons for such an increase. First, we have inflation in all areas of the university. Paper costs have increased tremendously and laboratory supplies are scarce and extremely expensive. The list could go on and on. Secondly, fuel costs have gone up dramatically. Just over the past year, coal has gone up from approximately three to four dollars a ton to over thirty five dollars a ton. Oil has doubled in cost just over the past year, and with federal policies concerning oil imports and taxes, oil will cost ever more. The third reason for such an increase deals with the legislatively mandated increase in the state retirement fund. The 1.7 million dollar appropriation that was to cover the cost this fiscal year was vetoed by the governor. In the 1975-76 budget an even greater increase of 2.9 million dollars is slated for the state retirement fund, and again this is legislatively mandated and this university can do nothing about this increased cost. The fourth & final reason deals with the cost of living. Pay raises for university employees will be necessary as the cost of living rises. If this is not done, we may lose some of our best employees.

I believe it is very apparent that if this university does not receive something close to the budget increase requested for the 1975-76 fiscal year, we will be in an even greater financial crisis.

### The Consequences of the Problem

The consequences are three-fold. The unfortunate and most important consequence of this crisis is that if we do not receive the universities request, a tuition increase would seem unavoidable. The second consequence concerns the quality of education. Because of the freeze on hiring new faculty or filling old vacancies, we have an over-crowding of our classrooms which is not conducive to learning. In addition, if the university cannot maintain salaries to follow the cost of living, then we may well lose some of our best faculty. Moreover, if the universities increased budget request is not approved, then the probability of cutbacks in the form of ceilings on enrollment, abolishing programs, courses, and services presently in existence or presently being initiated will be near certainty. So I think it is obvious that the quality of education will suffer, and student will be paying more for an inadequate education.

### What can the Student Body and the Entire University Community do to Avoid Such Consequences?

The Undergraduate Student Government passed a bill nineteen to three Monday night the thirteenth of January that called for support of the university's budget request and would aid in lobbying effort to gain approval by the legislature of this request. It is terribly disturbing to hear our USG President declare his disapproval of the bill when without this appropriation the student body will suffer greatly. President Cernusca argues that there is a great deal of waste going on at Penn State, specifically within the university administration. There is no doubt that some waste and excess exists, but every corporation or large organization is going to have some problems with this, and it is the responsibility of those within the university community to deal with this problem. There is no reason to run to the state legislature with our internal problems, after all they don't come running to us about theirs. The President of USG fails to realize that the kind of waste he refers to may amount to only a few thousand dollars. This is not going to bring this university out of its financial crises, several million will. The fact is that no matter what the university does to try to save money, and they are considering several new initiatives, it will not save the approximately fourteen million dollars it needs to operate the university.

The governor is submitting his budget to the state in February, so I urge the university administration, the university faculty, and all students and student organizations to support and work for the passage of this years increased budget request. I also urge all students and their families, especially those attending commonwealth campuses to contact their senator and legislator to urge support of the university's increased budget request. I also urge that the entire university community initiate and take part in austerity programs that will not only save money, but will also show our sincerity in the effort to conserve during this crisis.

We are a community. We must work together if we are to see through this crisis with a minimal loss in the quality of education at Penn State.

Douglas Ford, USG Senator, Main Campus

## S.G.A. needs YOU

We are asking for anybody who would like to get involved with school, and help the S.G.A. run some of its functions like: the Bitch Booth, the book store, and other special events. We would like at least 30 people who have time, energy and concern for the campus, to be available to help us. Please fill out the form and leave it in the S.G.A. mailbox. W-110

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