

1987-88 Tuition Increase Explained

By Kimberly Anastas

The Pennsylvania State University is underfunded, according to Dr. Ruth Leventhal, provost and dean of Capital College, and raising tuition is one alternative to meeting the cost of operating the University.

According to Don Plourde, Financial and Administrative Services Officer, Penn State is "funded through two major sources." University Park allocates money to Capital College from tuition and state appropriations. The second source of money is from gifts to the campus, which are spent according to the sponsors' wishes.

Plourde said that the Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees meets every July to approve a tuition increase that will be effective in the fall semester. The Board of Trustees is made up of five members EX OFFICIO, (which includes Governor Robert P. Casey and Bryce Jordan, president of the University), six members elected by the governor, nine members elected by the alumni, six members elected by delegates from agricultural societies, and six members elected by delegates from industrial societies. There are also nine officers, three of whom are already on the Board.

Plourde said the tuition increase

varies in percentage every year, according to state appropriations. Plourde said that this year's 10% increase is the highest increase in many years. He also said the increase usually ranges from five to eight percent.

According to a 1986-87 study of *State Appropriations vs. Headcount Enrollment of Selected Public Universities*, Penn State fell nearly \$60 million under the average of state appropriations.

The average headcount enrollment of 40 universities in 1985 was 40,957. The average amount of money offered by the state in 1986-87 was \$241,069,000. Penn State had 62,414 students enrolled in 1985 and received

\$181,924,000 in 1986-87.

Dr. Leventhal said that according to that study, Penn State had 50% more students and received 25% less appropriations than the average.

Dr. Leventhal said the university has had to "cut back on maintenance and administration" to meet costs. She also said that "for the first time ever, Penn State has had to begin a private fund-raising campaign" to help defer operating costs of the University.

Software InfoCenter Opens

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The Library Software Information Center (SWIC) is now open and available for use by students, staff and faculty, according to Nancy Stanley, a librarian in Heindel Library.

The library collection of software materials grows daily. The library now has in its collection, about 100 titles. Projects are underway to make this material more readily available to anyone wishing to use it. All titles will be listed on LIAS and can be accessed utilizing the usual search commands. If you have any problems with your search, inquire at the library's reference desk.

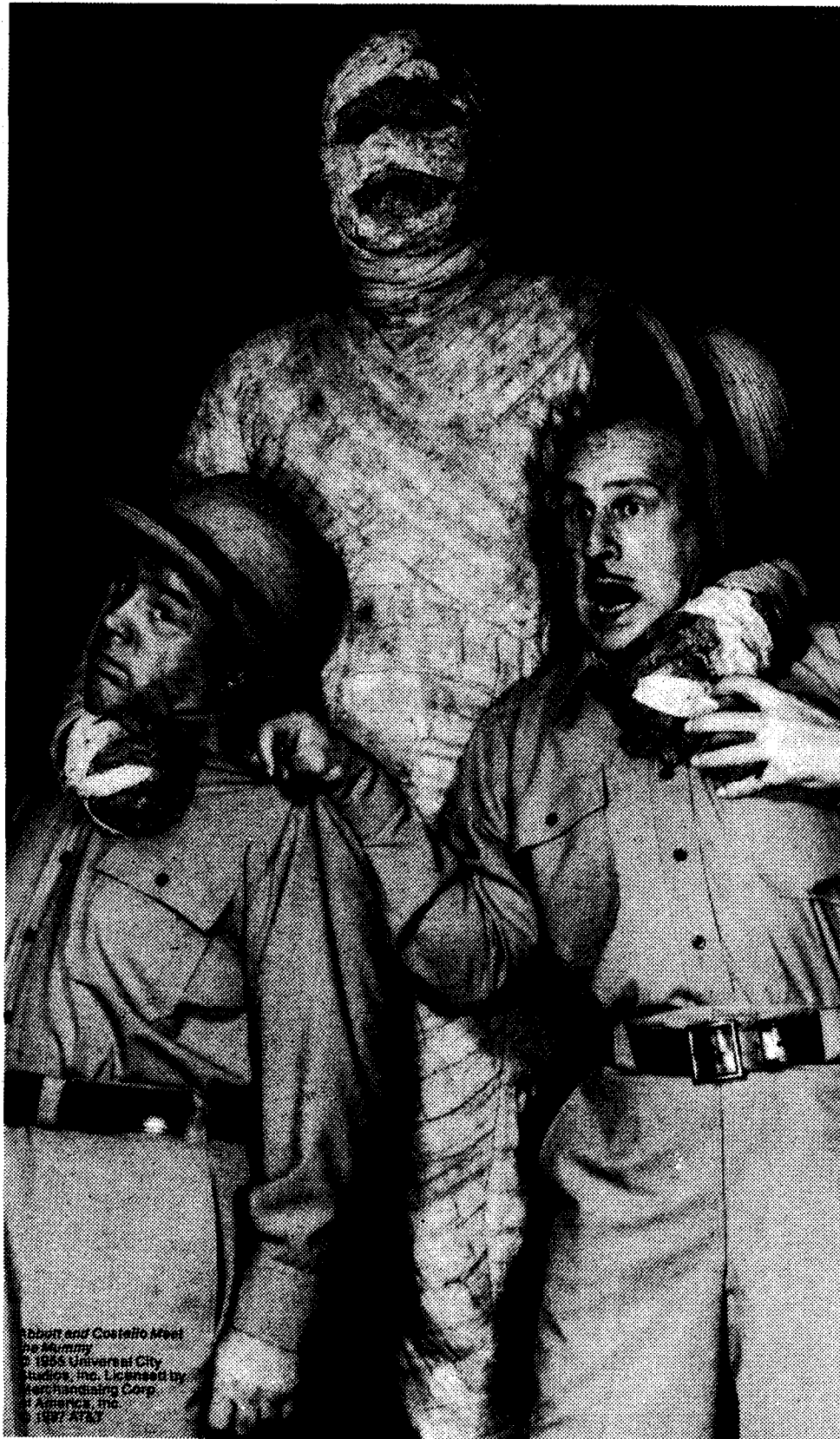
The library's holdings include packages in the areas of: data files, programming support, data base management, graphics, statistics, communication, word processing, and operating systems. Many of these packages have excellent tutorials.

In the very near future, the library expects to offer CAI (computer assisted instruction) packages and more data files. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to submit requests. This can be accomplished by submitting library request cards through your division or in E117 in the library. Nancy Stanley in E132, Heindel Library, will be happy to discuss any request with you.

Many currently available titles circulate for seven days. Inquire about individual titles at the circulation desk. Those titles that are unable to be circulated and titles you might wish to use in the library are supported by SWIC which is located across from the circulation desk. The operating hours will coincide with library hours.

The center has been recently renovated, named and three new workstations have been added. The available micros are two IBM XT's, a Apple Macintosh SE and an Apple IIe. All have printer support. Two Bondwell portable PCs and related software are available for longer circulation periods.

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