

Allocation

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State.

First, the State's research support to the University is cut by 20 per cent, a slash which will require reductions in the research programs in food, energy, coal, oil, transportation and other areas at a time when society's needs in these areas are most demanding. A 20 per cent cut in funds for research, from \$17 million during the current year to \$13.6 million on a 12-month basis or \$17 million for 15 months, is an extreme deprivation which will greatly and regrettably affect many of our capabilities for service to the people of the Commonwealth for many years to come.

Secondly, the budget proposes a 14.5 per cent reduction in support of medical education. This comes at a time when our most modern medical center in the Commonwealth is coming into maturity and achieving national recognition, and at a time when it is beginning to fulfill the critical health care needs of rural Pennsylvania. Since the same amount for medical programs is allocated both for a 15-month fiscal period next year as for the 12-month period this year, the Governor's budget seems to assume there could be three months of operation without expenditures, which, of course, is not the case.

Thirdly, the Governor's budget provides no recognition of the mandated payment to the State of the \$4.6 million increase in retirement benefits alone or for adequate provision for increased inflationary costs.

Finally, it will not be possible to make salary increases of a desired level unless additional State funds are secured. Furthermore, implementation will have to be related to the fiscal year change.

Overriding all of these specific concerns is the paradoxical effect of the Governor's proposal of a transitional 15-month budget which works to the fiscal advantage of the State and to the fiscal disadvantage of Penn State. The critical factor at the Uni-

versity is the inclusion in the 15 months of two summer terms, which characteristically produce substantially less tuition and fees income than are needed for operational costs during those summer periods.

It is vital that the citizens of Pennsylvania and the many members and friends of the University community throughout the Commonwealth understand clearly the potential impact of the proposed appropriation.

With this shortfall of approximately \$14 million in State funds, it becomes obvious we cannot avoid a tuition increase.

Faced with the budget program presented March 11, the people of Pennsylvania must understand what will happen to their land-grant university support, especially in the critical fields of research and medical education.

I shall make every effort to carry our concerns to the members of the Legislature and to the Administration, as well as to our many constituents throughout the Commonwealth as the budget is considered in the weeks ahead.

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Awards Banquet Planned

The plans for the annual student-faculty Awards Banquet are well under way.

The banquet will be held Thursday, May 15 at the Gus Genetti Lodge on Rte. 309.

At this banquet students will be honored for their accomplishments over the past year. The Eric Walker Award and the Student of the Year Award will be presented to outstanding students at High-

acres. Each of the organizations will present awards to outstanding members. The organizations will be represented by their officers and their faculty advisors.

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