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Tuition Hike Scheduled For 1977-78

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Tuition will have to go up, according to Dr. C. Gail Norris, Director, Planning and Budget Office.

At a meeting of the Council of Branch Campus Student Governments of Penn State, Norris and John W. Oswald, University President addressed the group concerning the tuition issue.

The University's budget needs \$17 million, and the governor has recommended \$3 million, and the University's administrators are working hard to raise this figure. There will definitely be a gap; how-

ever this will not be entirely made up by a tuition increase according to Oswald. Oswald reported that the University will first cut back on what they said was needed, simply not getting the money for certain restorations and such. Next they may have to reallocate funds within the system, taking money from areas relatively stable and using it where it is desperately needed. As a final step, tuition will be increased. Last year this made up between one-fourth to one-third of the gap after these first two steps.



Penn State Veep: WE'RE CONCERNED WITH QUALITY

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Penn State will be more concerned in the future with the quality of academic programs than with the quantity of them according to Dr. Stanley Ikenberry, Senior Vice-President for Development and Relations of Penn State.

"The greatest emphasis will be on continuing to try to strengthen the academic programs of the campus," said Ikenberry. Therefore, according to Ikenberry, the University has no plans for new buildings or facilities at Highacres in the near future.

When asked if there will be any changes in the alcohol or smoking policy, Ikenberry said, "I do not believe there will be any changes in the smoking policy because our policy is basically to try to comply with the environmental concerns on smoking. The alcohol policy basically attempt to comply with state laws and until those laws are changed, I do not think we have much of a choice."

Ikenberry spoke about tuition rates. "The major problem in regard to tuition relates to the status of Penn State's appropriation. The overall University budget was projected to go up about eight percent and we requested double that increase in state appropriation in an attempt to hold the line on any further increases in tuition," Ikenberry said.

The Governor has released a recommendation for the budget of approximately three percent increase in the appropriation for Penn State. Penn State officials are presently working with state legislature and the Governor to attempt to increase the amount of funds made available. Ikenberry said, that the expected three per cent

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