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ate came from families in that income category. Because of rapid inflation, only 1 percent of Pennsylvania families were in the \$6,000 to \$10,000 income category in 1974. For that Fall term, however, only 1 percent of the Freshmen admitted to Penn State were from that income category, a severe decline in four years. This clearly shows that lower middle income families have been losing access to Penn State in recent years.

At the legislative budget hearings I also pointed out that while costs to educate students have gone up, the state's proportionate support of those costs have not kept pace. At Penn State we now have one of the highest tuition rates of any land-grant university in the nation. Although each year the dollars amount of our legislative appropriation has gone up, the amount of real dollar support per student has decreased. Each year the increase in appropriation has been used primarily for increases in fixed cost. This has put a heavy burden on tuition and its important contribution to our total educational program cost.

Let me, however, put the matter of tuition in another context. In all fairness to a complete understanding of the tuition matter, every student may not realize that Pennsylvania has one of the most helpful educational assistance programs in the country. At this time at Penn State 16,353 of our students are receiving about \$9.7 million in direct (PHEA) state grants, in addition to the Federal Basic Educational Opportunity Grants. This PHEA aid averages for the student recipient about \$600 a piece which can be applied toward tuition.

Here is where we are at the moment. We have urgent need for \$10 million more than the amount recommended in the Governor's budget. I have stated that this circumstance is bound to have an effect on our educational programs, on the salary increments for employees who just like students and their families are faced with inflationary costs, and some impact on tuition.

What we must now do is to attempt to balance all of these forces in such a way that we maintain the quality of Penn State's educational programs within the fiscal realities, and at the same time maintain as a high priority the holding of any increase in tuition to a minimum. Simultaneously, we must do all we can to convince those in the General Assembly to increase if at all possible Penn State's proposed appropriation.

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Check out the emergency exits. Are they adequate enough? Form your own way of escape in such emergencies.

Check out rules and regulations on the lease. OTIS will read and interpret it for you, along with telling you what the management is like.

YOU WANT AN APARTMENT, so --

This article will be continued in future issues of the LION'S EYE. Anyone in need

of information, has questions, or needs help before going up The Park can contact me, Sue Siciliano, in the Student Affairs Building, Room A. OTIS can be contacted directly from Del. Co. without the hassles of a trip up there. It's for you, the student and consumer, and it's free. For your own sake, use it.

SPORTS NEWS

WOMEN'S VARSITY TENNIS -- There are still some positions open on the women's tennis team. Those interested in playing inter-collegiate tennis, particularly former high school players, should contact Ms. Blount in the P.E. Building as soon as possible.

INTRAMURALS PROGRAM -- The Physical Education Department of the Delaware County Campus proudly presents its "BIG SPRING OF '76 INTRAMURALS PROGRAM." All students are invited to participate, and those interested should contact Bob Spickler or Dan Doran in the P.E. Building as soon as possible. Trophies will be awarded to winning teams. Trophies are currently on display in the Study Lounge. Included in this year's sports spectacular will be:

BASKETBALL -- Intramural basketball game will be played Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during 4th period on the courts. Games will start April 5th.

FLAG FOOTBALL - Flag football games will be played Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays on the fields during 6th period. First games will be played April 5th.

CO-ED DOUBLES TENNIS -- Any students interested in playing intramural tennis should sign up by April 12th.

FACULTY VS MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAMS -- Come out and watch the faculty make fools of themselves when they challenge the campus tennis team to a mixed doubles tournament at the end of April.

FACULTY VS STUDENTS SOFTBALL GAME -- The game will be played May 5th at 5:30 p.m. All interested students should see Mr. Spickler.

SWIMMING AND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT -- A swimming and volleyball tournament will be held at University Park

on April 23rd and 24th. Any students wishing to enter should contact Dan Doran.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT -- A Bowling Tournament will be held this Spring at Berks Campus. Interested students should contact Bob Spickler.

CO-ED SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT -- The Delaware County Campus will host a slow pitch softball tournament on April 17th. One team will be entered from each campus. We need five women and five men to enter. Anyone interested should contact Bob Spickler.

Mens Varsity Tennis Schedule

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Coach: Daniel Doran

Mar. 31	Spring Garden Inst.	H	3 pm
Apr. 6	Capitol Campus	H	3 pm
Apr. 7	Cheyney St. College	A	3 pm
Apr. 8	Del. Cnty. Com. Col.	H	3:30 pm
Apr. 16	Ogontz Campus	A	2 pm
Apr. 17	Berks Campus	H	12:00
Apr. 19	York Campus	A	3 pm
Apr. 27	Berks Campus	A	3:30 pm
Apr. 28	Cheyney St. College	H	3 pm
Apr. 29	Ogontz Campus	H	3 pm
May 3	Schuylkill Campus	H	3 pm
May 5	Capitol Campus	A	3 pm
May 8	Tournament	U. Park	9 am

Women's Varsity Tennis Schedule

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Coach: Merry Blount

Apr. 6	Widener College	A	3:00 p.m.
Apr. 17	Berks Campus	H	12 p.m.
Apr. 20	Hazleton	H	2:30 p.m.
Apr. 23	Widener	H	3:00 p.m.
Apr. 27	Berks	A	N.A. *
May 1	Tournament		
	at Berks		N.A. *
May 6	Hazleton	A	2:30 p.m.
May 11	Schuylkill	A	3:00 p.m.

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