

# Lack of funds may result in tuition hike

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Gov. Shapp's proposed state budget for the 1977-78 fiscal year released last month has left Penn State \$15 million short of its budget request.

Of the \$125.407 million requested by the University, only \$109.761 million was allotted by Shapp, an increase of only two per cent over this year's appropriation of about \$107 million.

The current rate of inflation is about 7.2 per cent per year.

University President John W. Oswald said, "The Governor's Executive Budget recommendations for the 1977-78 appropriation for Penn State, Pitt and Temple fall far short of meeting the basic needs of the three Commonwealth universities."

The three universities are not being treated comparably with other needs of the state, Oswald said.

Pitt and Temple are to receive about \$61 million and \$68 million respectively, an increase of about \$1.5 million for both.

Penn State's final appropriation will be determined by the State

General Assembly and probably will not be finished until late spring.

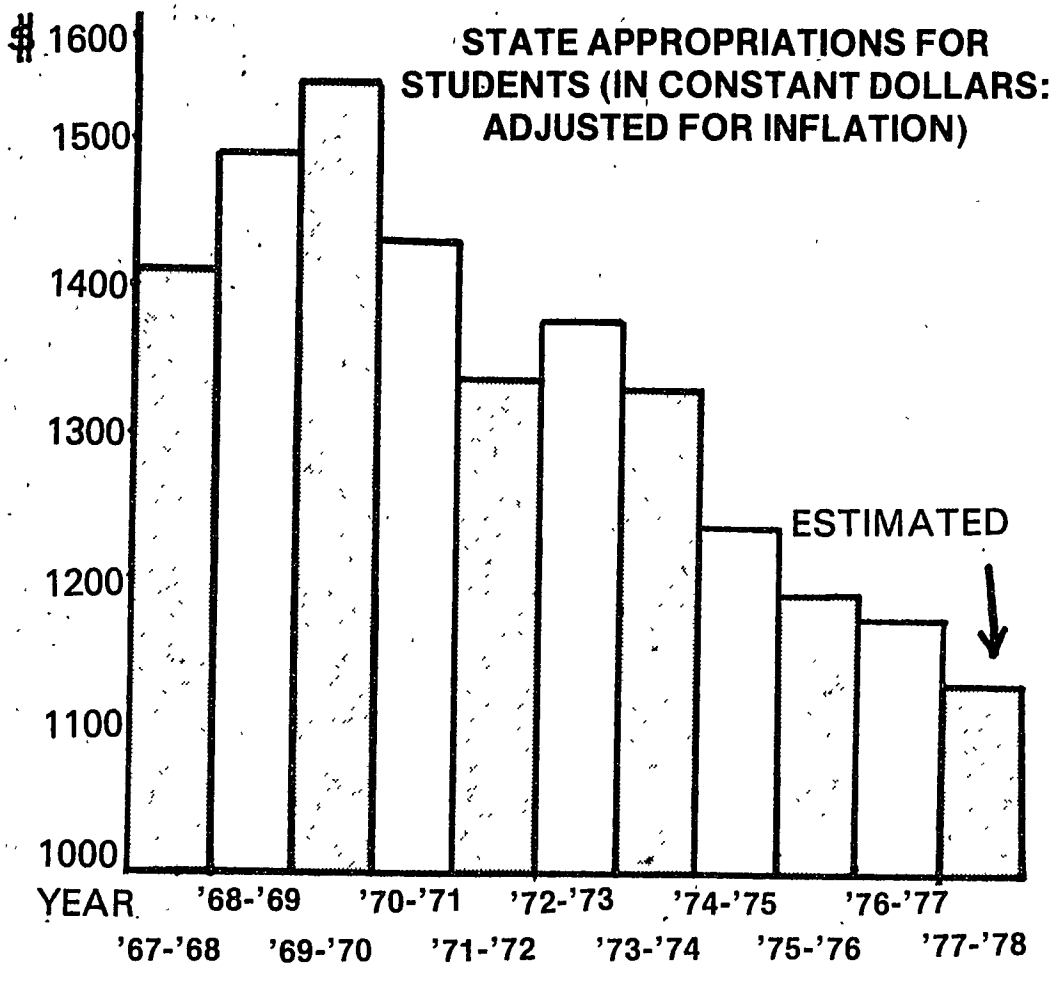
"A very high priority in Penn State's budget request was to avoid further increases in student tuition," Oswald said. "Clearly, this goal cannot be achieved with an appropriation at or near the level recommended in the Governor's budget—yet we must try to minimize any increase in tuition cost to our students."

Oswald optimistically cited previous instances in 1973 and 1975 when the Governor's recommendations were eventually modified to the benefit of the University.

Oswald said there is also concern over the absence of any increase for medical students.

"This amount has not changed for six years, and the College of Medicine at Hershey faces increasingly severe financial problems," Oswald said.

Oswald said he testified before the House and Senate appropriations committees to stress the need for an "adequate appropriation."



# PSU funds shrink Aid request not met

With a \$15 million projected budget gap and barring any unforeseen financial aid, tuition could rise between \$60 and \$80 a term starting next fall.

The University could rely heavily on its first two lines of defenses against budget gaps—reallocation of money and cutbacks to keep down tuition.

inflation.

The remaining \$5 million provides for essential budget provisions.

Clearly aware he has left Penn State without enough money to operate, Shapp has in effect told the University to raise tuition, or cut back programs and lower Penn State's status as a major university.

In his explanation of the budget, Shapp stressed the economic difficulties the entire state is having and that any final relief of the generally bleak situation will have to come from the federal government.

Wealth is flowing out of the state to Washington faster than it's coming in, Shapp said.

Pleading with the state legislature about the importance of a college education has little effect on the amount of money received. Rather, the state appropriation is in proportion with the state's economic well being.

Indeed, in times of financial prosperity for the state, as in the late 60s, tuition has actually decreased.

More than anything, the tuition increase starting next fall will be the result of things being tough all over.

## Analysis

Stretching Penn State's financial resources in such a manner "cannot continue without serious damage to University programs," President John W. Oswald said in the University's 1977-78 fiscal year budget.

Cutbacks in programs to keep tuition down have reached their limit, Oswald said.

Thirteen million of the \$18 million requested over last year's appropriation is for inflationary cost increases including salaries, staff benefits, fuel, utilities and supplies. This provides less than one-fourth of the money needed to make up for

# University to teach educational basics

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The University Faculty Senate approved the controversial remedial education program March 1 sending Penn State into the basic reading, writing and arithmetic business at a cost of \$1.5 million over the next three years.

The program provides testing for students entering baccalaureate or associate degree programs and to remove reading, writing and math problems within three terms of a student's admission.

Students not correcting deficiencies by passing English 2 or an equivalent test in English or by passing a basic arithmetic skills test will be dropped as a degree candidate after three terms.

Participation in reading improvement programs will be voluntary, according to Senate legislation.

At the end of three years, the senate will review the progress of the program and decide if it has been effective and if it is still necessary. The program could then be continued or dropped.

The final vote for the program was close, coming after hours of debate at the March and previous meetings of the senate.

Several motions to alter the program were made at the meeting, but only one, to change the time for the review of the program from five years to three, passed.

Senator Victor Dupuis, professor of education, made a motion to discontinue the program after five years and to tell high schools after that time Penn State would not admit any deficient students.

Other defeated motions were to table action on the program until more information was obtained and to not inform high schools that they

sent deficient students to Penn State to avoid damaging public relations.

Part of the program provides that the University Provost inform high schools of the expectations of the Penn State faculty concerning acceptable competence in basic skills for students entering the University.

Credit for remedial courses will be given to satisfy certain scholarship requirements, but the credits cannot be used to satisfy basic minimum requirements for graduation. Grades for remedial courses will not be used in calculating grade point averages.

University President John W. Oswald said at the meeting that all the funding for the program would be outside the regular budget and would not take money from any of the University's regular programs.

The money will be used for testing incoming freshmen and instructors.

# Book named as trustee

Edward R. Book, president and chairman of the HERCO corporation and 1954 graduate of Penn State with a degree in hotel administration, will fill the unexpired Board of Trustee's term of the late Michael Baker Jr., who died last month.

Book was appointed to the term, which will end in 1979, by William K. Ulerich, board president.

Elected to Penn State's Alumni Council in 1974 and the Alumni Council's executive board since 1975, Book currently is serving as vice president of the Penn State Alumni Association and as a member of the Penn State Fund Council.

HERCO Inc., formally known as Hershey Estates, is comprised of 23 divisions operating in the general areas of resort operations, horticulture, sports and en-

tertainment, utilities and engineering.

After graduating from the university, Book served two years in the army in Germany, then held positions with the former Hotel Harrisburger and the Hotel Bethlehem.

Book joined Hershey Estates in 1969 as general manager of the Hotel Hershey, where, coincidentally, the board will stay for the next meeting, on March 18.

Book has served as president of the chamber of commerce in the greater Harrisburg area, chairman of the Pennsylvania Travel Industry Advisory Council, and president of the Harrisburg Hershey travel promotion agency.

Book lives in Hershey, is married, and has three

children: Sandra, Frederick and Edward Jr. who is a Penn State sophomore.



Edward Book

# Hershey faculty excluded in voting unit

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The faculty of the College of Medicine at Hershey Medical Center will be excluded from the voting unit which decides if the Penn State faculty will be unionized.

The inclusion or exclusion of the medical faculty was the final issue to be resolved by the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board (PLRB) before the March 30-31 elections.

In the election, faculty members will choose between unionization under the Penn State University Professional Association (PSUPA), or the American Association of University Professors

(AAUP), or no unionization.

The University administration wanted the Hershey medical faculty included in the voting unit, which is made up of more than 3,100 faculty members who are considered full-time employees. PSUPA and AAUP advocated the exclusion of the medical faculty.

The University's basis for wanting the medical faculty included in the voting unit was the principle "one university, one faculty" according to G. Gregory Lozier, a University planning specialist.

PSUPA and AAUP wanted the faculty excluded because they said they believed there

was no community of interest between the medical faculty and the non-medical faculty.

"Some of their (the medical faculty) salaries were almost double or triple of ours," said Robert Olson, PSUPA co-chairman. "The faculty at Hershey has different problems and a different setting from the faculty here and at the branches. They need a separate bargaining unit," he said.

Olson said the precedent of excluding medical faculties from bargaining units was set at Temple University and the University of Pittsburgh, both of which excluded their medical faculties.

Lozier said precedents were made to be broken. He said the possibility of the medical faculty voting non-union was a minor factor in the University's consideration but that the basis of the University's stand was the desire for University-wide participation in the elections.

Olson also said the faculty at Hershey was not consulted prior to the beginning of the hearings. A petition supporting faculty inclusion in the unit was circulated among the staff members in May 1976, after the hearings had begun. Of the 260 full-time faculty members eligible to vote, 197 signed the petition.

Information centers on collective bargaining have

# Gave gifts to University Michael Baker Jr. dies

Center after having heart surgery.

Baker was a 1936 graduate of the University in civil engineering, was named a distinguished alumnus in 1958, and served on the Board of Trustees since 1964.

Baker had given more than a quarter of a million dollars in gifts to the University, and under his leadership as the Board of Trustee's president, the board's meetings were opened to the public.

University President John W. Oswald, said Penn State "is deeply saddened by the loss of Michael Baker, who had served the University for more than 40 years as a loyal alumnus, friend, trustee and benefactor."

Baker, the founder, chairman of the Board and chief executive officer of the Michael Baker Corp., located in Beaver, Pa., began his engineering career as the borough engineer for State College from 1936-38.

A past president of the

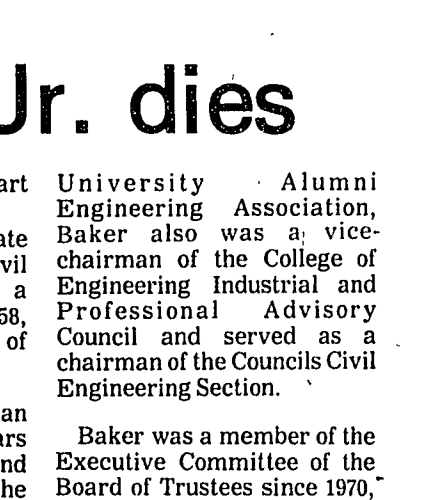
University Alumni Engineering Association, Baker also was a vice-chairman of the College of Engineering Industrial and Professional Advisory Council and served as a chairman of the Councils Civil Engineering Section.

Baker was a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees since 1970, served as chairman of the Committee on Finance and had been chairman of the Committee on Physical Plant.

A registered professional engineer in 48 states, the District of Columbia, and the Panama Canal Zone, Baker was a member or honorary member of three engineering honor societies, and has been president of the Pennsylvania Registration Board for Professional Engineers much of the 18 years he had been a member.

Baker is survived by his wife, the former Myrtle E. Pitzer, and two sons, Michael and Carl Gene.

# Michael Baker Jr. dies



Michael Baker

# Carter proposes compromise Mid East peace plan

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter yesterday suggested a compromise Middle East peace arrangement in which Israel leaves most occupied Arab territory but keeps defense forces stationed beyond its borders on land conceded to the Arabs.

In a sweeping, detailed discussion of possibilities for Arab-Israeli peace, Carter drew "a distinction" between Israel's demand for "defensible borders" and the "legal borders" to be set by agreement.

He said the security Israel craves could be provided by stationing either Israeli or international forces in some sort of buffer zone — "at a line, say, 20 kilometers or more" — between the two sides.

Dominant subject at his third news conference was the Middle East situation, in which Carter pledged "a major effort in our own government in

1977 to bring the parties to Geneva" for a resumption of peace talks.

Pressed for clarification of the peace arrangement he sketched out as one long-range possibility, Carter stressed he is not trying to dictate any particular plan and predicted the path to a negotiated peace would be "a long tedious process."

He said it could take eight years or more to work out a final peace.

"This would involve a substantial withdrawal of Israel's present control over territories," he said. "Now where that withdrawal might end, I don't know. I would guess there would be some minor adjustments in the 1967 prewar borders, but that still remains to be negotiated."

Then, developing his compromise suggestion, he suggested the key to a settlement lies in resolving the conflict between Israel's insistence upon

maintaining "defensible borders" and the Arab demand for return of all territory occupied since the 1967 war.

Calling the "defensible borders" phrase "just semantics," he said the Arabs and the Israelis "have to agree on permanent and recognized borders where sovereignty is legal, as mutually agreed."

However, he said, "defense lines may or may not conform in the foreseeable future to those legal borders."

Asked whether the security zone might be manned instead by international troop forces, Carter said, "there might well be international forces. There might well be a line, say 20 kilometers or more, where demilitarization is guaranteed on both sides."

## ATTENTION!

All student organizations planning to request student activity funds for the 1977-1978 academic year must attend a meeting on Thurs., March 10th at 7:00 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. in the HUB Assembly Room. Important budget preparation materials will be distributed.

(Associated Student Activities Budget Committee)

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