

Board votes for 9.9% rise in fall tuition

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Penn State's Board of Trustees approved a 9.9 percent increase in tuition for University Park students in their regular meeting held late last month.

The tuition hike, which will result in a \$114 increase making a total tuition bill of \$1,263 per academic year at University Park, is based on estimates of the state budget which has not yet been passed.

If the state appropriation falls short of the estimates, there could be another tuition hike starting either winter or spring term next year, according to University President John W. Oswald.

Tuition for medical students at Hershey will increase by \$1,000, raising total tuition there to \$4,000 per year.

The trustees also voted to raise yearly room and board rates for University Park dormitories by 2.4 percent; \$36 for undergraduates living in a double room.

The increase in room and board rates plus the tuition increase are similar to last year's overall increase, Oswald said.

Undergraduate Student Government President Grant Ackerman said that the increase will force some students to leave Penn State and the total room and board and tuition increase will not amount to any saving for the majority of Penn State students who live off campus.

The only dissenting vote for the tuition hike came from student Trustee, Dion Stewart who said he could not vote for an increase greater than the rate of in-

flation.

Pennsylvania residents will pay \$1,134 per academic year at commonwealth campuses and Behrend College, and \$1,188 at Capitol Campus.

Out-of-state undergraduates will pay \$2,643 at all campuses, and graduate students at University Park and the Hershey Medical center will pay an additional \$123 yearly.

In other business, Oswald reported at the meeting that the lowest bid for the alterations on Beaver Stadium is about \$1.4 million over the approved project cost of \$4.9 million.

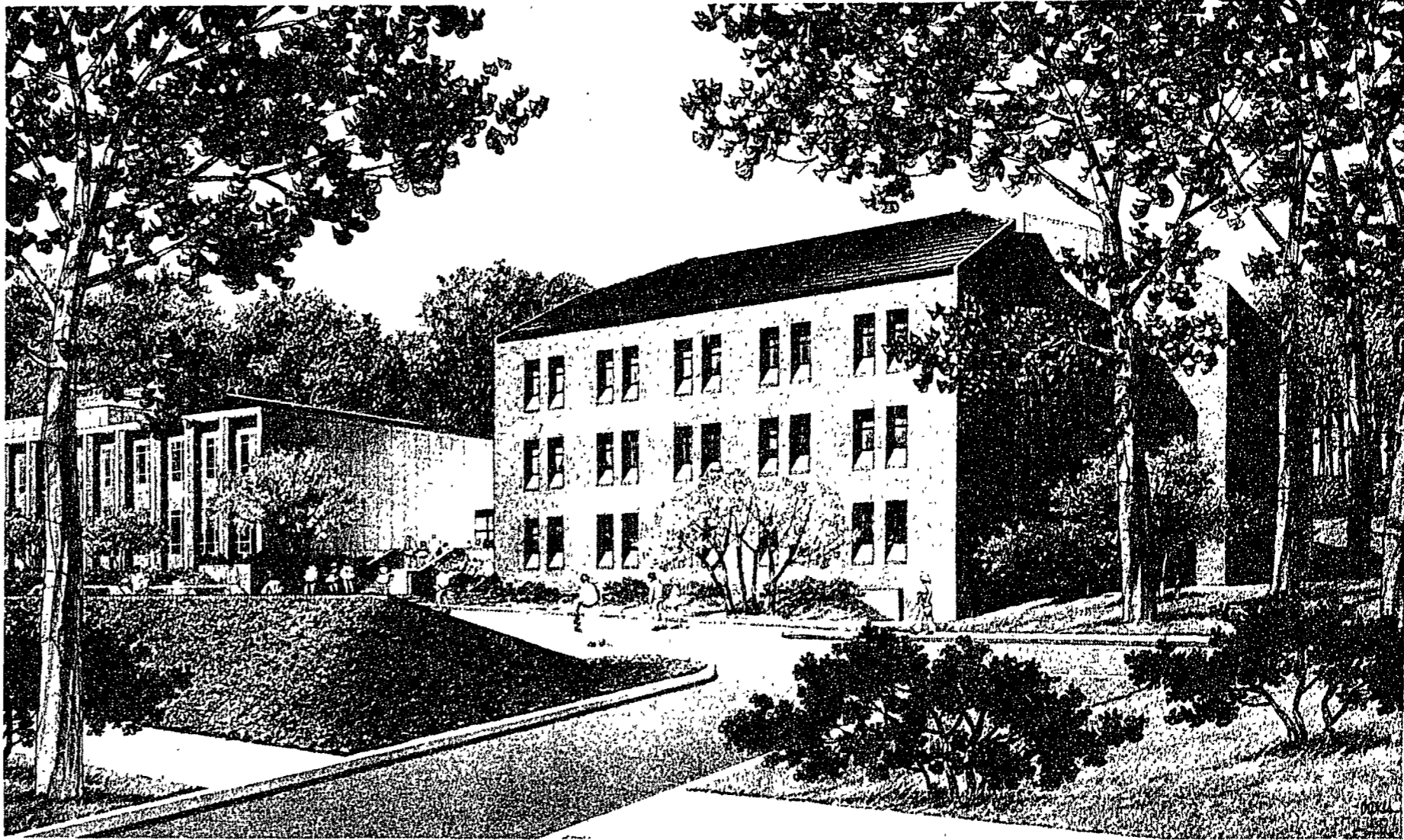
Non-seating related alterations will be reconsidered to get bids that are under the amount approved for the project.

The trustees also approved \$600,000 for alterations and improvements to bring Schwab Auditorium up to state labor and industry codes. The building will be closed for approximately one year starting in August while improvements in doorways and the sprinkler system will be made.

The alterations will cost twice as much the building cost when it was built in 1903.

Final plans for a \$5 million nursing education building to be located east of the south wing of Henderson Human Development Building were approved by the board.

Approximately \$3.5 million will be provided by the Division of Nursing in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and the remaining balance will come from University funds.



This artist's rendering shows the Nursing Education Building to be constructed east of the south wing of Henderson Human Development Building on College Avenue. Final plans for the \$5 million building were approved by Penn State's Board of Trustees last month.

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ASA offices robbed over break

Police Services report finance records were stolen from the offices of Associated Student Activities (ASA) sometime between May 28th and May 30th.

According to Tom Harmon, manager of Police Services, \$175 in cash was taken along with finance records of The Daily Collegian and USG accounts.

Harmon said receipts and income and disbursement sheets for all student organizations were also taken.

Harmon said it was evident the burglars had keys for both the

building and the offices and that the safe in the office had been opened by combination.

Papers were thrown about the office and obscenities were written on ledger sheets and other papers in the office.

He said the burglary was almost identical to a break-in that occurred last June to the same offices. The same ledger sheets and financial sheets were taken both times. Harmon said obscenities were written in last year's break-in.

An audit was conducted last year after the break-in which showed all

records in the office to be in order. He said an audit is now being conducted.

Pat Burns, office manager-bookkeeper for The Daily Collegian, said the loss of the records "is going to be a problem, but the records can be reconstructed from other sources." Burns said the loss will mean "a lot of work" for the Collegian.

Grant Ackerman; USG president, said, "I'm as much confused as anyone else about the break-in. I'm looking forward to the investigation."

Harmon would give no comment on suspects but said the burglars "had a vendetta against the ASA."

PSU, Teamsters' union open labor negotiations

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Wage negotiations between the University and Teamsters Local 8 re-open today with a session conducted by a state mediator.

After the third session, May 16, union officials said a strike seemed unavoidable.

"The situation looks grim and worse than it ever has in the past," they said in a press release.

C. Rodney Knepp, secretary-treasurer of Local 8, said yesterday the statement still stands.

However, one Teamster, a University technician, said a strike was unlikely because most maintenance and Food Service workers were satisfied with their pay while most skilled workers were not. He said the skilled workers probably do not have enough clout to carry a strike vote.

Local 8 represents nearly 2,000 maintenance, food service and technical workers.

The University and Local 8 signed a two-year contract last fall, but the contract had a re-opening clause for wages and surgical benefits for this year. The contract will expire June 30 unless an agreement is reached.

Knepp said an agreement on surgical benefits has been reached but a wage increase has not been settled.

Coverage for each surgical operation was raised from \$450 to \$750, a 67 percent increase. Maternity benefits will increase 133 percent.

The union was also asking for elimination of the health in-

surance premium; union employees now pay for dependents. However, with the hike in surgical benefits, Knepp said the charge for dependents was no longer an issue.

Even though the benefit increase was substantial, Knepp said with rising costs, union members will soon be behind again.

The new surgical benefits will not go into effect for union employees until the wage package is voted on, but University President John Oswald announced the extension of the new benefits to non-union employees at the last Board of Trustees meeting.

Knepp said Local 8 will meet for a strike vote on the University's latest wage offer before June 30.

A two-thirds majority vote is required for a strike.

A 59 percent majority — 84 votes short of two-thirds — voted for a strike last fall.

Under that agreement Teamster members make between \$6.06 per hour for the highest job grade and \$3.72 for the lowest.

Both union and University officials refused to reveal the union's latest demand or the University's offer.

"Nobody really wants to go on strike, but it's the only way we'll get a fair wage," one union member said.

The University and the union began negotiating in March. Knepp said the union requested a mediator from the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board after the second session because it anticipated difficult negotiations.

U.N. spokesman raps racism

Carter backs outspoken Young

WASHINGTON (UPI) — U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, saying even Abraham Lincoln was "racist" in some ways, talked with President Carter yesterday and said Carter "understood what I was trying to say" in his comments on allegedly racist presidents.

The black diplomat said he doubts Carter agrees with the interpretation of "racism" he expressed in a Playboy magazine interview, "but he didn't tell me to shut up either."

He said he has no intention of resigning — as some Republican leaders say he should — over this latest controversy, and Carter had not suggested he do so.

Young conferred for half an hour with Carter shortly after angry Republican and Democratic House members questioned him on his assertion that Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon were racists and got him to agree that, in the

sense he uses the term, Lincoln, John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson were racists too.

He said he and Carter devoted most of their time to discussing his recent trip to Africa and U.N. business, but also touched briefly on his controversial interview in the July issue of Playboy.

In that interview, he said Nixon and Ford "were racists, not in the aggressive sense but in that they had no understanding of the problems of colored peoples anywhere."

Young said Carter — who had his own problems during the presidential campaign with remarks he made about lust in a Playboy interview — "mentioned that he had read part of it."

"And he said in context he understood what I was trying to say."

Asked whether the President encouraged him "to keep speaking out," Young replied, "No... but he didn't tell

me to shut up either."

Young also tried to clarify what he had meant when he said that even Lincoln was "racist" in his understanding of the term.

"The way I use racism," he said, "the American public generally, black and white, and generally the world in this day and time, are victims of problems that pertain to racial attitudes..."

"I myself am constantly subject to racial attitudes. I said everybody is, you know."

"They said, by that token, do you think Abraham Lincoln was a racist?"

"I forgot he wasn't in the 20th century. He had a few racial problems in his lifetime. I just think you have to think about things like that."

Young, however, dismissed the barrage of criticism from Republicans angered especially over his original characterization of Ford as a racist.

Schools may get more money

HARRISBURG (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee yesterday narrowly approved two bills that would put more state money into local school districts to meet rising costs.

One bill, to increase state subsidies to local districts by \$260 million, would help relieve pressure to raise property taxes.

It'll mean an increase in one or more of the state taxes, but House leaders have remained mum on which are to be increased.

The second bill, sought by hard-pressed Philadelphia schools, would set up a state authority to sell bonds to raise money for schools.

The bill is aimed at the Philadelphia school district, which needs \$173 million

to run such programs as kindergarten, libraries, food services and transportation next year.

The district had to cut the programs to come up with a balanced budget, something Philadelphia banks insisted on before they would loan the schools any more money.

The schools needed \$67 million in loans to carry them through until classes close for the summer this month.

Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo and other top city and school officials met Tuesday with Gov. Shapp and legislative leaders to argue their case for more money.

In addition, an estimated 7,000 parents from Philadelphia, carrying

multicolored signs with such slogans as "Save Our Schools" and "Our Future Depends on Our Schools," demonstrated on the Capitol steps.

Suburban and rural lawmakers have balked at giving more money to a district they consider poorly run and under-financed by city taxpayers.

Rizzo and Shapp emerged from the meeting confident that the legislature would take action on the school bills.

Weather

Generally milder than yesterday, with a high of about 68 and partly cloudy. Cool tonight, so don't put away those blankets and sweaters yet.



Photo by Patrick Little

Hmmm...

Bill Wittmer (1st-theater arts) lurches over registration booklets on the floor of the Intramural Building seemingly puzzled about a particularly complex class schedule. Hard as it may have seemed, it was the last day of relaxation before classes begin this morning. See related photos and story page 17.