

See through

Appropriations 'mind game' doesn't seem to soothe legislators

The University Board of Trustees included an automatic five percent tuition increase in its recent 1980-81 appropriation request.

Under the request, more than \$3.5 million of about \$22 million in increased costs would be covered by the tuition hike. The remaining \$18 million of the \$33.7 million general operations request is expected to come from the state.

The five percent automatic hike will cost each student about \$60 next year.

The rationale behind the included increase is that in light of spiraling inflation, it is no longer realistic for the University to assume that there will not be periodic annual tuition increases.

The administration hopes the included increase will show the legislature that the University is committed to paying its fair share of the rising costs of higher education.

But the included increase isn't going to fool anyone, especially legislators.

The measure suggests that the University is doing the state a favor by cutting \$3.5 million off of a \$22 million appropriation request, making it only \$18 million.

Several legislators have said, however, that the included increase will have no effect on the amount of money the University winds up getting.

"It is a question of how many dollars are in the state government, and how much we can give the University," said House Minority Whip James Manderino recently.

This is not the only problem with the rationale, however. In addition, as Rep. Gregg Cunningham, R-Centre, said, the included

increase "is another variable cranked into the situation before it was needed to be cranked in."

The measure also may make the University look hypocritical to some legislators: in the past, the University has preached the gospel of no tuition increases. Now, ignoring its gospel, it has increased tuition without first waiting to see what the appropriation is.

It would be naive to think tuition will not increase each coming year. And it is only fair that students be required to bear their share of the burden. But what is their fair share? Five percent? Eight percent? 12 percent?

The University submitted a \$135.7 million general operations appropriation request, a 16.5 percent increase over last year's request. In the same breath, it told the legislature it would increase tuition five percent.

In view of recent appropriation requests and tuition hikes, neither is realistic. This year, for example, the University asked the state for \$130 million and got only \$120 million, which was a 7.1 percent - not 16.5 percent - higher than what the University got the year before. And this year tuition was hiked 8.5 percent - not 5 percent.

Tactics like these only smokescreen the issues.

The University's financial outlook is not pleasant. Solutions to coming financial problems will be hard to come by, and it will take the combined efforts of students, faculty, administration and the state to find them.



Dick and Pat at the Y

The checkered cab swung to the curb and came to a screeching halt.

"Is this the place?"

"Yes, this is it. Da'll be 't'ree-ninety," the unshaven cabby said.

"Surely you must be mistaken—" his passenger began.

"Listen you said five west sixty-toed sweet, wight? Well, dis is it!"

"Ohmigod..."

"Hey, I ain't got all day, ya know," the irritated cabby began again.

"Oh, pardon me, pardon me," the man apologized as he started to search for his wallet.

"Oh, Dick, you promised me you'd never say that again!" his blonde wife lamented. "It's a dead giveaway!"

"Don't worry, dear, this is New York City! No one will recognize us here."

"Try telling that to everyone at 817 Fifth Avenue," his wife muttered.

"C'mon, c'mon! I'm a wikk'm man. I gotta get back on my beat," the surly cabby complained.

"A working man... how nice," Dick mused. "Okay, here you are, and he counted out four crisp one dollar bills, adding, "and keep the change."

The cabby rolled his eyes and grabbed the money while muttering obscenities under his breath. His cab sped away from the curb, leaving the bewildered couple in a sea of exhaust fumes.

"Well, dear (cough, cough), this is it, I guess. Our new home!" Dick said as he turned to look at the dilapidated brick building.

"Dick, this is a YMCA! You mean we're actually going to live here?" his wife shrieked.

"Now, Pat, it's not so bad as all that. After all, the tenants at the last place recommended it highly. Come, dear, let's at least take a look around inside."

Dick took his shaking wife by the hand and led her to the rotting portal.

"Shall I carry you over the threshold, dear?"

"Oh, for crying out loud, Dick! Will you face facts, for once in your life! This place is a dump, a garbage heap! It's a Y-M-C-A! No decent, self-respecting cockroach would be seen within five blocks!"

"Now, dear, you're making a scene again. People will stare," and with that the couple walked up to the marred door, whose rusted hinges creaked and groaned at the touch. Flakes of paint sifted slowly from the doorjamb as the dark building swallowed them up.

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permeated with a sickly sweet odor, and loud disco, rock and jazz music blared from the speakers.

The couple stopped in front of a door which was painted in bright shades of lavender and pink. Although it was difficult to see, Pat swore to herself that the painting was of a mass of nude men piled on one another in a sort of hairy couch.

"Dick sniffed, and said, 'Now, isn't that nice? I wonder what kind of incense that is?'"

"Are you insane? Dick, that's not incense. It's marijuana! Don't you know anything?" the exasperated woman yelled.

"Horror! You mean like that stuff Jerry and Betty's kids smoke?"

But at that moment the door opened and, amidst a cloud of smoke, there emerged a handsome youth in somewhat outlandish costume.

"Hoo, dad! What de we have here?" the young man lisped.

"How doos you do? I'm Kenny."

"Oh, pardon me, please pardon me," Dick apologized.

"Dick, that word. Anything but that word—" Pat whispered furiously.

"Hey, you two look real familiar-like. Ain't you on 'Hollywood Squares,' or something?"

"Uh, say, were you drafted?" Pat asked quickly.

"Yeah, man, 'smatter of fact I was. Whatta bummer. I had to live in Canada for three years, too!"

"Then you wouldn't know us."

Dick threw his wife a quizzical look, then said, "What's it like living here? Perhaps you can give us a few pointers on life in the Big Apple."

"Hey, hey, you're one funny guy! I swear I seen you on TV," Kenny chuckled. "But it's cool livin' here. Lotsa cool people, lotta partyin', ya know."

"Oh, we love parties, don't we, dear?" Dick said giving Pat a slight nudge.

"Dick, please, let's just leave. To hell with Tricia and Julie and the kids. I want to go back to California, now!" The woman's face was twisted in a mixture of frustration bordering on complete desperation.

"Now, dear," Dick soothed. "She's still upset over the move back East," he explained to the youth.

"Jeez, lag's rough, man. She can crash here if she wants," Kenny offered.

"Uh, what? No, no, we came in on a 747," Dick said as he tried to comfort his hysterical wife.

"Hey, be cool, lady. You'll really like it here, no kiddin'. It's fun stayin' at the YMCA!" and with this announcement Kenny gyrated his slender hips and gave Dick a final bump and a wink.

"Ah, I see. Say, my wife was a little concerned with the insect situation here. You know, cockroaches and the like," Dick said to the wild-eyed youth.

"Roaches? Hell, no, they all left months ago!" and with that Kenny burst into gales of girlish laughter.

"Great, great!" Dick exclaimed. "Pat, did you hear that? He said—" but as he turned around to speak to his wife, he found himself looking into this air.

She had fainted dead away.

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Puggling jumpkins

Liz Hand (10th-landscape architecture), left, and Annette Cassel (4th-landscape architecture), find that four hands are barely enough to hold pumpkins picked for Homecoming festivities this weekend.

U.S.-Canadian problems subject of Carter visit

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter will make his first official visit to Canada next month to discuss energy, fishery and pollution issues which have ruffled neighborly relations between the two countries, it was announced yesterday.

Carter and his wife Rosalynn accepted an invitation by Prime Minister Joe Clark to visit Ottawa Nov. 9 and 10, the White House said.

Carter will be accompanied by a party of senior officials and will address a joint session of Parliament.

The major issues troubling U.S.-Canada relations, which

government officials said the two leaders will discuss, are:

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Consumer card failed, merchants say

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The Buying Power Card has been a failure, say local merchants participating in the Undergraduate Student Government-sponsored consumer plan. The program is designed to give students a discount on products purchased in local stores, and merchants each invested \$25 to be listed on the card.

In fact, most merchants surveyed by The Daily Collegian said the BPC has been a waste of money and that they are bitter toward Key to the Town, the New York-based company that organized the program. Key to the Town is involved with arranging similar plans on college campuses around the country.

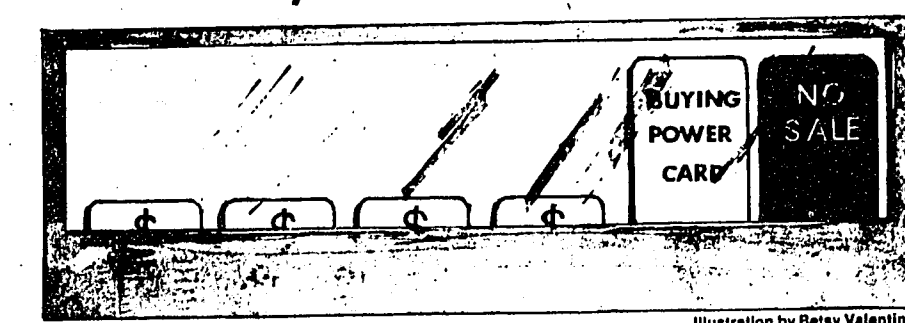
"I've seen about two cards so far," George Ward, owner of the Music Mart, 224 E. College Ave., said. "It turned out that Key to the Town asked us to throw \$25 down the drain."

Randy Moore, owner of The Bicycle Shop, 441 W. College Ave., said Key to the Town broke their verbal promises it made to him and refuses to do anything now. He said the only business the card has brought him has been abnormally expensive repair for people who really needed the 10 percent discount.

When the merchants signed the cards, Key to the Town promised the cards would be printed and distributed to the students, faculty and staff during Spring Term 1979 registration. Students were to receive them in the registration packets. Faculty and staff were to get them in their mailboxes on campus.

The cards were misprinted when they arrived last spring and had to be sent back to the printer. The cards were then to be distributed during registration this term. USG began to distribute the cards in mid-September and since that time, have given away about half of the 40,000 cards printed.

USG has reneged so far on its promise to the merchants to advertise the card. In a letter to the participating businesses dated December 6, 1978, former USG president Dave Haberle guaranteed the



card and its discount offers would be advertised in The Daily Collegian, on WDFM radio and through flyers on bulletin boards throughout campus, once distribution started. So far, the card has not been publicized in any manner.

Vicki Sandoe, USG vice-president, said she was not familiar with the BPC program and did not know of any of the promises made by the Haberle administration.

Sandoe said the project had been a secret between Haberle, former USG Vice President Tony Pryor and former treasurer Rod Pryor during the original planning. When the corrected cards did not arrive until September, nobody in USG knew exactly what to do with them. Apparent at the Nittany Mall, Manager Larry Rockey said he thought the turnout from the card was low because students did not come to the mall that often.

Moore said the program cost him more than the \$25 he invested to join. He said he purchased a larger inventory of parts and supplies in anticipation of the higher volume of business. He now has too much inventory to meet the demand.

"The Buying Power Card could have been good for everybody," he said. "It would have meant lower prices for students and a higher volume for the merchants."

Frank Cianfrani, owner of New Morning Health Foods, 338 W. College Ave., said he felt he had been deceived. "I think I've been taken advantage of," he said. "But I also think that some of it was my own fault."

Some merchants complained that the representative from Key to the Town pressured them into buying the BPC card by telling them if they did not join the program, their competition would.

Bob Steinbach, co-owner of the

Experimental testing in the dorms

Students guinea pigs for gadgets

The University has always been a center for the development and testing of technological innovations. Many of these inventions are now being tested here on campus—in the dormitories and dining halls. A recent court ruling has ordered that all human subjects of experimental testing be notified, in writing, of the tests. The University is now testing five devices in the dining halls and eight in the dormitories, using students as subjects. In compliance with the court order, the descriptions of the items being tested are presented below.

Soie Tester—designed to burn the outside of a piece of bread, while keeping the inside cold.

Tray-Wetter—this high-speed

machine can wet the entire surface of up to 700 cafeteria trays per hour.

Knife-Handle Heater—this device heats the handles of ordinary table knives to a temperature of 195 degrees.

Balance-Weighted Spoon—when placed in any bowl the handle of this spoon will slip down from the edge of the

bowl. It is being tested in jelly and ketchup bowls.

Geographic Beverage Dispenser—special detection device allows dispenser to automatically dispense "pop" to students from Pittsburgh and "soda" to students from Philadelphia.

Combination Shower/Toilet Detector—detects anyone about to head for the shower or toilet, and warns the maid that it is time to clean the bathroom.

Telephone Cord Retractor—retracts telephone cord into wall, until cord is one foot short of desired length.

Electronic Shower Head—with the aid of an electronic eye, the shower head is able to adjust itself to point downward for tall people and upward for short people.

Elevator Timer—insures that elevator will break within an hour of the maintenance crew's departure for the weekend.

Trash Can Cement—will cause anything really disgusting to adhere to the bottom of a standard metal trash can.

Special Friction Compound—currently being tested on dormitory curtain rods.

Acoustic Wall Paint—tested on all dorm hallways, this special paint reflects and intensifies all sounds.

Roommate Key Indicator—light flashes red when one roommate is out of the room without his key, so that the other roommate may lock the door and go away for the afternoon.

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