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## \$55 per term increase OK'd

### Room and board rates up

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A \$55 per term room and board increase for next year was approved by the University Board of Trustees Saturday at the Capitol Campus in Middletown.

The 9.9 percent increase is the highest since 1975-76, when room and board increased 12 percent. The cost increase breaks down into a \$16 room increase, a \$36 board increase and an additional \$3 Residential Life counseling fee.

The \$55 per term increase will affect all types of rooms, except for some graduate housing and temporary space. The cost for graduate students with a room only will increase less than \$55 per term. Temporary space will cost \$60 more per term.

"Temporary space fees were raised for the purpose of discouraging students to remain in temporary space. Students become acclimated to temporary space and don't want to move," said Robert A. Patterson, senior vice president for finance and operations.

The trustees approved the increase with no discussion almost two weeks after students submitted dorm contracts. University Provost Edward D. Eddy said the increase was inevitable because of inflation.

"All avenues had been explored to keep costs low," hesaid. "It was a matter of how much we would raise costs, not whether or not we would."

According to the trustee docket, the 9.9 percent increase in room and board is less than the estimated 12 percent increase in consumer prices for 1980. Since 1974, room and board have increased cumulatively by 54.7 percent. Consumer prices have increased 86.7 percent in the same period.

Students were not officially informed of the possibility of an increase until

after it was confirmed by trustees.

"There was no attempt of concealment," Eddy said. "Every March meeting, the board considers room and board increases."

Student trustee Dave Hickton said his primary concern is that room and board increases should reflect the economy.

"My big concern with student costs is more pointed towards tuition," he said. "We can't expect the University to have no room and board increase with inflation at 20 percent."

Undergraduate Student Government President Hal Shaffer said he was disappointed that there was no discussion on the issue of room and board rates.

"I'm not passing any judgment on whether or not it was necessary, but we should have had some discussion and dialogue on the issue," he said.

In other business, Delbert McQuaide, University legal counselor, informed the trustees that the University would appeal any decision by University Police Services officers to unionize under Act 111, which requires binding arbitration in wage disputes.

The trustees also postponed a motion to install a fountain and reflecting pool at J. Orvis Keller Conference Center until their May meeting. The motion was postponed after the trustees questioned how the fountain would be funded.

Preliminary plans for an addition to the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center were approved by the trustees. The \$10 million addition will be funded by a federal grant and funds generated by the Medical Center.

An ad hoc committee was appointed by trustee President Quentin E. Wood to study the organization and operation of the board's educational policy and finance and physical plant committees.



Photo by Renee Jacobs

### Let me explain

One of the 30,000 protestors who descended on Washington, D.C. Saturday tried to explain her anti-draft position to some safety patrol students who were waiting outside the White House to visit President Carter. Chants like "Hell, no, we won't go! We won't fight for Texaco!" abounded during the rally, which reminded many of the anti-draft rallies of the 60s. See related story Page 16.

## Professor denies charge of 'nuclear propaganda'

By KATHY HOKE  
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A University sociologist has denied charges made in a recent Harrisburg Patriot editorial that his research project promoted nuclear power and was "sheer unadulterated propaganda."

Frank Clemente, associate professor of sociology, said the editorial contained some serious fact errors and misinterpretations. Clemente was not named in the Patriot's Friday lead editorial entitled "Nuke propaganda; Penn State grinds it out."

The editorial appeared just prior to the University Board of Trustees meeting this weekend at Capitol Campus in Middletown. The campus is located near the Three Mile Island nuclear plant, which will celebrate the anniversary of its nuclear accident Friday.

In his research, Clemente surveyed community leaders from 100 non-metropolitan areas east of the

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Mississippi River to find out how power plants affect local communities and how the people living near the plants feel about them. The survey began in the fall of 1978 and was funded by a Rockefeller Foundation grant.

A University press release issued last week summarized Clemente's findings:

"Contrary to widespread opinion, most people living near large electric power plants — including nuclear — never protested them, view them as 'vastly beneficial' and, given a second chance, still would permit them to be built."

The Patriot claimed the research was unscientific and partial since it surveyed only community leaders who, it said, would be the most likely to support power projects. The paper also said this methodology could not find out the views of "most people."

Clemente said community leaders were surveyed because they are the most knowledgeable about subjects such as school enrollments or crime rates. He said interviewing community leaders is a common practice in social science research.

The Patriot also criticized the project

for not surveying any nuclear plants in Pennsylvania in light of last year's Three Mile Island nuclear accident.

Clemente said the power plants were chosen randomly before the TMI incident and included more coal, hydroelectric and oil power plants than nuclear.

"It was in no way an attempt to promote nuclear power," he said. "It was an attempt to assess how power plants affect local communities."

In a less detailed re-survey two months after the TMI accident, Clemente found that overall support for

nuclear power plants had eroded only slightly.

"There was no reason to survey Three Mile Island data because that information was not relevant to our study since the community was not surveyed before the accident."

The editorial also contended that the research was biased since it was funded by the Rockefeller Foundation. Nelson Rockefeller, the editorial said, "was instrumental in establishing the nuclear fuel reprocessing plant at West Valley, a radioactive leaking disaster somebody is going to have to pay an estimated \$1 billion to clean up..."

Clemente said no researcher would accept money to conduct research to promote a specific finding. The Rockefeller Foundation does not place requirements on how studies are to be conducted when it grants research funds, he said.

"Essentially, it was a legitimate

scientific research project attacked for what I believe are spurious reasons," he said.

The editorial editor of the Patriot could not be reached for comment.

Arthur V. Ciervo, director of University public information, said the editorial's labeling of the research as propaganda was "ridiculous."

"If we would not send out press releases on research, we would be accused of censorship," Ciervo said.

University Provost Edward D. Eddy said Saturday that the editorial questions freedom of research.

"You may disagree with findings of a research effort, but I don't think that is grounds for questioning its value or honesty," Eddy said. "The Patriot obviously has a responsibility to express its opinion freely, and the University has a responsibility to conduct research in freedom."



Photo by Janis Burger

### Passing the torch

Lady Lion Ann Carr, two-time Eastern regional all-around champion, embraces the 1980 winner, teammate Macy Levine, after the EAIAW championship meet Friday night at Rec Hall. Placing second, Carr missed an unprecedented third all-around title by 0.10 point.

## Refrigerator fire damages apartment kitchen

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No one was injured in an electrical fire which last night caused an estimated \$200 to \$500 damage to an apartment kitchen above the Music Mart, 222 E. College Ave.

The fire started when a refrigerator apparently short-circuited and overheated, causing about 4 feet of thick smoke to cover the kitchen, Sally

Sherman (9th-broadcast journalism), a resident of the apartment, said.

The wall in back of the refrigerator was scorched to the ceiling before the fire was put out by a neighbor summoned by Sherman and her roommates.

Although Alpha firemen arrived quickly, the fire had been already extinguished by the neighbor, Mike Card (7th-secondary education), who said he used two standard-sized fire extinguishers to put out the fire.

Alpha Fire Co. Chief C. Marvin Robinson said the company received the call at 10:31 p.m. and was on the scene with four trucks within five minutes.

Although all the equipment was not necessary, firemen said they were concerned because the apartment locale is considered a "high-life" area because of its high population density.

Firemen left the scene at about 10:55 p.m., but Card, after helping remove the damaged refrigerator to a fire escape

for safety reasons, said the refrigerator started burning again, 15 minutes after the firemen left.

Building manager Jim Pass said damage would be about \$500. Robinson estimated damage at \$200.

Sherman said she and her roommates, Diane Ranker (9th-art), Ann Daghir (9th-speech pathology and audiology) and Laurie Heiken (6th-business administration) planned to spend the night with neighbors in the building.

## Carter expected to win in Conn.

From our wire services

President Carter, the stay-at-home candidate, and Ronald Reagan, the Republican front-runner, are acknowledged leaders on the eve of Connecticut's first state-run presidential primary election tomorrow.

Primary voters in Connecticut will select 54 convention delegates.

Supporters of Carter and Sen. Edward Kennedy agreed the president is leading in the Democratic race in the state which only months ago was considered a Kennedy stronghold.

An independent University of Connecticut survey of 605 Democrats backed the experts, finding the president ahead by about a 2-to-1 margin.

There are four candidates on the Democratic ballot, but only Carter and Kennedy had serious campaigns.

On the GOP side, a tight race had been expected until Reagan swamped his opponents in Illinois last week. After that, state experts began talking of the former California governor's momentum and tabbed him the front-runner.

George Bush, who was born in Massachusetts and reared in Connecticut, spent six straight days campaigning in the state and planned a major policy statement at Yale University Monday — the day before the voting.

But Reagan backers labeled the contest, "Bush's last stand."

Meanwhile, Kennedy worked yesterday to overcome his underdog image in New York's delegate-rich presidential primary this week.

At stake in the New York primary tomorrow are 282 delegates to the Democratic National Convention in New York next August.

A public opinion poll conducted by the Social Science Research Center at the University of Connecticut, released Saturday, said that 45 percent of Democratic

voters and 42 percent of Republicans were undecided which way they will vote Tuesday.

Kennedy said yesterday he is helping the Democratic party, not hurting it, by continuing his challenge of President Carter despite losses in most of the balloting so far.

The Massachusetts senator, who so far has won only two primary and caucus contests compared with President Carter's 18 election triumphs, again attacked Carter's handling of economic, energy and foreign issues.

Kennedy said his challenge to President Carter has energized the party and brought renewed interest and new people into the political arena.

"It is my view that dialogue and discussion of the issues are the best thing for the party," and better for the political system than "pretending they (differences on policy) don't exist," he said in an appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press."

He said he is "not comfortable — both chemically and viscerally" with the idea of a passive campaign, and therefore will remain an active candidate and campaigner.

He noted only one-third of the national convention delegates have been selected so far, and said the electorate has proved to be highly volatile in this election year.

Kennedy said he would not withdraw from the race even if Democratic Party leaders asked him to.

Meanwhile, a Gallup poll done for Newsweek magazine said Carter and Reagan were running about neck and neck in voters' eyes if they are the major party nominees. Forty-five percent of those questioned leaned toward Carter and 44 percent toward Reagan in the poll, which has a margin of error of 4 percent either way.

The poll showed almost an even split between

President Carter and Ronald Reagan both in voter preference and in ability to handle the economy and foreign affairs.

The poll showed 45 percent of the respondents said they were likely or fairly likely to vote for Carter, while 44 supported or leaned toward Reagan.

Carter's ability to handle the economy also got a positive response from 45 percent, to Reagan's 33 percent, and on foreign affairs Carter had the confidence of 46 percent to Reagan's 41 percent.

Almost half — 48 percent — of the respondents said the primaries are not a good way of determining the best nominees while 40 percent backed the primaries and 12 percent had no opinion.

Concerning the deportation of the deposed shah of Iran from Panama to Egypt, Rep. John Anderson said yesterday the move might hurt the peace talks between Egypt and Israel.

The Illinois congressman, campaigning for the April 1 Wisconsin Republican primary, said Egyptian President Anwar Sadat could "be accused of acceding to imperialistic demands placed on him by the United States" by accepting the shah in his country.

### No warmth for us

Today will be cloudy with rain, possibly mixed with snow in the beginning, starting by mid-morning and continuing through this evening. The high will be 39. Although you may have thought it was spring, the rain will once again change to snow late this evening, perhaps giving us an inch before tapering to flurries tomorrow. Tonight's low will be 29 and the high tomorrow will be a dismal 34.