

College costs up 7 percent, inadequate funds cited

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The cost of attending four-year public colleges and universities in the United States has jumped 7 percent since last year, according to a survey released Monday.

The survey, issued by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, says that public colleges and universities now charge an average of \$4,587 per year for tuition and room and board.

The cost of attending Penn State, a member of both the AASCU and the NASULGC, has increased by 6.3 percent for 1985-86, but this is not as high as last year's increase, a representative from the University's Office of Budget and Resource Analysis said.

University tuition has increased for the past 18 years, she added, with 1984-85 tuition and room and board charges increasing 10.8 percent.

Mary Margaret Walker, director of public information for AASCU, said, "In-state residents paid a total of \$5,182 in 1984-85, and that figure went up to \$5,510 for 1985-86. Non-

residents paid \$7,766 in 1984-85, and they paid \$8,294 in 1985-86."

The University's budget office representative verified these figures.

University President Bryce Jordan, in a statement issued after the University Board of Trustees meeting in July, explained that the University was forced to increase costs because only one-third of the funds requested from the state legislature were awarded.

"We deeply regret the necessity to increase tuition," Jordan said. "However, even with this increase, Penn State's tuition will remain the lowest of Pennsylvania's three public

research universities — the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University and Penn State."

Hawaii, Nevada and Washington, D.C., have not increased the costs of their schools, but tuition and fees at Pennsylvania's public colleges and universities statewide have increased an average of almost 6 percent, Walker said.

"In 1984-85, costs for Pennsylvania residents increased an average of 5.8 percent," she said. "Non-resident costs increased an average of 6.1 percent."

The increased national average is not high

compared to increases in past years, Walker said.

"This year's increase is very similar to last year's," she explained.

Walker said that when asked about reasons for this year's increase, most officials from public universities and colleges cited inadequate state funds.

"Most said the increases were mandated by state legislatures," she said.

The largest increase in tuition and fees is in Texas, where costs have jumped 57 percent for in-state residents and 162 percent for out-of-state residents.



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Winning shot!

Members of the Lady Lions basketball team explode off the bench last night as the final shot, which hadn't hit the floor yet, was good for a 66-65 victory over West Virginia. Pia Edvinsson, who was fouled at the buzzer, made two free throws after time expired to clinch the win. Story on page 13.

Athletic dept. OKs 5 varsity sports grants

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While proposed changes in the grants-in-aid procedure affecting 10 University varsity sports have yet to be approved, some changes are already being implemented by the athletic department, the University's senior vice president for financial operations said Wednesday.

Steve Garban said five programs were given approval to award scholarships in the 1986-87 fiscal year — which begins in July — while three other programs were told not to do any recruiting in which a scholarship would be offered.

This follows a recommendation made by the University's Intercollegiate Athletic Strategic Planning Committee in November. The recommendation stated that grants — athletic scholarships — should be frozen for the men's volleyball and the men's and women's lacrosse squads. It also endorsed that the softball, men's and women's tennis and men's and women's golf programs should receive scholarships for the first time since August 1981.

"Three of the 28 sports (teams) were told they should not be out recruiting," Garban said. "They should just sit and freeze for right now."

"I'm not sure of the particulars, but a couple of (the other five) were told they ought to look at recruiting... they were put on alert that they should start looking (at athletes to recruit)."

The recommendation also stated that the men's and women's fencing programs should not receive grants, although those programs have been without scholarships since 1981.

Athletic Director James I. Tarman accepted the recommendation of the seven-member commission and sent it to Garban, who needs to approve it before it is sent to University President Bryce Jordan for final approval.

Assistant Athletic Director Rich Lucas said that it was his understanding that the changes were implemented upon Tarman's approval of the recommendations.

"I think (a letter Tarman sent to the coaches affected by the cuts) indicated that he accepted the preliminary recommendations of that committee and was putting them into effect at that moment," Lucas said. "Primarily so those sports that were increased in aid could recruit."

Still, nothing has been approved by Garban and the recommendation is back on Tarman's desk, although Garban emphasized he has no real problems with it. He said the delay in approving the plan will give the coaches adversely affected by it a chance to suggest alternatives to the grant cuts.

"We kind of discussed the matter and we agreed that we should implement the new priorities or at least give (the coaches) notice that we are thinking about it," Garban said. "And then (Tarman) talked to the coaches and then he's going to go back to the strategic planning com-

mittee with whatever information he had from the coaches.

"Within the next month or so, we ought to be talking about whether we are going to implement (the recommendations) or just what we want to do."

Although Garban hopes to act on the recommendations within a month, committee member Ellen Perry said she is not sure of a set timetable. Perry, Tarman's assistant, said the only thing she knows for sure is that the committee will be reconvened, but she was not sure what topics would be discussed.

Although Perry is unsure of the committee's future action, several coaches are certain as to the effects of the recommendation. Volleyball Coach Tom Tait said his program has already been hit hard by the proposals, while Women's Tennis Coach Jan Bortner said the changes will greatly strengthen his team.

"As it stands now I can't recruit because I have no money to recruit with," Tait said. "... Already, our top recruit from Pennsylvania has not applied to Penn State even though this is where he wanted to go. He knows what is going on here and he's afraid that he'd be making a mistake by coming here."

For Bortner, the opposite is true. For a program that had experienced problems recruiting top high school performers, the change has been remarkable.

"I've had a lot of good recruits visit, nationally-ranked players, All-America players and so-forth," Bortner said. "Players that we haven't been able to even touch or come close to touching in the past we've been able to make good contact with this year because of the boost in scholarship money."

Although Bortner knows that the proposals could still be changed, he is confident his program will now have scholarships available to it.

"The only thing I can comment on is the fact that I've been out recruiting and been given every indication that the proposals (will be approved)," he said. "I'm going under the assumption that we will be having that money."

Although Tait is now without scholarship money, he said he will continue to gather information that will show why he believes his nationally-ranked program should not be cut.

"I'm going to continue to gather updated information, which I have been doing for some time now, and get that to the committee and various administrators," Tait said. "I'm also going to continue to try to gather as much support from as many different sources as I can to help us convince the athletic department and central administration that they've made a bad mistake."

Perry said that when the committee reconvenes it will be more than willing to listen to Tait's information.

"I think that people are constantly updating information... of course that's a judgment on anybody's part — whether anybody has up-to-date information," Perry said.

Court rules on injunction request, orders discharges as nurses' strike continues

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HARRISBURG — Commonwealth Court ordered union officials to provide two more nurses at a strikebound hospital yesterday but also ordered state officials to discharge more patients there as a nurses' walkout continued for the second day.

Nurses, angry about wages and the lack of a contract since September, continued picketing at 140 state-run mental and general hospitals, clinics, prisons and university health centers in the first strike against state health institutions in 11 years.

"I think this injunction sends a clear message that our strike is having far more impact than the commonwealth is prepared to handle," said David Ranck, executive administrator for the Pennsylvania Nurses Association.

"There's no way anyone can say it's 'business as usual,'" he said in a prepared statement.

About 70 percent of the nurses scheduled to work yesterday, or about 1,200 workers, remained off the job, said Murray Dickman, state secretary of administration.

In an injunction request filed Wednesday, the state sought six additional nurses at Coaldale General Hospital in Schuylkill County, saying current staffing failed to guarantee adequate care for patients.

Commonwealth Court Judge James Colins ordered the Pennsylvania Nurses Association to provide one nurse on each of the morning and evening shifts, beginning yesterday afternoon.

The judge also told the commonwealth to "make all immediate efforts to substantially reduce the present patient population" at the

hospital and to report the efforts to the court on Monday.

Public Welfare Secretary Walter Cohen ordered Coaldale to immediately transfer 28 acute-care patients, leaving 40 patients at the hospital, state officials said.

Coaldale was among five of seven state-run general hospitals that curtailed admissions or transferred patients to community and private hospitals to prepare for the strike.

Cohen said he ordered the other four hospitals to "be prepared to transfer their acute-care patients, should it become necessary." The two hospitals still accepting patients were not affected by the strike because an adequate number of nurses reported to work, the department said.

Ranck accused the commonwealth of neglecting patients' welfare by failing to prepare adequately for the strike.

The state, however, said the

court's action indicated a lack of caring by the nurses association.

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A court order ended the last strike by the nurses association against the state, a 24-hour walkout in 1975.

Supervisors, doctors, nurses who crossed the picket lines and health-care professionals are caring for patients at the strikebound facilities.

A mediator scheduled a meeting between both sides on Tuesday, Ranck said.

Spirits were high among pickets outside Harrisburg State Hospital yesterday morning.

"I think it's (strike) going wonderfully," said Lois Rothermel, a psychiatric nurse and member of the negotiating team.

Connie Jones, a hospital aide and member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, said she was picketing in support of the nurses.

She placed much of the blame on Gov. Dick Thornburgh, saying he was refusing to grant adequate raises to build the state budget surplus for a tax cut.

Union negotiator Richard Stober said last week the union would accept the 3 percent annual pay raises awarded other state employees last year as long as nurses are moved higher on the state's pay scale.



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Members of the Pennsylvania Nurses Association continued to picket yesterday outside the State Correctional Institution at Rockview. Nurses in the state had been working without a contract since September while negotiators worked on a settlement. The walkout, which began Wednesday morning, affects approximately 3,800 nurses and health care employees across the state.

Correction

Due to a reporting error, it was incorrectly reported in yesterday's *Collegian* that Leann Simons, co-organizer of a pro-choice celebration banquet, said pro-choice activists have a narrow-minded, "hostage-like" view of the abortion issue. Simons said anti-choice activists hold that view.

Friday

weather

This afternoon we'll see sun, sun, sun, and more sunshine. (Yes, it's almost too good to be true for State College). High of 35. Tonight, increasing clouds with a low of 18. The outlook for the weekend: mostly cloudy on Saturday with a high of 32. There is the possibility of a major storm through the area on Sunday.....Heidi Sonen.