USG proposes alternatives to tuition hike

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Although many offices of the Undergraduate Student Government are out of session for the summer, USG vice president Sue Sturgis said yesterday that the organization is still working on student issues.

Sturgis said three student representatives are preparing alternatives to a tuition increase which they will present at next month's Board of Trustees meeting if the trustees vote to increase

USG President Matt Baker, Gina Sena of the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments, and Graduate Student Association President Russ Taylor have been meeting together to prepare the alternatives, she said.

Sturgis said if USG is already prepared with

might prove to the trustees that USG should be taken seriously.

Steve Garban, senior vice president for finance and operations for the University, is scheduled to meet with the three representatives tomorrow to discuss the tuition situation and to tell them what to expect at the July meeting.

The University's 62,000 students have seen a tuition increase for the past 18 years, including a 7.7 percent increase last year.

Baker said his initial reaction to a tuition increase would be negative.

"I would be disappointed," he said. "I think that education is too expensive right now and I don't feel there is a need for a tuition increase." However, Baker said an increase would be beneficial if the money were to benefit Penn State's undergraduate population.

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the trustees stand on spending.

With class size increasing, the University definitely needs more professors, so money spent in that area will be beneficial, Baker said, adding that the University's engineering and chemistry labs also need improvement.

Although USG operates with about 30 percent of its workforce during the summer and is not involved in any orientation activities at this time, the organization is preparing for fall activities and other projects, Sturgis said.

The group is also preparing for USG's involvment in the "Be a Part From the Start" program, which will familiarize incoming students with the University and USG.

"A lot of department directors are gone for the summer," Sturgis said, "but if people need help Baker added that USG's alternatives are not with anything, we're here," she added, referring



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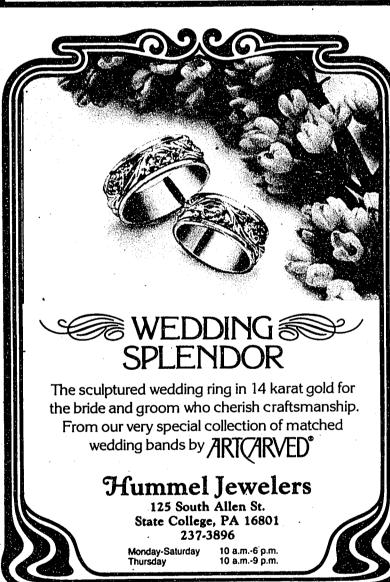
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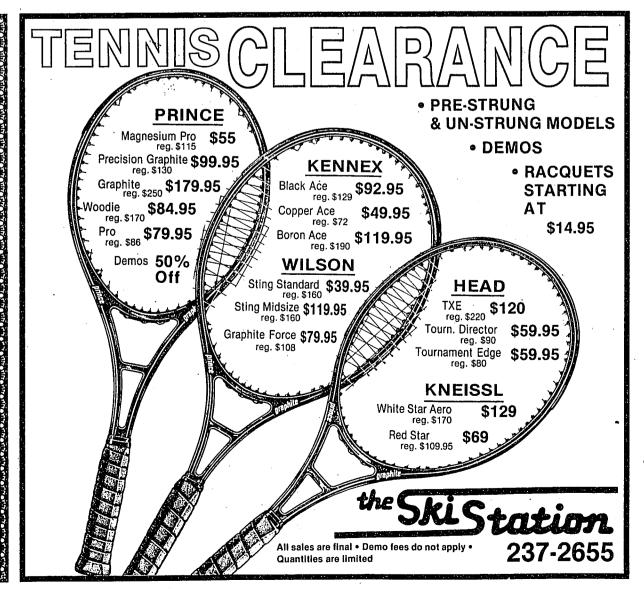






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