Boomers bear \$\$\$ burden

By MARY MARGARET HUGHES Collegian Staff Writer

The post baby-boom generation may shoulder a heavier financial burden to support its retiring parents and grandparents than any previous generation of Americans, members of a committee studying governmental pensions said.

The National Committee on Public Employee Pension Systems, a nonprofit group based in Washington D.C., believes that demographic trends indicate a potentially disastrous imbalance in the ratio of workers to retirees.

As the baby-boom generation ages and the birth rate continues to drop, fewer workers will contribute to pension plans meant to support the growing number of beneficiaries. By the year 2020, when many Uni-

versity students will be nearing their 50s, the "baby boomers" will be 60 to 80 years old. Every fifth American will be 65 or older.

The committee projects that by 2010, if present pension outlavs continue, 67 percent of the federal budget will be spent on programs for the elderly, creating deficits in other areas of the federal budget. "We might not be able to function as a superpower as we have been,'

said Jean Russo, a graduate student in international affairs at George Washington University and a committee worker. "It's that serious." In response to the grim forecasts, the committee advocates a plan to limit cost-of-living allowance increases on certain types of government pensions, especially those of the mili-

tarv and civil service. The says COLA increases are responsible for 40 percent of the total cost of federal pensions.

Under the plan, called the PEPS COLA Cap, cost of living allowances would be discontinued for privatesector retirees on pension amounts greater than the maximum allowable Social Security benefit, which is

The committee estimates that the cap would save \$500 billion in the next 10 years, reducing the pension liabili ties that future generations would have to pay.

Workers who serve in the military and then have a civil service job qualify for both types of pensions ipon retirement. Many are also eligible for Social Security benefits as

"Social Security was designed to cover the basic needs of private-sector retirees," said Ken Ward, another PEPS worker. "A federal retiree can draw as many as three pensions — all with cost of living increases."

The proposed plan is "equitable and affordable." he said. "We don't want to cut back anybody," Russo said. "But all those pensions don't need three cost of living adjustments.''

The committee maintains that federal retirees are organized into powerful interest groups that block all efforts to reduce their pension benefits. But others take a different stand on the issue.

"There have been lots of attempts to regulate pensions," said James M. Wagner, assistant vice president for human resources at the University. and he added that such actions "frequently go nowhere." "Most people who get two pensions

have worked two jobs," Wagner said. "Maybe they deserve two pensions." Wagner suggested that a system of phased retirement, in which a worker would gradually retire rather than suddenly leave the workforce, may become popular. Such a solution would relieve some of the strain placed on pension systems by the mass retirement of the baby boom

generation. However, the committee believes the issue is real and wishes the younger generation was more aware of the heavy budget stresses ahead. "People our age don't look to the future." Russo said. "They say, 'We'll pay in the future.' But the future is here."

The Arthur H. Waynick memorial fund will sponsor a lecture on "Issues in Space Research — How the Future Influences the Past" at 8 tonight in

C. Stewart Gillmore, professor of history and science and chairman of the history department at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., will cover issues facing university research and educators today, such as funding for researchers. He will also discuss aging researchers in space.

"In the next few years, the community of leaders in the space program, who were the real pioneers in the '60s. will be retiring, and they will be replaced by a group of new people," said John Nisbet, Penn State professor of electrical engineering. "These are the leaders of the future." The lecture will be open to students, faculty and the public, Nisbet added.

Reagan Says The

Japanese Face Tariffs

WASHINGTON - President Reagan In addition to televisions and satel-

announced yesterday that he intended lites, Japanese imports proposed for

to impose up to \$300 million in tariffs include personal computers,

ariffs on Japanese exports ranging radio-tape players, album-and-tape-

from television sets to sophisticated playing machines, small electronic

ommunications satellites.

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tariffs would take effect April 17, tools, electronic measuring devices,

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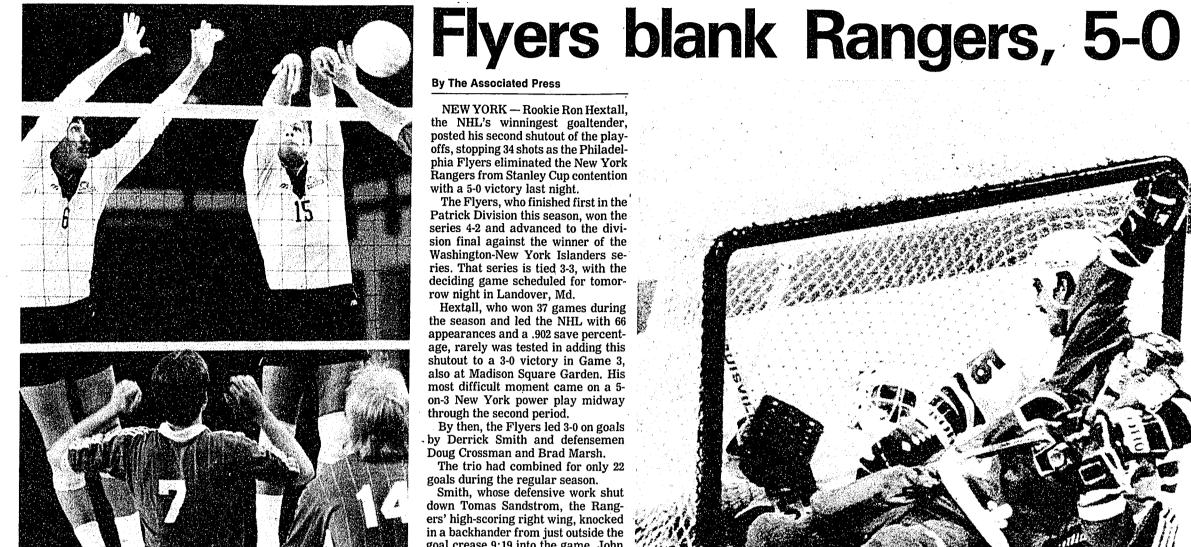
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Penn State's Mike Hogan (left) and Rob Pierce (right) hope to keep stopping

Top-ranked spikers host EIVA tourney

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An act that men's volleyball Head final will only fuel the fire. shame" will send the nation's No. 1 should be Penn State and George and tight defensive work were to Nordiques clinched the series with a 5-4 win. and No. 2 teams to Rec Hall tonight Mason in the final game," Tait said. much for New York to overcome. for opening-round action of the East- "If it is, it should prove to be an Tim Kerr made it 4-0 with a power- ers scored three straight goals in the Capitals tied the game at 6:58 when unassisted goal on a screened shot ern Intercollegiate Volleyball Assoexceptional match between two outplay goal at 13:14 of the second period, with LaFontaine and Gaetan Duchesne converted a cenfrom the point at 4:07 of the third No. 1 Penn State will meet No. 16

at 8 p.m.; while No. 2 George Mason nent. with the consolation game set for 5:30

According to Tait, Eastern and tourney, we aren't going to get a Midwestern coaches were angered by chance at a National Championship." ra last weekend. Consequently, some

the things that were happening with play pretty pathetically." the poll," Tait said. realize what a bad mistake they GMU, it has to be prepared to stop a seven games this season, the Island-partially screened Kelly Hrudey. The Defenseman Bill Root scored at the partially screened Kelly Hrudey. The Defenseman Bill Root scored at the partially screened Kelly Hrudey.

as a collegiate sport." means little to the Lions. tournament invitations, and the one Mason get their share of points and after the NCAA tournament at the sideouts. We have to make sure that By SUSAN GOLDSTEIN end of the year. In between, they are they don't get more than their

isn't honest," sophomore middle-hit- earlier with them and with Santa Even if the nation's real top two and come at us strong. But if we play teams won't be at Rec Hall, at least the brand of ball we are capable of, it the EIVA's top duo will be present. will take a great team and a great Penn State and George Mason have a effort to beat us."

ime out

over the Chicago Cubs vesterday

Bulls lost to the Atlanta Hawks 117-114

hatters in his second

pro schedule

Indiana at Sixers, 7:30 p.m.

in brief

long-standing rivalry, which includes shot was tipped into the net by Rangfour Lion victories over the Patriots ers' defensemen James Patrick. this season. The expected PSU-GMU standing teams."

But Tait, as he has said previously, Rutgers-Newark in the feature match does not like to look past, any oppo-

Saturday's agenda looks the same, granted," he said. "In this tourna- swept New York in 1985, they went on the net on a rebound of Makela's shot. the series. ment, we are fully aware that any to the Stanley Cup final where they

LaFontaine then set up Makela Washington got to within 5-4 when p.m. and the East finale scheduled further steps we take hinge on our lost to Edmonton. winning (over Rutgers-Newark). If

The loss ended yet another season he made a neat pass from the blue left faceoff circle at 6:19. However, Tait said that Penn State we don't get the job done in the semiand GMU did not earn their rankings finals, then we won't win the EIVA Rangers. They have not won the NHL tourney. And if we don't win the EIVA championship since 1940. the fact that Pepperdine neglected to Chase's perspective of the tournataine scored two goals and assisted on taine shoveled in a backhander from up their NHL playoff series with a 4-0 report its 3-0 loss to UC-Santa Barbament, however, is a little different.

another in the second period as the a few feet in front of the crease for his victory over the Blues. "I've been ready (for the EIVA New York Islanders defeated the third goal of the playoffs. coaches — Tait not included — left tourney) since January," he said. Washington Capitals 5-4 last night The first period belonged entirely three games as the Maple Leafs won the more deserving California teams "George Mason is fun and the best and tied their first-round NHL playoff to the Islanders, who outshot Washteam we play out here, but, after series at three games each.

they did was not good for volleyball couple of things Mason has going for it: the explosive hitting team of Moyo "It's not something that means a "Kasim and Acosta are two out-

share. "It would be better if nobody knew As for the revenge factor, Tait said, about the situation, since it really "It is the same situation we had Barbara. We expect them to play well

Bob Kipper pitched a four-hitter while Mike Lavalliere and Andy Van

Sivke combined for six hits and four RBI to lead the Pirates to a 6-0 victory

Darryl Strawberry homered and drove in four runs as New York beat

the Phillies 9-3. Joe Cowley, 0-2, made it through one inning plus three

• Chicago's Michael Jordan scored 61 points night to become the

second player in NBA history to score 3,000 points in a season, but the

• The women's lacrosse game against Maryland scheduled for yester-

day was postponed until May 3. The decision not to play was made by

The football team's 1987 home game against Alabama, originally

scheduled for Oct. 24, has been moved to Sept. 12 to permit a national

both team's coaches yesterday morning in fear of inclement weather.

prime-time telecast by CBS. Kickoff is scheduled for 8 p.m.

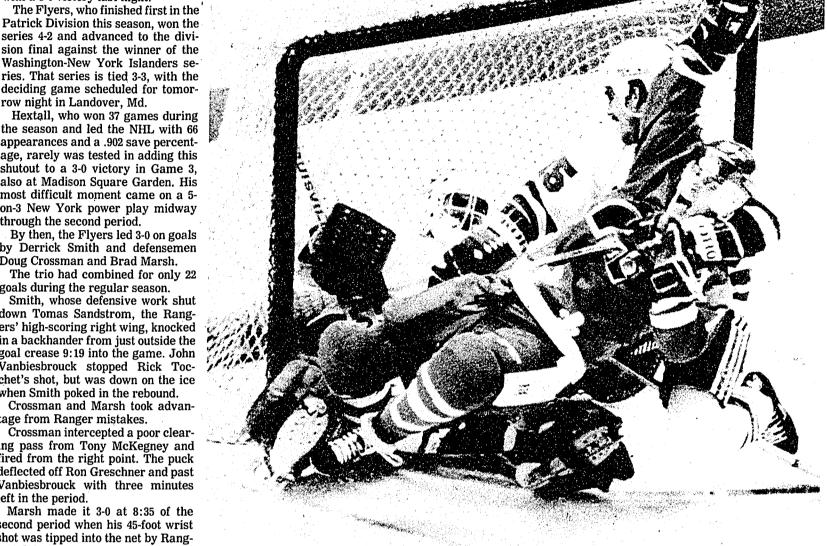
Phillies (Rawley 0-1) at Pirates (Patterson 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

goal crease 9:19 into the game. John Vanbiesbrouck stopped Rick Tocchet's shot, but was down on the ice when Smith poked in the rebound. Crossman and Marsh took advantage from Ranger mistakes. Crossman intercepted a poor clearing pass from Tony McKegney and fired from the right point. The puck deflected off Ron Greschner and past

Vanbiesbrouck with three minutes left in the period. Marsh made it 3-0 at 8:35 of the second period when his 45-foot wrist Vanbiesbrouck was replaced by Bob Froese at that point, but it made

the third period. The Flyers had lost three of last

Islanders 5, Capitals 4 UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Pat LaFon- when he put a shot on net and LaFon- as the Toronto Maple Leafs wrapped



Jason Lafreniere of the Quebec Nordiques raises his hand in celebration after sliding a shot into the net past Hartford nce, as the Flyers' speed Whalers goalie Mike Liut. It was Lafreniere's goal that sent last night's game between the two clubs into overtime

od. Lindsay Carson scored at 5:21 of linemate Mikko Makela keying the tering pass from Bobby Gould, and period to give the Maple Leafs some The Islanders, trailing 3-2, tied the lead at 9:31 with a power-play goal Russ Courtnall added an unassisted

four first-round playoff meetings with game on a power-play goal by LaFon- from the left side of the net. will take on No. 14 East Stroudsburg "One thing you learn in athletics is the Rangers, including a five-game taine at 11:31 of the second period. The power-play score was only that you can never take things for series last year. But when the Flyers LaFontaine scored from in front of Washington's second in 34 attempts in sisted goal at 17:51. with the go-ahead goal at 14:27 when Kelly Miller scored on a shot from the

way and beat Mason with a back-

"It was an emotional over-reaction beating them four times, it's hard to The two teams will meet in the Bryan Trottier and Duane Sutter. of some of the coaches in the East and convince yourself that they can beat seventh and deciding game of their But the Capitals came back with ning Tuesday night in Detroit. Midwest to the frustration of some of us. For us to lose, we would have to

Patrick Division semifinal series to
three straight goals in the first half of

Seldom-used winger Brad Smith period goals en route to a 6-1 victory morrow night in Landover, Md. the second period to take the lead. scored the only goal that Wregget In beating Washington rookie goal
Michal Pivonka scored from the would need at 2:55 of the opening "Those coaches who voted this way State to collect its fifth win over ie Bob Mason for the first time in right faceoff circle at 4:26 through a period.

Ed Kastelic gave Washington a 3-2 breathing room.

TORONTO — Goaltender Ken Makela then returned the favor, Wregget stopped all 19 St. Louis shots

Wregget allowed just two goals in ington 20-7 and led 2-0 on goals by 2 and advanced to the division finals against the Detroit Red Wings, begin-

goal at 6:12, and Peter Ihnacak com-

QUEBEC — Peter Stastny scored his second goal of the game on a breakaway at 6:05 of overtime to give the Quebec Nordiques a 5-4 victory over the Hartford Whalers last night to win their Adams Division semifinal

Quebec will now take on the Canadiens in the NHL division final beginning next Monday in Montreal.

Jets 6, Flames 1 WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Doug Smail scored two goals as the Winnipeg Jets eliminated the Calgary Flames with four unanswered firstlast night to take Smythe Division semifinal series in six games. The best-of-seven Smythe final opens Tuesday night in Edmonton.

team wins

one of two

The softball team split its dou-

bleheader at Rhode Island yes-

terday, winning the first game 3-

2, but dropping the nightcap 5-4 in

The afternoon started on a high

note for the Lady Lions, as they

broke a 2-2 tie in the top of the

sixth to win the first game 3-2.

Deb Bryan scored the winning

run and contributed two of the

team's seven hits. Kathy

Kaminski was the winning pitch-

However, the squad's luck

changed in the second game.

Penn State tallied two runs in the

top of the first inning, but Rhode

Island came back to tie it in the

Rhode Island tied the contest in

its half of the seventh, then went

on to win in the bottom of the

The loss spoiled a strong offen-

sive showing by Penn State. Nán

double and triple, and Eileen

Roach was two-for-five with a

Sichler was three-for-five with a

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Nevertheless, the top-ranking thing known as the revenge factor. Nevertheless, the top-ranking thing known as the revenge factor. Nevertheless, the top-ranking thing known as the revenge factor. Nethodological esport. Nevertheless, the top-ranking thing known as the revenge factor. lot to us," Tait said. "The only two polls that mean anything are the preseason poll, which can determine season poll, which can det

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at the Penn State Tennis Club by a score of 8-1, pushing Wylie. The duo of Steinberg and Dollard won their match, the Lions above the .500 mark with a record of 14-13. 6-3, 6-4, over Fraser and Barber. They'll look to maintain their winning ways when they Leach said that Millersville was a good match to build take on the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers today. Penn State began its slaying of Millersville when Lee matches against Rutgers and Princeton.

match, 6-1, 6-3. Sponaugle was very pleased with his win pleased with the win over Millersville, which is currently over Kwon. He defeated Kwon twice before on hard ranked 20th in Division II. He said, however, that he is courts, but has lost to him three times on clay. Yester- still not satisfied with the doubles play. day's win on hard courts evened their record at 3-3. Some other factors that Sponaugle said contributed to their best," he said. the win were his serving, the home courts, and his friends' Cathrall said that hopefully some of the problems that

was going to hit the ball because I've played him so many team gets to Princeton on Saturday everything will be times before. I was on the offensive from the baseline, so I worked out. just waited for the opportunity to come in." In the No. 2 spot, Oliver Sebastian defeated Oliver Atlantic 10 Championships. Penn State's schedule has match was much tougher than the score indicated. home.

watched him play and knew his style of play. Sebastian didn't use his usual serve-and-volley game, because he knew he could stay back and still win. Adam Steinberg, the Lions' No. 3 singles player struggled to win a three-set match over Mike Kennedy, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. At No. 4, Bill Dollard came back to win his match, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0, shutting out John Wylie in the third with intensity during every match.

set. Ron Mercer lost at No. 5 to Avery Fraser by a score of 6-1, 6-3, and Glenn Leach registered a 6-2, 6-1, win over matter what. We will have to play our best tennis to beat Millersville's No. 6 singles player Dan Barber. Leach's strategy was opposite of that of Sebastian, He said he defeated his opponent by coming in and keeping

his opponent back. "Basically I just overpowered the guy," he said. "He "It's up to the individual, if he has a good day or not," just stayed back and if you stay back on these courts it's he said. All three of the doubles teams won their matches, Monday and Penn on Wednesday.

starting with Sponaugle and Sebastian at No. 1. They defeated the team of Kwon and Merrill by a score of 6-4, 6-3. Mark Hertz teamed with Mercer to win the No. 2 The men's tennis team defeated Millersville yesterday doubles, 7-6, (7-4 in the tiebreaker) 6-3, over Kennedy and

the team's confidence, especially for the upcoming Sponaugle beat Young Min Kwon in the No. 1 singles Head Coach Holmes Cathrall said he was generally "They're playing better, but they're still not playing

were partially corrected yesterday will be corrected even "I anticipated him well," he said. "I knew where he more in the match with Rutgers today and by the time the This is the last regular road trip for the Lions until the

Merrill by the same score, 6-1, 6-3. Sebastian said that his consisted of 23 matches on the road and only eight at Sebastian hadn't played his opponent before, but he has Cathrall said that if his team plays as well as they generally play then they should beat Rutgers. Rutgers' No. 1 player is out with an injury and that will hurt the

strength of the team. Cathrall said that Princeton will be the big match and the Lions have the potential to beat Princeton if they play "We're always going to have trouble with Princeton, no

them," he said. "If we have an off day and don't play well, then we'll get beat." Sebastian said that everyone must play well in order to

win. The Lions return home next week to face Maryland on

double. The Lady Lions out-hit Rhode Island 8-5. The team's hectic schedule twinbill tomorrow and Adelphi

continues this weekend. It visits the University of Connecticut for a doubleheader today, the University of Massachusetts for a

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