

Boomers bear \$\$\$ burden

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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 non-profit 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 University 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 outlays 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 member. "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 military and civil service.

The plan, called the PEPSCOLA Cap, cost of living allowances would be discontinued for private-sector retirees on pension amounts greater than the maximum allowable Social Security benefit, which is \$10,000.

The committee estimates that the cap would save \$50 billion in the next 40 years, reducing the pension liabilities 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 upon retirement. Many are also eligible for Social Security benefits as well.

"Social Security was designed to cover the basic needs of private-sector workers," said Ken Ward, another PEPSCOLA member. "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 anyone. 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 stress 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 112 Walker.

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.

— by Jeannette Gibson

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Reagan Says The Japanese Face Tariffs

WASHINGTON—President Reagan announced yesterday that he intended to impose up to \$300 million in tariffs on Japanese exports ranging from television sets to sophisticated communications satellites.

Administration officials said the tariffs would take effect April 17, after Japanese government and industry officials are allowed time to comment formally.

Reagan, who has steadfastly opposed protectionist trade measures, said in a prepared statement that he was imposing the tariffs because Japan had not honored two parts of the semiconductor agreement reached by the two countries in July. The five-year pact remains in effect.

In addition to televisions and satellites, Japanese imports proposed for tariffs include personal computers, radio-type typewriters, album-and-tape-playing machines, small electronic motors, floppy computer disks, window air conditioners, power hand tools, electronic measuring devices, pumps and pump parts, refrigerators and film for X-ray machines.

Penalties on selected Japanese products would be as much as 100 percent or equal to the current price of the goods themselves, potentially doubling the cost of those items.

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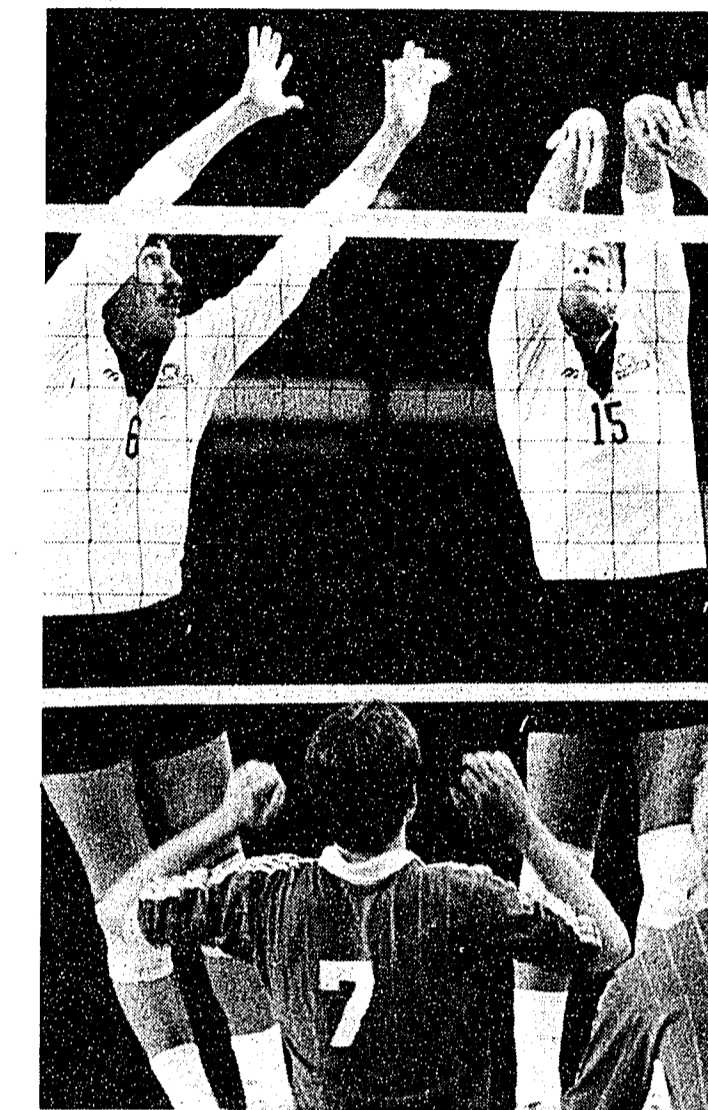
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Penn State's Mike Hogan (left) and Rob Pierce (right) hope to keep stopping opponents who try to topple the top-ranked Lions this season.

Top-ranked spikers host EIVA tourney

By MARK WOGENRICH
Collegian Sports Writer

An act that men's volleyball Head Coach Tom Tait called a "real shame" will send the nation's No. 1 and No. 2 teams to Rec Hall tonight for opening-round action of the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association championships.

No. 1 Penn State will meet No. 16 Rutgers-Newark in the feature match at 8 p.m., while No. 2 George Mason will take on No. 14 East Stroudsburg at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday's agenda looks the same, with the consolation game set for 5:30 p.m. and the East finale scheduled for 8 p.m.

However, Tait said that Penn State and GMU did not earn their rankings by merit, but instead by default.

According to Tait, Eastern and Midwest coaches were angered by the fact that Pepperdine neglected to report its 3-0 loss to UC-Santa Barbara last weekend.

"These coaches who voted this way realize what a bad mistake they made," he added. "They know what they did was not good for volleyball as a collegiate sport."

Nevertheless, the top-ranking means little to the Lions.

"It's not something that means a lot to us," Tait said. "The only two polls that mean anything are the pre-season poll, which can determine tournament invitations, and the one after the NCAA tournament at the end of the year. In between, they are basically meaningless."

"It would be better if nobody knew about the situation, since it really isn't honest," sophomore middle-trainer Chris Chase said.

Even if the nation's real top two teams won't be at Rec Hall, at least the EIVA's top duo will be present. Penn State and George Mason have a

chance at a National Championship.

Chase's perspective of the tournament, however, is a little different.

"I've been ready (for the EIVA) since I was in high school," he said. "George Mason is fun and the best team we play out here, but after beating them four times, it's hard to compete with them. They can beat us. For us to lose, we would have to play pretty pathetically."

But, as Tait pointed out, for Penn State to collect its fifth win over GMU, it has to be prepared to stop a couple of things Mason has going for it: the explosive hitting team of Moyo Kasim and Alvaro Acosta, and something known as the revenge factor.

"Kasim and Acosta are two outstanding players that could start for any team in the country," Tait said. "They are key players and will help Mason get their share of points and strikeouts. We have to make sure that they don't get more than their share."

As for the revenge factor, Tait said, "It is the same situation we had earlier with them and with Santa Barbara. We expect them to play well and come at us strong. But if we play the brand of ball we are capable of, it will take a great team and a great effort to beat us."

Philles (Rawley 0-1) at Pirates (Patterson 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Indiana at Sikors, 7:30 p.m.

Flyers blank Rangers, 5-0

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rookie Ron Hextall, posted his second shutout of the play-offs, stopping 34 shots as the Philadelphia Flyers eliminated the New York Rangers from Stanley Cup contention with a 5-0 victory last night.

The Flyers, who finished first in the Patrick Division this season, won the series 4-2 and advanced to the division final against the winner of the Washington-New York Islanders series. That series is tied 3-3, with the deciding game scheduled for tomorrow night in Landover, Md.

Hextall, who won 37 games during the season and led the NHL with 66 appearances and a .902 save percentage, rarely was tested in adding this shutout to a 2-0 victory over the Rangers also at Madison Square Garden. His most difficult moment came on a 5-on-3 New York power play midway through the second period.

By then, the Flyers led 3-0 on goals by Derrick Smith and defenseman Doug Crossman and Brad Marsh. The trio had combined for only 22 goals during the regular season.

Smith, whose defensive work shut down Tomas Sandstrom, the Rangers' high-scoring right wing, knocked in a backhander from just outside the goal crease 9:19 into the game. John Vanbiesbroek stopped Rick Tocchet's shot, but was down on the ice when Smith popped in the rebound.

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The Flyers had lost three of their last four regular-play meetings with the Rangers, including a five-game series last year. But when the Flyers swept New York in 1985, they went to the Stanley Cup final where they lost to Edmonton.

The Islanders, who ousted Washington in the first round of the playoffs, had the go-ahead goal at 14:27 when he made a neat pass from the blue line to Makiela, who went on a breakaway and beat Mason with a backhander.

Makiela then returned the favor, when he put a shot on net and LaFontaine shoveled in a backhander from a few feet in front of the crease for his third goal of the playoffs.

The first period belonged entirely to the Islanders, who outshot Washington 20-7 and led 2-0 on goals by Bryan Trotter and Duane Sutter.

But the Capitals came back with three straight goals in the first half of the second period to take the lead.

Michael Pivonka scored from the right faceoff circle at 4:26 through a partially screened Kelly Hruzye. The



Jason Lafreniere of the Quebec Nordiques raises his hand in celebration after sliding a shot into the net past Hartford Whalers goalie Mike Lut. It was Lafreniere's goal that sent last night's game between the two clubs into overtime. The Nordiques clinched the series with a 5-4 win.

Quibec tied the game at 6:58 when Gaetan Duchesne converted a centering pass from Bobby Gould, and Ed Kastelic gave Washington a 3-2 lead at 9:31 with a power-play goal from the left side of the net.

The power-play score was only Washington's second in 34 attempts in the series.

Washington got to within 5-4 when Kelly Miller scored on a shot from the left faceoff circle at 6:19.

Maple Leafs 4, Blues 0
TORONTO — Goaltender Ken Wregget stopped all 19 St. Louis shots as the Toronto Maple Leafs wrapped up their NHL playoff series with a 4-0 victory over the Blues.

Wregget allowed just two goals in three games as the Maple Leafs won the Norris Division semifinal series 4-2 and advanced to the division finals against the Detroit Red Wings, beginning Tuesday night in Detroit.

Seldom-used winger Brad Smith scored the only goal that Wregget would need at 2:55 of the opening period.

Defensesman Bill Root scored an

unassisted goal on a screened shot from the point at 4:07 of the third period to give the Maple Leafs some breathing room.

Russ Courtnall added an unassisted goal at 6:12 and Peter Ilnacuk completed the scoring with another unassisted goal at 17:51.

Nordiques 5, Whalers 4 (OT)
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 series in six games.

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

Jets 6, Flames 1
WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Doug Small scored two goals as the Winnipeg Jets eliminated the Calgary Flames with four unanswered first-period goals en route to a 6-1 victory last night to take the Norris Division semifinal series in six games.

The best-of-seven Smythe final opens Tuesday night in Edmonton.

Netmen easily beat Millersville, prepare for the Scarlet Knights

By SUSAN GOLDSTEIN
Collegian Sports Writer

The men's tennis team defeated Millersville yesterday at the Penn State Tennis Club by a score of 8-1, pushing the Lions above the .500 mark with a record of 14-13.

"They'll look to maintain their winning ways when they take on the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers today," Penn State began its slaying of Millersville when Lee Spanghale beat Young Min Kwon in the No. 1 singles match, 6-1, 6-3. Spanghale was very pleased with his win over Kwon. He defeated Kwon twice before on hard courts, but has lost to him three times on clay. Yesterday's win on hard courts evened their record at 3-3.

Some other factors that Spanghale said contributed to the win were his serving, the home courts, and his friends' support.

"I anticipated him well," he said. "I knew where he was going to hit the ball because I've played him so many times before. I was on the offensive from the baseline, so I just waited for the opportunity to come in."

In the No. 2 spot, Oliver Sebastian defeated Oliver Merrill by the same score, 6-1, 6-3. Sebastian said that his match was much tougher than the score indicated. Sebastian hadn't played his opponent before, but he has 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.

Adrian 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 set. Ron Mercey 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 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 just stayed back and if you stay back on these courts it's difficult to win."

All three of the doubles teams won their matches,

Softball team wins one of two

The softball team split its doubleheader at Rhode Island yesterday, winning the first game 3-2, but dropping the nightcap 5-4 in nine innings.

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 pitcher.

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 bottom of the second.

Rhode Island tied the contest in the fifth of the seventh, then went on to win in the bottom of the ninth.

The loss spoiled a strong offensive showing by Penn State. Nan Sichter was three-for-five with a double and triple, and Eileen Roach was two-for-five with a double. The Lady Lions out-hit Rhode Island 8-5.

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