Collegian Staff Writer

HERSHEY — Money — or the lack of it - was a popular topic at the University Board of Trustees meeting in the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center on Friday and Saturday.

University President Joab Thomas told the trustees that Gov. Robert P. Casey's proposed non-increase in appropriations to the University is equivalent to a 4 percent budget cut.

'We have unavoidable cost increases in areas such as health care insurance, federal and state environmental requirements, fuel and utility costs, increases in maintenance and operations for new facilities," Thomas said.

The University is trying to convince the state assembly and Casey that the University needs more money, Thomas services, Thomas said.

said, adding that he has not heard about the status of his request for more funds.

Thomas proposed a \$33 million increase to the Senate Appropriations Committee last month and testified on the need for additional funding to the senate and the House Appropriations and Education Committee in Harris-

The Commonwealth does not understand higher education's impact on the overall state economy, Thomas said. University Park annually generates about \$1.2 billion for the state economy, he said. The University also employs about 89,000 Pennsylvanians, Thomas

Indirect financial benefits, such as technological advancements created or discovered by University scientists, triple the state's gain from University

lators, we stressed particularly Penn State's quality and accomplishments, Thomas said. "A message that I believe we must spread more aggressively across the entire commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

If the state approves the governor's request for a funding freeze, Thomas said a tuition increase greater than the planned 6 percent is inevitable. Thomas said there is not enough data to estimate the amount of an increase.

Thomas said the state should contribute more money to higher education to better its ranking as 47th in the country for state support to higher education. More state funding is a realistic goal because in 1970 the state was 23rd in higher education funding, he said.

Thomas said he urged clubs and orga-

for additional funding.

Undergraduate Student Government President J.P. Muir told trustees that all parents of undergraduate residents students received letters asking them to write their congressmen about the need for more funding. Affordable tuition must be made available for all students, Muir said, and if more cuts are made the University must plan carefully.

"With budget constraints we look not for quick-fixes such as larger classes or smaller periods of access time to computer and library facilities," Muir said. We all understand budget constraints. but there are critical areas which must not be touched.

Student trustee E.J. Shaffer said that Thomas listened to student leaders' concerns during the recent budget crisis.

"In our discussions with the legis- nizations in Pennsylvania to campaign Thomas made sure academic programs were minimally affected, Shaffer said.

> The University has received some support from the state. The state released \$33.8 million for four University Park capital projects - projects benefitting the state economy — including an agricultural science facility, airport improvements, a coal de-sulfurization center and the academic and athletic convocation and events center, Thomas

> Thomas said the state is more inclined to give money for projects the University has already contributed to. he said.

The University will resubmit the funding request for the HUB expansion and the new Paul Robeson Cultural Center, Thomas said. The governor may reconsider funding for the projects

because the University recently pledged \$2 million to the projects, he said. The general assembly approved the project in the 1990-91 budget, but the governor

The University continues to lobby for other capital projects such as the addition to Pattee and a new engineering building at University Park, Thomas said. The state has shown interest in the projects, Thomas said, but it has also shown interest in many other non-University projects.

Trustee President Mimi Coppersmith Fredman said the University must seek ways to cut costs during financial difficulty and keep tuition down to maintain Penn State's mission of educating the masses, she said. The University must increase the amount of student scholarships and grant fellowships also, Cop-

Trustee Briefs

Thomas to outline goals for PSU

University President Joab Thomas intends to outline his goals for Penn State during an April assembly at University Park.

"I will present then, both the goals and the values that I bring to the presidency of Penn State. And I will also present some ideas that I have on what we need to do together to keep this university moving forward," Thomas told the University's Board of Trustees on Saturday at the University's Hershey Medical Center.

The presidential speech has yet to be scheduled, but it will probably be held during the first week of April. Thomas's presentation is expected to be open to faculty, students and staff members

New arena's impact to be examined

A study is underway to provide data on the economic impact of the University's proposed academic/athletic convocation center.

University President Joab Thom-

as said "preliminary information that has come back has indicated that this center will have an enormous impact on Central Pennsylva-

nia and well beyond. "We anticipate that there will be upwards of 200 events a year in that center," he said. "And the complementarity between that center and the developing research park will be extremely valuable for this university and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.'

Thomas: Budget committee helpful

The President's Planning and Advisory Budget Committee has helped University President Joab Thomas, he told the trustees.

Thomas said he has attended all of this year's sessions, at which deans and office heads make proposals for increased funds.

"The process has underscored for me the depth of the underfunding situation at Penn State University. Generally the plans and initiatives put forth by the deans and the unit heads are sound and worthy of funding," Thomas said.

Hosler: No problems with federal gov't

Charles Hosler, the University's acting executive vice president and provost, assured the trustees that Penn State was not in the same financial quandary as Stanford Uni-

The president of Stanford University recently testified before Congress that "the school was changing its accounting procedures (because) the university may have overcharged the Federal Government as much as \$200 million for indirect research costs," according to the New York Times.

Hosler said, "I just want to reassure you that with the very conservative and excellent fiscal management we have now at Penn State, I don't think we're likely to be in any kind of trouble like that.

'Our overhead rates or indirect cost rates are 37 percent below those of Stanford and are thus not likely to have any problems even on very close inspection. We have several federal auditors that are here all the time, constantly looking at what we do.'

Campaign to lower sexual harassment

The University's Affirmative Action Office has launched a oneyear campaign to decrease the number of sexual harassment incidents on Penn State's campuses.

Bonnie Ortiz, affirmative action director, told the trustees that this week, the office will retrain a large staff of sexual harassment contact persons. Students are encouraged to report any incidents to the contact person in their college or at their Commonwealth campus.

GSA president speaks to trustees

Ken Martin, president of the Graduate Student Association, on Saturday presented his third speech to the University's Board of Trustees as outgoing GSA president. He may be back again, however.

Martin reported that no candidate has stepped forward to become the next GSA president and if the post is vacant two weeks from now, he will probably serve another term.

Trustees approve new building for classrooms

HERSHEY — The University Board of Trustees approved the final plans and authorized the University to obtain bids for the Mateer Building, which will house the School of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management.

The building will be connected to the Keller Conference Center and extend into the center's parking lot, said James Wagner, assistant vice president for business and operations

The building will not affect parking because the University's planned research park will include a new conference center, Wagner said. Parking will also be provided in the new second-floor parking terrace outdside the Keller building and a proposed parking facility behind Eisenhower Auditorium, Wag-

Keller will then be used for classrooms and other academic services, Wagner said.

The \$6 million project should be completed in about two years, he said.

Wagner said the current financial crisis should not delay the construction of Mateer Building because University President Joab Thomas has promised that the academic programs will be left

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alone as much as possible.

The hotel, restaurant and institutional management program is located in the Henderson and Health and Human Development buildings, Wagner said. Students in the program do not have adequate room or appropriate facilities,

Student trustee E.J. Shaffer said he toured the program's facilities and ate in its kitchen. He said the new building is necessary because students need a new facility.

"It's an area where Penn State can excel," Shaffer said.

Tiffany Fitzpatrick (sophomore-HRIM) said the nutrition laboratory the students use now is outdated.

"We deserve a lot more than we get," Fitzpatrick said.

-by Bridget Mount

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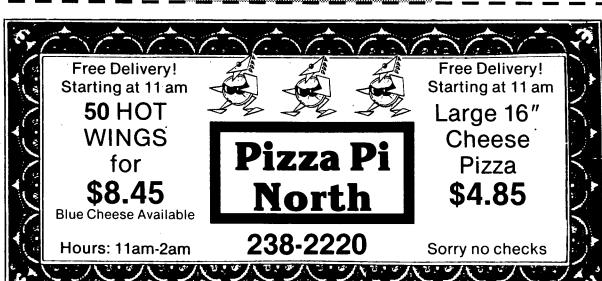
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