Lion Line donates phone lines

USG enables students to speak to legislators about budget plan

Collegian Staff Writer

Students who are concerned about the proposed tuition hike will finally get their chance to speak out about it by calling their state legislators for free.

The Undergraduate Student Government and Lion Line are sponsoring a phone bank today and tomorrow from noon to 5 p.m. in Rider House, 112 S. Burrowes St. The Lion Line hires students who call alumni and parents of current students for contributions for academ-

Rich Bundy, Lion Line director and assistant director of University giving, said he was asked by USG to donate phone lines for the project and he was glad to do so.

'We're more than happy to help the students out," Bundy said. "We occasionally donate our lines for things like this, but this is the first time we've helped with something political."

Gaylin Vogel, USG director of governmental affairs, helped arrange the phone bank campaign this year as an alternative to similar efforts.

"Last year, USG had a letter- help desk to look up their legisla- records of conversations between up."

writing campaign that was not very successful. Letter-writing takes a lot more time and the need was not as strong as it is this year," she said. "This year, there's a possibility of tuition going up as much as 8 percent, so we decided to try the phone bank."

Gov. Tom Ridge's recommendation for the University budget next year was \$21 million less than the \$298.5 million request. Because the request fell short, the University will raise tuition at least 4.5 per-

In addition, Ridge did not recommend the \$4.5 million the University requested for technology.

Vogel said USG is planning more events in upcoming weeks to try to thwart the tuition hike, including a postcard-writing campaign that will address the lack of funding for technology. The Lion Ambassadors are also helping the cause by asking alumni and parents of University students to call their legislators, she said.

Students who enter Rider House can look at an enlarged map of Pennsylvania in order to find their House and Senate districts, Vogel said. Students can also trek to a

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tor's phone numbers, she said. Some students expressed concern about calling their legislators, but Vogel said students should not

feel intimidated.

"A paper will be given to students to serve as a prompt during the phone call," she said. "Basically, it's a list of facts that can help students to clearly state their concern for the tuition hike.'

Vogel also said students who call legislators that have vocally supported the University in the past will thank them for their help and ask them to continue their support.

After students make their calls, they will be asked to fill out a response form and will be registered for a drawing to win prizes from shops and restaurants in the State College area, Vogel said.

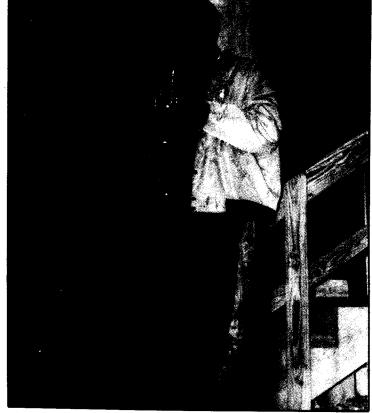
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students and their legislators. But despite publicity and incentives, some students think the phone campaign will not be suc-

"I don't know if a tuition hike concerns students enough for them to go out and make a call," said Melissa Rohan (freshman-division of undergraduate studies). "Most students I know have parents who pay their tuition, so I don't think they'll care enough.'

Other students agreed and said they thought phone calls to legislators would not help stop the tuition

"I have a pretty bad feeling that they're going to raise (tuition) anyway, no matter what the students say to them," said Leslie Spencer (junior-geography). "It's going to take more than just calling them



Blowin' away

Asia Chanel of State College practices playing the saxophone in the parking lot behind Pizza Hut. He and his brother are in the process of starting their own record company.

Bosstones to make second mighty mighty 'ska-ppearance' at Crowbar

By JAKE STUIVER and DAVID SCHONFELD Collegian Arts Writers

Lightning may never strike twice in the same place, but in State College, plaid does. Tonight, The Mighty Mighty Bosstones, a.k.a. "the plaid boys of Boston," will perform at Crowbar for the second spring in a row.

But this time, they're bringing more than horns and kilts. The considerable reputation they've amassed in the past year makes it somewhat astounding that Crowbar, 420 E. College Ave., was able to haul them back around. In recent months, they've spent the summer on the mini-

Japan and discovered a native Bosstones places. They've also worked on their own fanzine, 737, and Big Rig Records indie label, performed on "The Jon Stewart Show," been nominated by the Boston Music Awards for "Artist of the Year" and even squeezed in a hometown small club gig in appreciation of old school local fans.

Between the full house at Crowbar last April and the welcome return they're making tonight, the Bosstones have not just been sitting around drinking all the beer they sing about.

And they're not coming alone. Califor- Lights Records, 316 E. College Ave.

mecca Lollapalooza, appeared in the popunia's Dance Hall Crashers, another ska-pop lar Alicia Silverstone film, Clueless, toured band in a bit of The Go-Go's vein, and New Jersey's punky Bouncing Souls — two cover band, and played at numerous other bands of growing reputability on the presently metal-pedalin' punk-ska bandwagon — will open a show that could draw fans of each and every band on the bill.

"I'm pretty excited," said Mike Kuhle (sophomore-business). "I know the show's almost sold out. I'm looking forward to seeing the Bouncing Souls.'

Their popularity among college students enormous. Already the tickets for those under 21 have completely sold out and the 21-and-over tickets are also almost gone, according to Ken Kubala, manager of City

Upon returning to State College, the Bosstones can expect mixed student reactions to their success. Deborah Condliff (juniorindustrial engineering) is happy the band said. is coming back to Crowbar, but says its increased following has its drawbacks.

"I compare it to other bands that have played here before when they were smaller and then come back," she said, comparing the phenomenon to that of Live.

But Condliff said their popularity caused higher ticket prices (\$17), and the potential for overcrowding.

"It's good for them, bad for us," she said. Wes Bowser (sophomore-secondary education), member of local ska band 2,000 Flushes, said he likes the Bosstones, but Bowser said.

cannot afford a ticket to get there.

"I really wasn't planning on spending \$17, so I guess (I'm not going)," Bowser

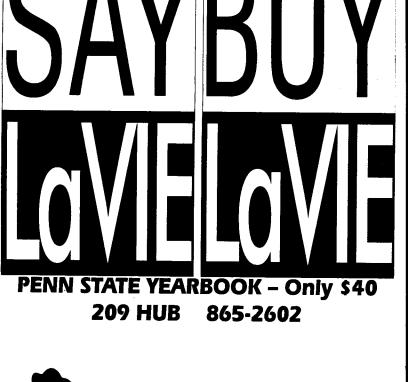
Bowser said the price increase may be partly due to elements of the headline's credentials, such as Lollapalooza.

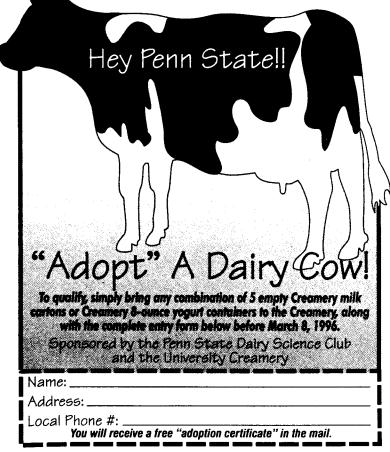
"Plus they're bringing two bigger-name acts," he said, adding that the show last year had no well-known opener.

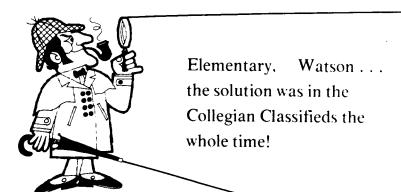
Having the nation's most popular skacore band return to Happy Valley twice in a year may be reflective of State College's flourishing ska scene, a good sign for bands like 2,000 Flushes.

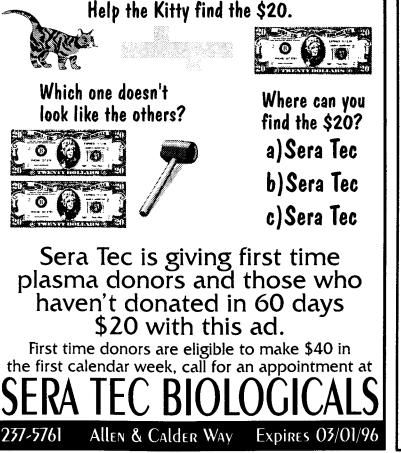
"I hope it just keeps getting bigger,"





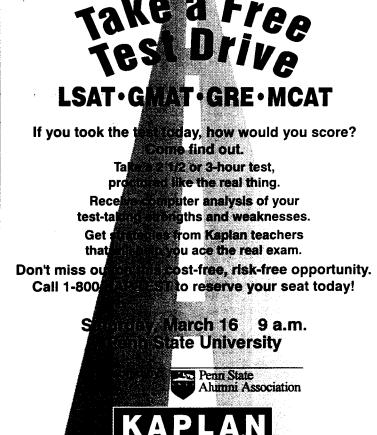








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