

Trustees approve tuition hike

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DUBOIS — The Penn State Board of Trustees approved a 5.9 percent tuition hike on Friday and university officials say there is no end in sight for tuition increases.

Penn State President Graham Spanier said the administration's plan is to "cope" with rising tuition costs, rather than try to eliminate the tuition increases.

The approved operating budget of 2011 includes a 5.9 percent tuition increase for in-state University Park students and a 4.5 percent increase for out-of-state University Park students.

Students at the Commonwealth Campuses will face a 3.9 percent tuition increase. "Modest" faculty and staff pay increases of 2 per-

cent will total \$30.4 million and will be based on merit evaluations, Spanier said.

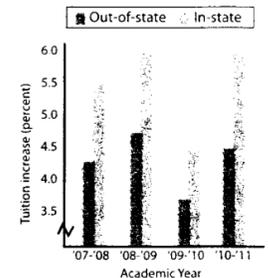
University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) President Christian Ragland said he was "extremely disappointed" with the tuition increase. Students shouldn't have to expect a tuition hike each year, he said.

"We don't want students to get apathetic that tuition will increase every year," Ragland (senior-political science) said.

Though the state appropriation remained at a level \$318.1 million, it was necessary to increase tuition because of the rising costs in utilities, insurance, employee

Tuition increases

Penn State students will see a 4.5 to 5.9 percent rise in tuition from last year.



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benefits and maintenance, Spanier said. See TUITION, Page 2.

Spanier: 'Senior week' should be eliminated

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Just days after university officials announced a plan to eliminate "senior week," some students said they're disappointed with the plan and don't think it will have any effect on seniors' celebrations.

In his report to the Board of Trustees at Friday's meeting, Penn State President Graham Spanier said the graduation dates for spring 2012 may be moved up to the week immediately following finals to avoid a week of seniors staying on campus with nothing

productive to do except frequent bars.

University Park Undergraduate Association President Christian Ragland said the announcement caught him off guard. Senior week is a tradition, he said — and the administration should respect the longstanding ritual.

Though Ragland (senior-political science) is an advocate of responsible drinking, the week is a reward for many seniors after four years of hard work, he said.

Not all students use the week as an opportunity to drink, he said. See SPANIER, Page 2.



Beatriz Keleman, of Studio K4 Glassart, displays her art work at the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts Saturday afternoon.

Arts Fest fosters community

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Four hundred volunteers. Three hundred artists. Fifty performing acts. And one festival.

The 44th annual Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts ended Sunday, and Executive Director Rick Bryant said it went "quite well."

"We had some great bands and a wonderful, diverse group of artists," he said. "We had a great crowd...and there were no incidences that would embarrass us. Everyone got home safely as far as I know."

Even though artists had to close their booths early on Friday because of the thunderstorms,

Bryant said the artists he spoke to still saw high sales.

The artists were not the only ones affected by the torrential downpour that occurred at about 6 p.m. All outdoor performances were canceled and could not be rescheduled.

Though there were fewer concerts than planned, Meghan Blose, 16, still said one of her favorite parts of the festival was listening to the array of music.

"I also like the music," she said. "It can be pretty diverse, but it's all American and fun."

The rain wasn't the only weather complication during the festival.

The scorching heat also "shifted



Arts Fest patrons brave the hot weather and browse the art work displays during the weekend-long event.

Jay Paterno: Joe still in good health

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Take it from his son: Joe Paterno is fine. Paterno is healthy, active and vacationing at the Jersey Shore despite missing three scheduled summer speaking events and Big Ten meetings in Chicago in May, his son and quarterbacks coach Jay Paterno said at Friday's Lift for Life event.

The 83-year-old coach suffered from the intestinal flu as well as an adverse reaction to antibiotic treatments following dental work this summer.

"He's gonna tough it out and gut it out," Jay Paterno said. "I'm not worried at all. If we were playing away tomorrow, he'd be on the plane and on the sideline."

Jay Paterno received a text message from a friend who is at the beach with Paterno, saying he has been active during vacation.

"He texted me the other day and said, 'Boy, he's all over the place. He's on the beach, he's getting ice cream,'" Jay Paterno said. "So yeah, it sounds like he's doing really, really well."

He said that although his father has felt under the weather, "he may get sick



Paterno speaks at a football press conference.

but it never sticks around too long." "I say, 'What's the matter?'" Jay Paterno said. "He goes, 'Ah, I don't feel well. The thing's been bugging me for a couple weeks.' I said, 'What did Doc tell you?' He said, 'Doc? What do I need a doctor for?'" He said, "Go and get medication and feel better." He said, "I don't need that stuff."

Players downplayed concern for their coach's health during the weightlifting event inside Holuba Hall. Senior kicker Collin Wagner said he hasn't been told much about his coach, leading him to believe Paterno is in

good health and will be when fall practice starts August 9.

"[I've been told] nothing really," Wagner said. "I just assume that he's fine."

Penn State President Graham Spanier assured the health issue would not deter Paterno from leading the squad in the fall in an e-mail to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

He has been meeting with staff and spending time recruiting, his son said.

A quiet recruiting haul this summer raised fans' concern if the coach's health was partly responsible.

The Nittany Lions have just three verbal commitments for the 2011 season, but the small number may also be attributed to the Lions' fewer available scholarships after a large 2010 class.

Jay Paterno said he doesn't see his father's health as an issue among recruits.

"It's never even come up with recruits," Jay said. "In fact most recruits don't even know about it. We had a kid in last Wednesday and in the office for an hour and it never even came up."

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Spain takes world title

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JOHANNESBURG — Spain rules the soccer world, winning the World Cup at long, long last. It came after an exhausting 1-0 victory in extra time over the Netherlands on Sunday. Two years after winning the European title, the stylish Spaniards did even better.

This was a physical test of attrition that sometimes turned dirty - a finals-record 14 yellow cards were handed out and the Dutch finished with 10 men. In the end, it was Andres Iniesta breaking free in the penalty area, taking a pass from Cesc Fabregas and putting a right-footed shot from 8 yards just past the outstretched arms of goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg with about seven minutes still to play, including injury time.

"When I struck it, it just had to go in," Iniesta said. For the Dutch and their legions of orange-clad fans wearing everything from jerseys to jumpsuits to clown gear to pajamas, it was yet another disappointment.

Even with their first World Cup title tantalizingly within reach, they failed in the final for the third time. This one might have been the most bitter because, unlike 1974 and 1978, the Netherlands was unbeaten not only in this tournament, but in qualifying for the first World Cup staged in South Africa.

Soccer City was soaked in orange, from the seats painted in that hue throughout the stadium to pretty much everyone seated in them. Unlike when they lost to hosts West Germany and Argentina in previous finals, the Dutch were something of a home team this time.

The Spaniards, though, were the winners.

"We have all done an incredible job," Iniesta said. "I don't think we even realize what we have done."

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Teammates celebrate after winning Spain's first ever World Cup.