Commission recommends fee increase for state schools

by Tom McCala

No one can say with certainty that tuition will increase but state higher education commissioners recently recommended fee hikes for each of the next two years.

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education called for statewide fee increases of 8.8 percent for academic year 1983-84 and an additional 6.7 percent for 1984-85. They suggested a ceiling of 10 percent.

That tuition increase would help pay for construction of academic buildings, renovation and equipment replacement, commissioners say. They suggest students or private sources should pay up to 35 percent of such costs.

University officials point out they always have sought private sector funding for construction but with mixed results. Donors are more likely to give money for sports facilities than academic buildings, they say.

The idea of a 65/35 split is new, first suggested by ICHE at its October meeting. Construction costs of classroom buildings traditionally have been borne by the state.

If adopted as recommended by ICHE, IUPUI students could expect their per credit hour cost to increase by $2.26 beginning with the fall semester of 1983. That figure includes construction cost of a clinical research building.

Under the plan, students at IUPUI-Columbus would pay $5.64 more per credit hour, including $3.96 for building an addition to that campus.

Any increase due to inflation would be an additional cost to the figures quoted above.

Commission members point out they recommended increases in state financial aid of

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News Briefs

A first place trophy awarded to IUPUI debaters at Otterbein College Nov. 20 marked the Novice Negative Team's third win in three tournaments. The Junior Varsity Unit also competed, winning second place overall, defeating Ohio State and Ohio Northern Universities. John Henkel and Stacy Wassell of the novice team won outstanding speaker gavel awards and Keith Owens of the varsity unit also won a special speaking award.

Law school moot court team members Alex Murphy, Hal Johnston and Leslie Van Natta placed second in Region VII final rounds and will compete nationally in January. A second IUPUI-Indianapolis team placed seventh and a Bloomington team also competed. The Nov. 11-13 Milwaukee contest entered by 27 teams from 14 Midwest law schools, involved an accused's sixth amendment right to confront a witness against him.

James W. Brown, associate dean of the IU School of Journalism at IUPUI, received a bronze medal at the New York City 25th Annual International Film and Television Festival. His winning project, a 10-minute slide-tape presentation, competed against nearly 4,000 entrants from 93 countries.

Dr. Dorothy Webb, director of children's theater at IUPUI has been appointed to the executive board of the National Children's Theater Association-Winfred Ward Scholarship Committee. She will aid in the selection of candidates for graduate study in children's theater and in making recommendations for financial awards.

The IUPUI Metro beat Franklin College last night, 71-68.

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Intercultural harmony goal of seminars

To the IUPUI community:

Many of the black students at IUPUI were offended by the controversial Bloom County cartoon in the Nov. 10 edition of the Sagamore. A meeting was called Nov. 11 to discuss the racial implications of the material. As a result of the meeting, students, faculty and administration were able to come together and discuss a broader spectrum of “racism” within the university and the surrounding society.

The discussion proved to be a positive medium for expression of different points of view among the student body. So positive, as a matter of fact, that the discussions will be continued.

The next session is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. in the student lounge area in the basement of University Library. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch for the occasion.

I feel this type of seminar is extremely beneficial to all students and can help achieve intercultural harmony.

Stuart Keefe
Student Assembly President

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Observations

Our bucks are on the line.

Funding for public higher education is under fire nationwide — and Indiana is no exception.

Governor Robert D. Orr managed to keep a muzzle on state deficit figures until after the November elections. He also waited until then to unload his “contingency plan” of cutting school and state. Why fund to help balance Indiana’s budget?

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education shot the next salvo: They called for tuition hikes and proposed students pay 35 percent of construction costs for academic buildings. ICHE wants public college students to pay $34.4 million more tuition in 1983-84 than in 1981-83.

It’s past time for us to shoot back. University budgets now are in the hands of the Indiana General Assembly. You can lobby Governor Orr and your state legislators. And you’ve got ammunition.

Point out to them your tax dollars support higher education and your tuition pays 56 percent of IU’s operating budget.

Mailbag

Out of context, out of line

To the editor:

I would like to remind the members of the faculty that it is important for responsible professors to maintain an objective viewpoint during class time. When objectivism ceases to exist, students may become defensive and therefore alienated.

The matter which has provoked this entreaty deals with a particular professor who was lecturing to his class recently. As an aside to the topic of social unrest, he mentioned the women’s movement as it exists today. He informed the pupils that when the movement’s leading coordinator, Gloria Steinem, spoke recently, she received the standing ovation of the night with the words, “New girls, let’s discuss our cycles.”

It is highly unadvisable to extract a statement from one person’s conversation and hold it up for examination without its correlating parts. Just as humans are interdependent upon each other as social animals, so is the lone statement dependent upon any other with which it may be spoken.

In the same way, students rely on their teachers for the transference of accountable information. As IUPUI receives national recognition for the sports activities held here, the institution also strives for academic viability. It is only through the skilful guidance of the profassor that the students themselves can help contribute to this worthy cause.

Therefore we invite the instructors at IUPUI to help support growth of intellectual achievement here by maintaining a high level of professional accuracy.

— Thank you, Marcie Gordon

‘Bloom County’ backlash continues

To the Sagamore:

I do commend you for printing the Bloom County comic strip Nov. 10, because it is so controversial, only for that reason. I believe Afro-American students have forgotten the realities of race and ethnic relations; they all said the strip gave the idea that society condones racism.

Society does, historically, economically, politically, etc. This is the reality. They must understand.

To the editor:

I would like to reply to those who wrote the Sagamore to criticize the Nov. 10 Bloom County strip.

I can understand that different individuals might see the strip from their own points of view. But if those writers choose to act as if they’re the only right viewpoints, then I shall do the same.

To T.S. Hampton:

Somewhere along the line, your letter got lost in its own postmark

4 a.m.

We noticed the Rotary
Building has more than 200 handsome new windows, and well-purchased, we think. The old casements probably leaked more than their share of winter cold.

Seems the new panes didn’t quite measure up in one sense, though. They’re narrower than the old, necessitating the purchase of some spanking new Sears air conditioners.

The real kicker, we hear, is that a St. Louis, Missouri firm traveled here to clean the old panes — just before the new ones were installed.

Higher education commissioner Bert Servaes, who supports higher tuition at state schools, evidently thinks college students are getting a free ride.

Tell them new construction traditionally is paid for by the state, not students who will graduate before a building is completed. Let them know your tuition already pays 11 to 18 percent of the cost of retiring construction bonds.

Remind them tuition at IUPUI has gone up 54 percent in the last three years. Tell them Indiana ranks 37th among the states in per capita spending for higher education, devoting just $88.75 compared to a national average of $106.04.

If they tell you the higher education commission recommended an increase in state financial aid, counter that two-thirds of that will go to a program that is restricted to students in certain majors.

We’re not alone. University officials and faculty are waging the battle from our side, too, and a recent nationwide poll shows most people don’t want to cut higher education funding.

Our bucks, however, are the target and ultimately it is we who must defend them.

TMC
Write to Governor Orr at Room 206, Statehouse, Indianapolis 46204. For the names of your state senators and representatives, contact your county clerk’s or voter registration offices.
Upbeat volunteers needed for TOPS

Newcomers need to learn about IUPUI from top to bottom. That’s the reason for TOPS — the new Testing and Orientation Program for Students. The project’s organizer hopes to recruit program leaders from among the current student body.

“We’re looking for people with a positive attitude about IUPUI,” said Lillian Charleston, assistant to the dean of Student Services. “We need students who are willing to give volunteer service and be part of introducing new people to IUPUI,” she said.

Those selected will help by leading orientation tours for undergraduates admitted for the fall semester of 1983. “We want new students to know everything about this campus — the physical layout, procedures and resources,” Charleston said. “They’ll want to learn about IUPUI from current students.”

Incoming freshmen need to learn where to go for financial aid, registration, parking and other services, she said, adding that about 6,000 newcomers will be served by TOPS.

She added that the program has a two-fold purpose. In addition to orientation, all freshmen will take exams in English and mathematics so academic counselors can recommend appropriate coursework.

TOPS is scheduled to begin in March but Charleston is asking volunteers to apply now. “We will need to train orientation leaders to facilitate small groups,” she expects to begin training in January.

Freshmen orientation sessions will start with placement testing, which TOPS leaders may be asked to supervise. After breaking for a meal, student facilitators will lead discussions and tours. Sessions will be scheduled for morning to afternoon or late afternoon to evening.

Charleston plans to begin with one or two sessions a week and expects to increase frequency by summer. TOPS leaders, she estimates, will conduct two or three sessions a month. She hopes for enough volunteers to be able to provide two leaders for each group and to rotate those pairs.

She pointed out TOPS leaders will need a variety of qualities, including enthusiasm, warmth, resourcefulness, maturity and good communication skills.

Charleston hopes volunteers will be representative of IUPUI’s diverse population. “We want minority and handicapped students” as well as people from different schools.

TOPS leader candidates must fill out an application, provide recommendations and meet with an interview team. The position requires a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

Those interested should call 264-2546 or see Charleston in the Student Services office, Education/Social Work 3129. Application deadline is Dec. 13.
Financial aid (continued from page 1)

"national delay in the printing of the financial aid form, which is the need analysis form." This form, normally available in November, will not be ready until January. Boardman says that this means the financial aid office will "lose about a month-and-a-half of processing time."

It also means, adds Boardman, that "It will be May before IUPUI has any information [on applicants] and June or July before processing can be completed." Because of the delay, the financial aid staff will have to work longer hours and there is, says Boardman, "a greater potential for error."

"Fifty-three million families file that form," Boardman remarks. "It takes 43 train carloads of paper to print it." Work-study will be affected "in the sense that it will be delayed," Boardman continues. "There seems to be unlimited ways to screw up financial aid."

Another recent change in financial aid affecting state programs is recent legislation stating "that only those students older than 22 can even apply to be considered independent." According to Boardman, "the major thrust behind it is that many people feel upper income families have denied their responsibility."

She adds that it "could be that the university will try in hardship cases to offset the problem."

Boardman also notes a major problem confronting the office before Christmas break. "Up until about a year-and-a-half ago," Boardman explains, "any student, regardless of financial need, could get a Guaranteed Student Loan through a bank or credit union. Then there were all these regulations bantered about who would be an eligible student. Ultimately they settled on the fact that if a student had an adjusted gross family income of $30,000 or above, they would be disqualified for these loans."

This, according to Boardman, means increased paperwork and verification. She explains that "it was very late when these decisions were made — in fact, almost midsummer. So we lost several months' processing time last summer."

Usually, states Boardman, "we verify about 10 percent of all our applicants. This past year we had to verify 50 percent." This presents a difficulty for Boardman's staff because "a majority of our families and students do not keep copies of their tax returns."

Now that spring registration approaches, the problem becomes what to do with those students who appear to be eligible but who still have not been able to clear the necessary hurdles from the standpoint of validation. "They still can't get a tax return from the IRS," And, she continues, "we're going into second semester disbursements. The federal government did give us one semester's grace period, so to speak but by the second disbursement we truly had to have all the information."

Boardroom states that there are "hundreds" of students who have not yet cleared themselves for various reasons.

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**Intramural Sports:** (Dec. 1 to Feb. 1)

- **Basketball** — entry deadline Jan. 11
- Manager's Meeting Jan. 13

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**Intercollegiate Sports:** (Dec. 1 to Feb. 1)

**Home Games**

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Chairperson of the activity should turn in information to CA 322 two weeks prior to the event.

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**Accounting Club**

**Speaker:** Bob Engle, C.P.A., Dec. 8 at 4:00, Atkinson Hotel.
pomposity, and you missed the whole point of the comic strip. Blondie is "an insult to the glory of a majestic force?" You must be kidding. Furthermore, she was not some sort of black "guinea pig" as you suggested; in the first four strips, she was only the subject of a young boy's hilarious first love. In the last two strips, it is the racist father who comes under scrutiny. And, unfortunately, his attitudes are typical in the 20th century. The 1600s have nothing to do with anything, Mr. Hampton.

To Steven Carter: If you really believe that the Bloom County strips were in poor taste and supportive of racist views, than I think you should take Mr. Breathed's advice and read them again. Racist attitudes are mindless, "gut" reactions. When a bigot tries to make a logical argument for his position, he ends up falling flat on his face like the father in the strip.

To Ms. Hadley: You say that the comic strips in question weren't even funny? I thought they were.

I am right, and of course, you are wrong (as said, tongue planted firmly in cheek). Individually yours,

-- Ronald James
Senior, EET

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The Psychology Club of IUPUI will welcome Father John Bock, O.F.M., to speak on "Mind Control" Thursday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., in the Kramer center lounge. All are invited to attend this exciting meeting. Refreshments will be served.

The BSW Student Association will meet tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. in the conference room on the fourth floor of the Education/Wellness Building. Patricia House, M.S.W., psychiatric social worker at Central State Hospital, will speak about the social worker's role in mental health.

The Geology Club will hold its annual Christmas party Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. in the Student Activity Center. All geology majors and their friends are invited. For more information, call the bulletin board for more information.

The School of Education is expanding the Student Advisory Committee, which serves as an open channel of communication between students and administration. All education students are asked to attend an organizational meeting Monday, Dec. 8, at 4:30 p.m. in Education/Social Work S105 to express their ideas and interests.

The Accounting Club will meet Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. at the Atkins Hall Art Studio to give the National Association of Accountants and all club members are invited to attend. Our speaker will be Robert Engel, CPA, of Cooper and Lybrand. The club will also have a Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 21 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Sunrise Apartments clubhouse.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold a get-acquainted meeting for the IUPUI chapter Sunday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Porter Room of the Union Building. All students interested in Christian fellowship are invited.

The November issue of Documents included three articles. "As accurately as possible" by Donald S. Davis and "The other side of the coin" by James L. Lawson. A 300-word review of the third article was also included by Louis R. Carter.

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