It has been brought to our attention that the Council on Public Higher Education is considering a tuition increase on Kentucky's state-supported universities. Although the reasons the Council has presented may be valid (e.g. increasing costs), we feel that the detriments incurred by the student far outweigh any positive reasoning for a tuition increase, however necessary additional funding may be.

Although it could be argued that only the individual benefits from higher education, and not society, we believe society itself has proven this argument invalid. This we find to be true because of the highly obvious fact that, in today's society, the demand for college graduates is at a record level.

It is our contention that because of the demands imposed upon the individual student by society, the society should bear the major burden of providing individuals with a college education. This is true most everywhere, not only in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

While it is true that out-of-state students are also recipients of Kentucky state-funding, it is important to note that a student's exposure to "outside" views, considerations, and manners of thinking are as invaluable to him/her as a scholastic education itself.

Also, because of other cost-of-living increases (still climbing 6% inflation rate, 11.4% increase in on-campus housing, and to-be-announced increased in University food services plans), we feel that the tuition increase at this time would be most inopportune.

Therefore, taking into account the far-reaching impact such an increase would have on the needs and lifestyles of a majority of students, be it resolved that this 1976-77 Associated Student Government Congress go on record as opposed to a tuition increase for all students enrolling in Kentucky state-supported universities.

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It has come to our attention that the Council on Public Higher Education is considering imposing a tuition increase on Kentucky's state supported universities. This resolution is in response to that proposal.

Assuming it is the primary purpose of the state universities to provide a quality education for all young men and women in Kentucky who desire it; and a secondary purpose of the state universities is to provide that same quality education to others who attend the university such as out of state and foreign students;

Realizing that higher costs would make the pursuit of that education and impossibility for many of Kentucky's economically disadvantaged and impose an especially heavy burden on married students and part-time students;

Noting that it is important to encourage the attendance of out of state students in order to expose students to a variety of situations and stations in life;

Believing that higher tuition would discourage the attendance of out of state students at state institutions;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Senate of Western Kentucky University, due to the reasons stated herein, is opposed to a tuition increase for either in state or out of state students in Kentucky's Public Institutions.