

Despite rain, Burma protesters shine

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Rain may have dampened their clothing and tents Tuesday, but it didn't lower the spirits of the 30 students camping and fasting on the Mall at University Park to protest human rights violations in Burma.

With the constant drizzle, the demonstrators had to make a quick stop at Bestevent Rental, 140 N. Atherton St., to rent a tent. With a roof over their heads, they continued talking with students about what they could do to change the situation in Burma. The students will continue their 48-hour demonstration until noon Wednesday.

Unlike Tuesday, the weather was picture perfect on Monday when the demonstrators smiled and laughed with each other as they distributed pamphlets and urged passers-by to sign petitions. Many relaxed in lawn chairs while doing homework or reading books for class. Students took turns playing CDs and one demonstrator even brought a guitar.

As the sun went down and the candlelight vigil began, the mood became more somber and serious. Standing in a circle

side by side, the students took turns reading from various reports of alleged human rights violations in Burma.

Some accounts were graphic enough to bring tears to the students' eyes.

"The group put me in a cattle corral, and the Burmese came and tortured me again. They kicked my head, rolled my shins with a piece of bamboo and burned me for a while," read one student. "Altogether I was tied for six days. They tortured me again. They punched my face, my nose, they stabbed my hand with a knife."

The report said the man still has a hole in his hand from the wounds and still has black marks from when burned wood was put against his flesh.

Another report told of what allegedly happened to Ai Khin when soldiers tortured and questioned him and another man to find where they had hidden weapons.

"They tied and beat him, burned him, cut his lips, cut his flesh, buried him in the ground up to the neck, forced him to eat the flesh which they had cut from Ai Khin's thigh, and cut his flesh and made Ai Khin eat it," another student read by flickering candlelight.

After a moment of silence to reflect on what they had just heard, many of the students then left to do homework or run home to get forgotten necessities.

As the night got colder and darker, many longed for a campfire. Because they were not permitted to light fires, one demonstrator improvised and lit a stick of incense in the middle of the campground.

Most students went to bed around 1 a.m. and were woken up yesterday morning by students hurrying to their 8 a.m. classes.

Although many demonstrators thought they would be hungry during the fast, most said they felt fine yesterday evening. Some said they felt weak and a few said they kept thinking about food.

Fred Anderson, a recent graduate who works as a lab technician at the University, said the first 12 hours of a fast are the most difficult.

"I think it's your body realizing it's not getting any food," he said. "It's the contraction process of your stomach getting smaller when you feel hungry, during the first 12 hours. After that you're not really hungry."

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University presents on-line application

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Applying to the University used to mean waiting for the postal carrier. But with the help of the World Wide Web, applying now takes a few clicks of the mouse.

After five years of working on this project, the Undergraduate Admissions Office has made the University application more accessible to students by creating an on-line version. The University hopes this new approach will affect the number of electronic admissions.

"We forecast that over a number of years, students who will be applying to Penn State using electronic means and the Web application will increase," said John Romano, vice president for enrollment management and administration.

Applicants can download a Macintosh or IBM version of the application if they need time to review it. Another option for students who wish to immediately complete the application is the on-line interactive version.

The new on-line site of the application, called App on the Web, serves as a

communication device between applicants and the admissions office, said Romano and Steve Mostert, director of communications in the admissions office.

Through App on the Web, students can also explore academic units and learn more about campus locations before

Everything will be done via the Internet using credit cards, Mostert said.

The application can be easily accessed by students and quickly received and reviewed by the admissions office, Mostert said.

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The on-line application consists of two parts: one which students may submit via E-mail, which will be immediately reviewed upon submission to the University's student data base and a second part, which students must print out and submit with a \$40 payment, Mostert said.

The admissions office hopes the second part of the application will evolve so that no print-out is necessary.

apply so that it is comfortable and easily accessible to them," he added.

An on-line international student application has also been created. These international applicants will print a separate form from the web browser and mail it to the admissions office.

The new on-line applications can be accessed at <http://www.psu.edu/psu/admissions/18.html>.

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Question of the Week:
What's your opinion on the upcoming election?

"Clinton hasn't screwed up yet, so I'll probably vote for him again."
-Harry Bortmes, 09, EET

"Dole is an idiot. Clinton [will win] by a landslide."
-Steve Pavlock, 05, MIS

"I find it hard to believe that Dole's fifteen percent tax cut is going to benefit in the long run."
-Jason Reese, 08, PLET

"I think Clinton's going to win."
-Beth Reske, 05, Management

"I definitely think Clinton's going to win. I think it is going to be another Kennedy thing."
-Kim Ragan, 05, Psychology



NIITTANY LION LEGEND: Penn State's athletic symbol, chosen by the student body in 1906, is the mountain lion which once roamed central Pennsylvania.

H.D. Mason, a member of the class of 1907, conducted a one-man campaign to choose a school mascot. A student publication sponsored the campaign and Penn State is believed to be the first college to adopt the lion as a mascot.

Since Penn State is located in the Nittany Valley at the foot of Mount Nittany, the lion was designated as a Nittany Lion. In regional folklore, Nittany or (Nita-Nee) was a valorous Indian princess in whose honor the Great Spirit caused Mount Nittany to be formed.

Penn State's Nittany Lion shrine was dedicated on October 24, 1942, during Homecoming Weekend.

The shrine is a gift to the Class of 1940 and rests in a natural setting of trees near the Recreation Building. Michelle Gruend/Contributing Photographer

Scheduling books are now available at the Registrar's office

SGA Report
by Kimberly Thurston
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Two Student Government Association members attended this weekend's Commonwealth Campus Student Government meeting.

Throughout the weekend issues such as offering one credit for Leadership classes for SGA members, making the attendance policy more lenient and also how the computer fee should be distributed, were talked about.

As of this year, campuses will receive 49 percent of the computer fee and University Park will keep 51 percent of the student computer fees to improve the systems.

The next CCSG meeting will be held Nov. 8-10, leaving Behrend, Friday around 2:00 p.m..

Would you like to help raise money for kids with cancer? If so, contact SGA for information about this year's Four Diamond Dance-a-thon.

The traffic appeals committee will meet every other Monday starting Oct. 14 at 5:45 p.m. in Reed 114.

Next Wednesday, Oct. 16, there will be a blood drive from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Reed Commons.

SGA meetings are held Wednesdays at 5:15 in Reed 114.

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Behrend Briefs & Events Calendar

Fall 1996 commencement will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15 in Erie Hall. Students participating in the academic procession must wear caps and gown which can be ordered at the Bookstore. A student receiving a baccalaureate degree must wear a black cap and gown which can be purchased for \$18.50. A blue associate degree cap and gown can also be purchased for \$18.50 as well. A graduate candidate can rent a black cap, gown and hood for \$31.50. Cap and gown orders are due at the Bookstore no later than Friday, October 11, 1996.

10 - Thursday Reservation Deadline for Cleveland museum of Art Day Trip.	11 - Friday Last day to order caps and gowns for the Dec. 15, 1996 commencement.	12 - Saturday BRUNO'S: Unda Presha R&B dance band 8:30 p.m. (FREE)
NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK		
The Collegian 5:20 p.m. Academic 41 ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!	IVCF 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Music Room	
13 - Sunday Protestant Campus Ministry Interdenominational Worship Service 8:00 p.m. Reed 114	14 - Monday WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL DRESS SEMINAR 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Reed 3	15 - Tuesday TRIGON 5:30 p.m. Multi-Cultural Center College Democrats 6:00 p.m. Reed 3
	16 - Wednesday WANTED: Blood Donors 11:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m. Reed Commons Biology Club 6:00 p.m. Reed 3 BACCHUS 7 p.m. Reed 112 SGA MEETING 5:15 p.m. REED 114	

ATTENTION JUNIORS! Do you intend to pursue a career in public service? The Truman Scholarship provides \$30,000 for the senior year and for graduate study. If interested, please contact Mari Trenkle at 898-6140 as soon as possible.

Volunteer tutors are still needed for the Diehl Elementary School After-School Tutoring Program. Just one hour per week can make a difference in a child's life. All majors welcome - no experience necessary. Help children with homework in grades 3-6. Tutors especially needed Monday and Wednesdays, 2:30 - 3:40 p.m. Pick up your application today at Student Activities!

A walk-in flu immunization clinic will be held each Monday in October from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center. Cost of the vaccine is \$10 and may be placed on the student bill. Anyone wishing to make an appointment for a different time should call the Center at 98-6217.

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This calendar is for student organizations to advertise their events or organizational meetings to the Behrend community. Submissions for the calendar should be mailed to The Collegian by the Tuesday before publication.