



We want the Lion!

Almost as traditional as the Lion being passed up in the stands is the return of the alumni for homecoming. The Lion will lead the spirited weekend with an appearance at tonight's parade, bon fire and fireworks display. He will make his usual appearance at Beaver Stadium tomorrow for the game with Syracuse.

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Arms issue: Stormer responds

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The following is a direct transcript from a recorded interview with David E. Stormer, director of University Safety.

The Daily Collegian: What are the primary reasons for asking the University to arm your officers?

Director Stormer: Well, I think I've expounded on those before. They've been in print and restating them would just be redundant. I've covered it in public meetings with members of the press. I think they've been recorded.

(Stormer has previously said arming University officers would provide a full law enforcement facility on campus; a facility which he feels is a responsibility of police services at this time.)

C: Are you satisfied with the manner in which the University Council is handling your request?

S: I think the University Council is

proceeding in a manner in which they were requested to proceed.

C: Do you feel it will make any difference that the provost will be making the decision rather than (University President (John W.) Oswald?

S: I wouldn't think so. I have no reason to believe that.

C: Have your officers expressed any concerns directly to you about the gun issue?

S: In the past? Currently?

C: Past or present.

S: Past or present. Certainly they have, over a four year period.

C: For or against the arming of personnel?

S: Well, it's an issue — and has been an issue with them at various times.

C: Will there be a change in officer morale should the proposal be defeated?

S: You're asking me to speculate on the future. I have difficulty in doing that. Certainly the controversy itself has had an effect.

C: What are your feelings about arming officers with alternative forms of weapons such as night sticks?

S: That is an ongoing thing and has been and is being done.

C: Do you think they are as efficient as guns or is there a loss of efficiency?

S: When we speak about efficiency we are speaking only about those isolated incidents of confrontation, whether it be citizen encountered or officer encountered. When a citizen calls to make an apprehension of an individual who is alleged to be armed then it always comes down to an officer encounter. Very few instances that I'm aware of did citizens make arrests for the offense and bring the perpetrator in.

C: You have stated previously that it doesn't matter whether University officers are armed but that there should be officers on campus who provide full law enforcement. Should your proposal be defeated, what other type of law enforcement system would you suggest be set up at the University?

S: I think the alternates that I have suggested are the most viable ones. (Stormer previously suggested that some law enforcement service with armed officers be stationed on campus, whether it be police services or state police. Stormer says his major concern is achieving maximum interaction between the community and the enforcement service.)

C: Assuming that the University Council recommends University officers be armed and the policy is approved by

Nov. 1, how soon within that time will your officers be armed and will they be required to attend any special briefing sessions?

S: Implementation is not something that takes a long period of time. Yes, there are special briefing sessions that will accompany it, but implementation is a day or two.

C: Do you feel the issue has been treated fairly by the press?

S: I have difficulty in answering that question. Coming from one side of the issue I think that's something that's better left to a person who is neither pro nor con. Fairness is something that other people judge. What is fair is difficult to address. When you are pro you say you shouldn't print anything and that's not true and that's not right. Is it treated fairly by the press? I think that's better left for others to judge, not me.

C: Should the proposal be defeated, how will that affect your position as director of University Safety? And do you intend to appeal it to anyone else or a higher form of authority?

S: I'm not certain there is a higher form of authority in the University to appeal, therefore there would be no appeal. It will not affect me as director but it will affect some ongoing practices.

PIRG members seek signatures

By LISA GREENBERG
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Students for a Pennsylvania Public Interest Research Group yesterday began their petition drive to establish a statewide PIRG operated and funded by University students.

Jeff Goldsmith, coordinator of Students for PennPIRG, said members will be petitioning downtown as well as on campus. He said members will go to fraternities and will have a table in the HUB.

About canvassing in dorms, Goldsmith said petitioners would not be allowed to petition door-to-door, but will be able to speak at some house meetings.

"We've already contacted some RAs and have arranged to speak at their house meetings," he said.

There are 11 PIRG members trained to petition, Goldsmith said, and there will be five more members who will be trained within the week.

He also said there is a trend for students who sign the petition to become interested in working for the effort. He cited the 1975 PIRG effort when "the group began with 10 petitioners, but in the end had about 100."

Goldsmith said if Students for PennPIRG is successful in gaining support

from over half the fulltime students at the University, the group will then ask the University Board of Trustees to include the \$2 PIRG fee on students' estimated tuition bills.

Any student who does not wish to pay the fee may cross it off the bill or receive a refund at a specified time and location during the term, Goldsmith said.

"In this way the rights of the individual student are protected," he said.

Every student who pays the PIRG fee will participate in an election for a local board of directors, Goldsmith said. "The local board will be responsible for establishing priorities for projects on a local level. Representatives from each local board will sit on a statewide board which will be responsible for projects on the statewide level," he said.

If PennPIRG is established, the students will hire a professional staff with whom they will work on consumer, environmental, human rights, governmental responsibility and other public interest issues, Goldsmith said.

He also said if this drive is successful, the same type of petition drive will have to take place every three years.

"It is necessary for funding," Goldsmith said.

Council delays gun decision until Nov. 2

By TOM PEELING
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University Council last night delayed a decision on the issue of arming campus police until Nov. 2.

Reggie Spiller (grad. geology), a member of the council representing the Graduate Student Association, moved to delay the decision because he thinks "everybody should be heard."

Spiller was particularly concerned with the opinions of the Undergraduate Student Government and the University Faculty Senate, which will discuss the issues later this month.

The council agreed to present a report to University Provost Edward D. Eddy by next Tuesday, which will be a "factual summary" of the council discussions and what the council has heard from people concerned with the gun issue, according to Robert J. Scannell, acting council chairman and Dean of the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

"It (the report) attempts to list the various people who've talked to us and what they've said," Scannell said.

The final report to Eddy will be in five parts, Scannell said. The parts include letters from citizens about the issue, a transcript of the public hearings held last week, University Director of Safety David E. Stormer's report to council, the council's report and the final recommendation.

The report from council and the final recommendation will not be made public unless Eddy agrees to release them, Scannell said.

"We're really not in a position where we can release it," Scannell said in relation to the report. "It's sort of a tradition more than anything else around here."

Relating to the gun issue, the council heard from three Police Services of-

ficers: John Rideout, Bruce Kline and Ronald Schreffler.

Rideout, who has been a campus officer for seven years, said the image of the campus police has changed since he came here when they were looked at by some people as "Keystone Kops" or "rent-a-cops." He said if campus police were denied guns he would be "very disappointed because it would show that our credibility was in doubt."

Kline also said it would be disappointing if the officers are denied the permission to carry arms.

According to Kline, the only tools carried by campus police now are a flashlight, a nightstick, handcuffs and mace.

"I've put up with it. I've lived with it because there was a potential for change," Kline, who has 851 hours of classroom police training, said. "I, myself, would have to consider very highly looking for another job."



Photo by Lynn Dudinsky

Let's do it again Joe Paterno will lead the second-ranked Nittany Lions onto the field Saturday for the seventh time this season, against Syracuse. Hopefully Joe will again run from the field with a win. He has only lost one homecoming game in his career at Penn State.

Summer will return

We should have a considerable amount of cloudiness today with some afternoon peaks of sunshine and a high of 57. Tonight the clouds will clear with a low of 44. Both tomorrow and Sunday look to be mostly sunny and warmer with a high tomorrow of 67 and 72 likely on Sunday.

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