

# Black enrollment down 25 percent at PSU

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University officials say the number of blacks admitted to Penn State plummeted by 25 percent this fall while total admissions held steady.

Robert Dunham, vice president for academic services, attributed the decrease to a combination of three factors.

The declining number of eligible black high school graduating students and tougher competition for the qualified students were two of the main reasons for the decrease in enrollment, Dunham said.

Tension created within the University because of its decision not to divest \$8.8 million in South African holdings also contributed to the decrease, he said.

"All of those probably were a factor — which one of them is greater, I don't know," Dunham said.

However, student leaders involved in the Black Student Coalition Against Racism attributed the decline in enrollment to BSCAR's efforts to inform potential black students of its perceptions of an unpleasant atmosphere for blacks at Penn State.

Lucy Boddie, a member of BSCAR, said there is a "direct correlation" between the work of BSCAR and the decrease in enrollment.

Boddie (senior-telecommunications) said BSCAR talked to high school students over the summer.

"We wanted to speak to the student in a more realistic way about Penn State (than the administration)," she said.

Boddie said BSCAR met with students to let them know that if they came to the University, there was work to be done to improve the atmosphere.

As of Aug. 18, 352 Pennsylvanian black high school graduates had paid their tuition and

accepted enrollment at the University, Dunham said.

Also, 218 out-of-state black students had accepted admissions, he said.

This enrollment, however, is about 25 percent less than what the admissions office hoped to achieve.

Boddie said although she regretted having a smaller black community at the University, she hoped the decrease in enrollment would send a message to the administration.

Stephanie Cooper, of the Committee for Justice in South Africa, said "I'd like to think that the decrease in enrollment will make the administration think more about the situation and lean toward divestment and try to improve the atmosphere for blacks."

Cooper (senior-English) added that although she was not sure of the national enrollment figures, she said they were not the primary reason for the decrease in black enrollment at Penn State.

"It didn't have as big an effect as they (the administration) would like to think," she said.

The University has been mandated by a federal court to increase its minority student population to 5 percent of the total University enrollment by 1987.

Dunham said the University is paying particular attention to the number of black students from Pennsylvania because they are the primary focus of the court mandate.

Last Spring Semester, BSCAR announced its intentions to hinder minority recruitment efforts because of the University's decision not to divest its holdings in South Africa. It accused the University of not making an effort to retain the black students once they are admitted to the University.

Boddie said BSCAR intends to focus both on local and national issues next year and stressed, "We have to work on what's here."

Cooper attributed much of the enrollment decrease to the attention the divestment issue received in the press.

"What BSCAR has done and the attention brought to the issue has had an effect," she said.

Echoing Cooper, Boddie said "The word is definitely out and bad news always travels faster than good news."

Dunham said he had spoken to some black students who expressed reservations in coming to the University because of last year's controversy about divestment and the atmosphere for blacks at Penn State.

However, he added that he had also talked to many black students who were eager to come to the University.

While official enrollment figures have not yet been released, Dunham said that overall University enrollment will probably be slightly above the targeted number.

# 20 dead, 100 injured in Soweto riot

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SOWETO, South Africa — Police killed 12 blacks in Soweto, a mob hacked a councillor to death and 70 people were shot, beaten or stoned in the worst township rioting since early 1985, officials said yesterday.

Doctors and clergymen said 20 people were killed and up to 100 injured. Relatives and newspapers said the dead ranged from 13 to 22 years old and included an 18-year-old woman.

Five policemen were among the injured during the night of violence in the huge black city outside Johannesburg. Four were wounded by a hand grenade tossed from a crowd of 300 people barricading a road with burning tires.

Officers fired shotguns in response, officials said.

The roadblock battle was the spark that ignited the riots, said the government Bureau for Information — the only source of official information on unrest under the nationwide state of emergency imposed June 12.

Residents said the trouble was rooted in anger over evictions of rent boycotters by township council police.

Town clerk Nico Malan said, however, that no evictions had occurred in the five neighborhoods where the fighting took place.

Councillor Sydenham Mkwanezi, 56, was killed by youths who attacked him on his way home. His wife Novascotia said the young men were angry because one of their friends had died after being shot by guards at the Mkwanezi house.

The outbreak in Soweto was by far the worst under the emergency and the death toll in the battle with police was the highest since 19 people were killed March 21, 1985 in the eastern Cape Province township of Langa.

Higher one-day death tolls have been recorded this year, but they involved clashes of rival black political and tribal factions.

Violence subsided yesterday afternoon in this city of nearly two million people. Helicopters and camouflaged Bosbok spotter planes flew over the haze of smoke from burning



The body of a victim of Tuesday night's riot in Soweto's "White City" lies in the street covered in newspapers. The government said Wednesday the riot was by far the worst violence during the ten-week state of emergency.

rubbish and chimneys, which mixed with occasional wisps of tear gas.

Last evening, journalists reported that youths in six neighborhoods rebuilt barricades troops had tried to dismantle and security forces fired birdshot and tear gas at them.

Huge boulders, cement blocks, tree branches and car wreckage made barricades in the dirt streets and asphalt roads of White City, the scene of the worst riots. White City got the name because it is the best-lighted neighborhood in the 38-square-mile township.

Knots of silent, sullen young blacks stood on the streets, glaring at passing cars.

"They will find some target — a councillor's home or the home of a policeman," said a resident who believed more violence was in store.

Army personnel carriers and police trucks called Casspirs rolled along

the back streets or sat in open fields.

The ever-present armored trucks have inspired bumper stickers in the townships that read: "Casspirs are not friendly ghosts."

Most Soweto schools were deserted yesterday, but the government said none had been officially closed.

Residents and police said youths put up barricades of rocks and debris Tuesday evening, hurled stones and firebombs at police and passing cars and went from house to house urging people to join the battle. Shooting was heard all night.

"This is what the emergency tries to conceal. It's an ominous sign of times ahead and the beginning of what we fear," said Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela. She toured White City yesterday at midday and predicted worse to come.

In Los Angeles, Calif., White House

spokesman Larry Speakes said the Reagan administration had only limited information about the Soweto situation but "it appears the authorities employed excess force in restoring order."

"We don't think that should be condoned ... violence by either side," he said. "Violence begets violence and it is a useless and self-perpetuating cycle that helps neither black nor white."

Dr. Beyers Naude, the Afrikaner general secretary of the South African Council of Churches and a foe of apartheid, said his information indicated there were more deaths and injuries than the government had reported.

He appealed to the Soweto City Council to stop evictions and meet with community leaders to resolve the problem.

# U.S. warns Libya again, refuses to cite evidence of terrorist activities

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LOS ANGELES — President Reagan's top spokesman said yesterday the administration is worried about new terrorist plots by Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, but refused to say whether there is evidence to back up that concern.

Larry Speakes said Libya still has "the capability to commit terrorist acts, and we want them to be fully aware that our policy is unchanged."

He sought to discount speculation that the United States is waging a war of nerves with the Libyan strongman.

"Our goal is to prevent Gadhafi from doing things, not to provoke him into doing things," the spokesman told reporters covering Reagan's three-day visit here in the midst of the president's West Coast summer vacation.

But Speakes also refused to spell out any intelligence-source evidence of new plots, saying only that "the United States is dealing with realities in this situation."

A senior administration official said "there is hard evidence that the Libyan government has been planning and seeking to execute terrorist acts ... since the U.S. bombing" of Libya on April 15.

But other officials at the White House and State Department, who also were speaking only when granted anonymity, insisted earlier that there was no such compelling evidence.

"We don't have evidence, not of any recent attack directed at us that we can source with confidence to Libya," said the State Department official. "There is lots of information of targeting, but it's not unequivocal, which is the standard we have set for ourselves."

Similarly, a White House official said, "The honest answer is that

we have bits and pieces, but that it's not strong enough yet to point to a specific activity. It's not that it is groundless, but it's not the sort of hard evidence that would be necessary to justify another strike."

U.S. bombers, flying under the cover of darkness, launched a series of raids on Libya on April 15, partially in reprisal for a terrorist bombing at a West Berlin discotheque, which killed two American servicemen.

Repeating a warning that has been voiced by administration officials both publicly and privately, Speakes said, "We will do what we can to prevent them (terrorist attacks) and be prepared to take the necessary steps, either before or after these are committed, in order to ensure that they don't happen again."

The spokesman also sought to minimize reports from Washington that there was dissension among high-level officials about the administration's assessment of the Libyan threat. And Speakes tried to play down worry, voiced privately by some officials, that White House remarks about Gadhafi would endanger the prospects of a new diplomatic effort by U.N. Ambassador Vernon A. Walters, traveling overseas to gain European support for U.S. strategy to combat terrorism.

"We have most of the highest level of government present here in California, and not in Washington," Speakes said. "And those who may be speculating on an unnamed basis may not (be) in the know on the thinking of our leadership that is present here in California."

The senior administration official said, "We do have intelligence reports that Gadhafi has not been deterred in his efforts to commit terrorist activity."

# Local investors may buy downtown businesses

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A group of local investors may purchase eight downtown businesses if the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board approves a liquor license transfer, a group member said.

Group member Michael F. Desmond said the businesses are inside the Hotel State College, on the 100 block of West College Avenue.

Chumley's, The Corner Room, Gatsby's, The Half Shell, Mr. C's, Take Six, Zeno's and the Hotel State College were put up for sale by One Hundred West, Inc. last year.

The company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy July 1, 1986 and currently is restructuring its finances to pay off debts.

Chandler Withington, president of One Hundred West, Inc., said his organization has been trying to sell the businesses for more than a year.

Desmond said his investment group — Hotel State College, Inc. — plans to keep all eight establishments open.

Desmond said he could not elaborate on the future of the businesses.

Other partners in the group include State College residents Fred H. Carlin, John G. Cocolin, Donald E. Farber and Stephen S. Hurwitz.

The investment group will be purchasing only the equipment and businesses, Withington said. The building is owned by State College realtor Sidney Friedman.



The Corner Room is one of several downtown businesses that may soon change ownership. But the establishments will remain open, said a potential owner.

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Students who failed to have their new student ID pictures taken can be photographed at the Registrar's Office in Shields Building and in 316 HUB from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and tomorrow.

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### weather

This afternoon it will be cool with lots of clouds and a possibility of a stray shower. High only reaching 64. Tonight it's going to be cold as the low drops to near 40 degrees. Tomorrow, another cool day with clouds mixed with sunshine and a high of 65. Heidi Sonen