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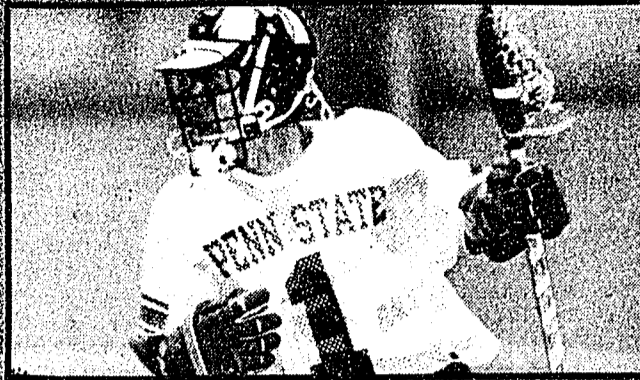
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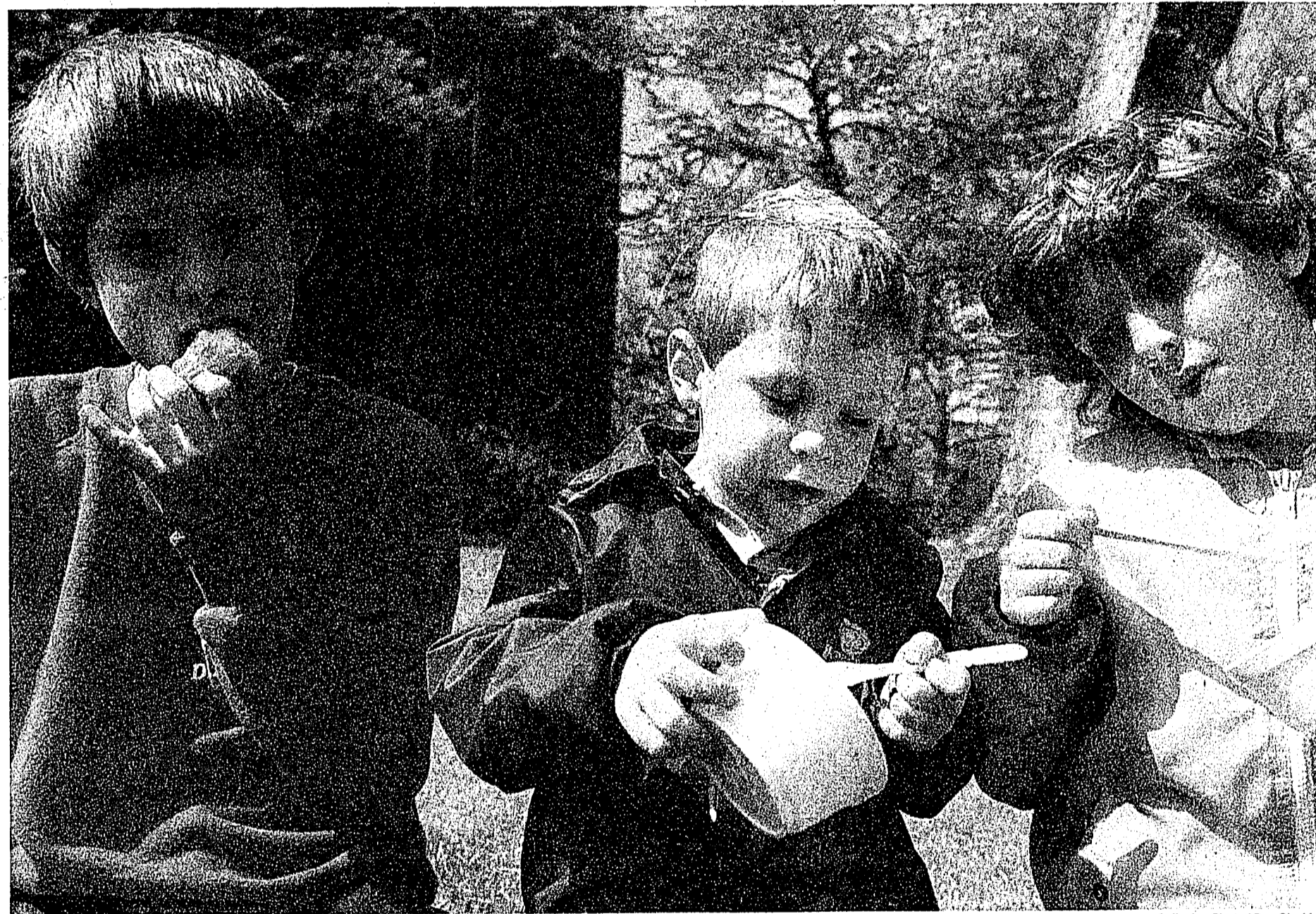
By DAMON CHAPPIE
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When reporters from the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* call him, he hangs up the phone. His name appears very rarely even though he holds one of the most powerful positions in the U.S. Government. Clair Elroy George has made a career of secrets since he graduated from Penn State in 1952. Said one of George's former professors: "He is Penn State's version of Yale's Blackford Oakes," author William F. Buckley's fictional CIA agent. After 30 years of spying in the some of the world's most dangerous spots, George now heads all clandestine activity for the Central Intelligence Agency.

And as the Iran-Contra scandal unfolds, George is emerging as one of the "CIA cowboys, an unsung villain who holds a lot of answers," according to a CIA analyst. As Deputy Director for Operations, a post he has held since 1984, George directs all covert activities the CIA runs from funneling money to political forces opposing the leftist government of Mauritius to destabilizing Libya's Moammar Gadhafi and bankrolling hundreds of millions in aid for Afghan rebels. It is a position once held by such famous spies as Allen Dulles, Richard Helms and William Colby, who all moved on to head the CIA. George, who spent his entire career in the CIA's clandestine division, took the post during a resurgence of covert activity due mostly to the enthusiasm for such

operations by former CIA Director William Casey. But with the revelation of the CIA's roles in selling arms to the Iran and funding the Contras in Nicaragua, a staff member on the Senate Intelligence Committee said the days of "the free-wheeling covert stuff George is used to may be over." **George and the Contras** The very origin of the Iran-Contra affair can be traced back to George, according to several CIA watchers. Robert R. Simmons, former Senate Intelligence staff director and now a Yale professor of political science, blames George for misleading and not informing Congress in 1984 of the CIA's role in mining harbors in

Nicaragua, part of the CIA's attempt to destabilize the Sandinista government. In a furious response a few weeks after the mining was exposed, Congress slapped prohibitions on military aid to the Contras and on any CIA assistance, destroying one of President Ronald Reagan's top foreign policy goals and leading to a backchannel method of conducting covert activity that led to the Iran-Contra affair. At the time of the mining, George moved from assistant deputy for operations to become the CIA's Congressional liaison. "Putting Casey and George together was a prescription for disaster," said Simmons, who directed the intelligence staff then. Please see CIA, Page 2.



Last licks

Gordy, 9, Tommy, 3, and Sarah Fogal, 5, from Nashua, New Hampshire, enjoy their delicious and tasty ice cream outside the Creamery on campus earlier this week.

Loan cuts mean bigger student debt

By LAURA LYNN MAHONEY
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The 25,000 University students who rely on loans to pay tuition will graduate in debt. And according to recent surveys, financial aid and government officials, the amount of the debt students face will continue to grow as the government continues to cut back on grants and put more emphasis on loans. President Reagan's 1988 budget proposal, which calls for a 45 percent slash in education funding, would more than triple the debt burden of college graduates, a congressional study reported last week. The study, by the General Accounting Office, said many students would be left with more than \$60,000 in loan debts because the decreases in federal grant aid and loan subsidies would force students to borrow more money at higher interest rates. "That's an excessive amount to be strapped with, especially when starting out," said Robert W. Evans, University student aid director. "I am concerned that students are relying too heavily on loans." The study "simply confirms the feelings we've had for the past few months," he added. Reagan's budget proposal would eliminate the \$592 million College Work Study program, which translates into a loss of 3,100 jobs for University students. It also would decrease student loan subsidies and take grants from 1 million students. In turn, the proposal asks for \$600 million to expand the Income Contingent Loan program, one that Evans and PHEAA have sharply criticized. Another congressional study released in January reported that student debt has quintupled in the past 10 years, with the average Pennsylvania graduate owing about \$8,000. The study pointed to a sharp decrease in grant money over the same period as a major factor in the heavy reliance on loans. John Ebersol, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Please see AID, Page 5.

USEC elects Miller new chairwoman

After a hour and 15-minute closed debate, members of the University Student Executive Council elected Bonnie Miller, Undergraduate Student Government Vice President, as USEC chairwoman. During opening remarks, Miller said USEC should work with the University administration in the early summer to examine the University's long-term plans. Involving students with the construction of a new classroom building, "gets University students on the ground floor up on the plans," Miller said. The chairwoman position, to Miller, is one of guidance and does not have more power than other members. "The strength of the chairperson lies in the strength of its members," she said. Miller said USEC should continue to appoint quality student representatives to University committees including the President's Planning and Budget Advisory Committee. "It was helpful to rely on informa-



Bonnie Miller

tion about the budget," Miller said, adding that appointments are a vital information source for USEC. "Hopefully the USEC's Facilities Resource Committee will become stronger," Miller said, because of plans to construct the classroom building. Miller was opposed by USG Senate President Joe Scoboria. Imadeddin Al Qadi, president of the International Student Council, was elected as vice chairman of USEC. — by Victoria Pettles

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This afternoon for the last day of classes, mostly sunny and mild, high 67; tonight, partly cloudy, low 42. Saturday and Sunday, partly sunny and mild both days with a chance of a few showers on Saturday, highs in the mid to upper 60s.....Ross Dickman

Lack of maternity policy hinders Penn State profs

By KIRSTEN LEE SWARTZ
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At the kitchen table in an old, large home, Leola Johnson nurses her son. At noon, Johnson, a University journalism instructor, sits down for the first time all morning. Awake since 5:45, she has since dressed her children, taken her 4-year-old to day care, and dropped her husband off at work at the University.

Johnson showers and dresses "just as if I'm going to the office." She works for a few hours in her basement/office before joining her husband on campus, where she will teach and advise students until the end of the day. Johnson is one of 8 million women with children younger than 6 who are members of the labor force. And public acceptance for such new family-oriented concepts — like parental leave for fathers as well as mothers — are sweeping the nation. Please see MATERNITY, page 5

Women fight harassment at PSU

By CHRISTINE NICHOLAS
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When a hurried University employee opened her desk drawer to find a used condom inside, she "felt guilty. I wondered what I had done that was so awful that somebody had to leave me such a message." That message from a male co-worker was the last incident in a six-year pattern of sexual discrimination

that prompted her to overlook her fears and file a complaint against her harassers. Since then, the woman has reconciled with the man who put the condom in her desk: "He said 'peace' and we shook hands and that's it. I meant peace when I said it." But the incident left a lasting scar in her self-esteem and raised doubts in her mind about whether speaking up was worth it, especially when

undertaken without emotional support and understanding from family and friends. The woman said she would initiate a harassment complaint again if necessary, "but I'd do it differently. . . I'd get a better support group of family and friends." "Self-esteem takes a nosedive when something that nasty happens to you," she said. Without support, Please see WOMEN, page 11