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# Stocks fall again, cancels former gains

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NEW YORK — Stocks tumbled in frantic trading yesterday, dousing hopes of quick recovery from the market's historic crash and raising fears that violent financial spasms may afflict the world indefinitely.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks, the nation's best-known barometer of stock values, fell 77.42 points to 1,950.43 at closing. Losing stocks swamped gainers by a 5-to-1 margin on the New York exchange. Volume exceeded 392 million shares in the fourth busiest trading day ever.

Stocks also dropped sharply in London, wiping out more than two-thirds of the gains in Wednesday's record trading.

In an unusual step, the New York and American stock exchanges announced yesterday they would shorten each of their next three trading sessions by two hours to process the crushing volume of the last week. The New York exchange processed almost 2.5 billion shares since Friday, said NYSE Chairman John Phelan.

The exchanges will close at 2 p.m. today, Monday and Tuesday, and will open as usual at 9:30 a.m.

At one point yesterday, the Dow was down 140 points and bobbed violently afterward at sharply lower levels.

"The market's extremely fragile," said Peter J. DaPuzzo, manager of the retail equity group at Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc. in New York. "Any negative news causes it to break and people to sell out equities. There's so much tension and nervousness, the confidence level is very close to zero."

The value of all U.S. stocks fell $107.79 billion, wiping out nearly half the recovery of the previous two days, according to the Wilshire Associates 5,000 Equity Index of stocks. The drop represented 4.2 percent of the total valuation of $2.4 trillion.

The frantic selling that gripped the New York and London exchanges much of the day reverberated through every other market, eroding the dollar's value and pushing up the price of U.S. treasury bonds and gold in a migration to safe-haven securities.

"The stock market doesn't know what to do," said Robert Brusca, chiefeconomist at Nikko Securities International Inc. in New York. "The message coming through clear, loud and strong is that the market is looking for greater coordination of economic policies that we haven't seen in a number of years."

Sell orders swamped the New York Stock Exchange when it opened after two days of partial recovery from the Monday crash that obliterated $500 billion in U.S. stock values in Wall Street's worst crisis since the Crash of 1929.

Analysts blamed the fresh slide on everything from rumor-mongering about another collapse to hostility in the Persian Gulf. Some said the only buyers were companies repurchasing their stock at what they consider bargain rates.

"We are not seeing any good buying interest from the big institutional investors," said Philip C. Puccio, senior vice president at Dillon, Read & Co. "It's a scary type of thing."

Analysts said many investors likely were waiting to hear President Reagan's comments on the economy at his news conference last night. Fear about the consequences of America's enormous trade gap, budget deficit and long-term debt also is widely considered to be a key element in the market crisis.

Some brokers saw hope in the announcement that major U.S. banks dropped their prime lending rate from 9.25 percent to 9 percent. Wall Street historically has welcomed lower borrowing costs.

In an attempt to curb the market's volatility, the New York Stock Exchange moved to further restrict the use of computer-assisted trading techniques that have been blamed for sudden swings in stock prices.

## Reagan defends stand on Persian Gulf

By TERENCE HUNT
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Reagan said last night he is willing to talk with congressional leaders about a tax increase to cure the nation's economic ills, and declared he sees "no indications" of a recession ahead despite the battered stock market.

At his first White House news conference since March, Reagan said he believes Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev will visit the United States this year to sign a path-breaking arms reduction treaty, but has no firm word that the meeting will take place.

The president also defended the United States' naval presence in the Persian Gulf, and said, "We are not there to start a war. We are there to protect neutral nations' shipping in international waters."

Reagan opened his first formal meeting with Washington reporters in seven months with a quip. "Seems like only yesterday," he said as laughter filled the East Room.

Reagan began with a progress report on first lady Nancy Reagan, who underwent breast cancer surgery last Saturday and returned to the White House early yesterday.

"It sure is good news to have Nancy back home, and she's doing just fine," he said.

The news conference came at a particularly difficult time in Reagan's administration.

## Locals discuss plan to save farm lands

By RICK WOODWARD
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When Pennsylvania voters hit the polls Nov. 3, they will vote on a referendum asking for $100 million to save the state's farmland.

State and local officials discussed the referendum with the public at a meeting last night at the State College Area Senior High School, 653 Westerly Parkway.

The referendum allocates $100 million to buy conservation easements on farm property which would prohibit non-agricultural development on those properties.

The amount of available farm land is rapidly diminishing in Pennsylvania. Between 1975 and 1985, an average of 90,000 acres were lost each year.

This land must be preserved, said Rep. Sam Morris, Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee chairman.

"As Roy Rogers said, they're not making (farm land) any more," he joked.

Morris said he does not see the move as "the heavy hand of government enslaving the farmers," because individual farmers can choose whether or not to sell the easements.

State Department of Environmental Resources Secretary Art Davis said the state needs agricultural products.

Some critics of the referendum have stated there is actually a surplus of agricultural products.

However, Davis said there is overproducton of corn, soy beans and cotton, but not what Pennsylvanians need — their own food.

Commonwealth residents need fresh homegrown food because they cannot depend on supplies from other states, he said, explaining that in the South and Southwest, irrigated lands have been drying up.

In addition to providing insurance

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Collegian Photo / Bruce E. Moody

**A-riding we will go**

University students, from left, Cheryl Erkson (sophomore-individual and family studies and psychology), Mary Younkin (sophomore-individual family studies) and Tricia Hanielis (sophomore-elementary education) take the daycare children for a brisk fall walk.

## PSU students may not see increase in aid

By CAROL CHASE
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Despite the recent U.S. Senate approval of a $570 million increase in financial aid for 1988, appropriations for financial aid at the University will probably be reduced, said the University director of student aid.

Robert Evans said the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced budget law, which requires the federal government to gradually reduce its budget each year to cut the federal deficit, may affect the decision.

"I suspect we'll see very little increase, and in reality some possible reductions (in student aid appropriations)," Evans said.

The Senate approved the $21.3 billion appropriations bill for the U.S. Education Department last week. It sets the total amount of student aid appropriations for 1988 at $8.8 billion.

The bill is now awaiting approval by a House-Senate conference committee. Although the Senate approved an overall increase, the bill appropriates $11 million less for the College Work-Study program, $4 million less for State Student Incentive Grants and $7 million less for new Perkins Loans than the House bill.

Sen. John Heinz, R-Pa., voted for the increase, said Richard Bryers, Heinz's press secretary.

"If Congress does its job, then the higher committment to education won't be thrown away to an across-the-board Gramm-Rudman-Hollings cut," Bryers said.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., also voted for increased financial aid, said Specter's press secretary, Dan McKenna.

"Student aid is . . . an excellent investment of tax dollars" because students are the leaders of the future, McKenna said.

Harry Phillips, Rep. William F. Clinger's press secretary, said he

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## Some still not certain about bursar's receipt

By CINDY FREDERIK
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Students have been required to carry a Universty bursar receipt card for proof of enrollment status since the Fall of 1985. Two years after this change, some students are still confused about the card's purpose.

Chris Beahan, (senior-aerospace engineering) said, "That little square thing?" joking that he uses it "at least twice a day."

Bridget Hartman (junior-nursing) said she never has used hers, but carries it because "Dad told me to."

Before Fall 1985, the University issued stickers that were attached to IDs to show students' current enrollment status. Students were required to go to the registrar's office to pick up the sticker.

The cost of the stickers, combined with a new computer system that provides information such as enrollment status, caused the University to phase out the stickers all together, said University Resistrar Warren Haffner.

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## friday

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Remember to set the clocks back one hour on Sunday.

### weather

This afternoon variable cloudiness, high 53. Tonight mostly clear, low 35. Saturday partly sunny and milder.....Ross Dickman

# PSU frosh 'cheers' football crowds

By MICHAEL BELL
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He is a freshman, but he may be one of the best known students on campus.

For those who are unfamiliar with his name and his football antics, Gregory Ellis (freshman-journalism) is the crazed fan who runs about the student section of Beaver Stadium during football games, screaming cheers and exciting the other fans.

Kim Mehle (freshman-telecommunications) has been to all the home games and is familar with Ellis' cheerleading.

"You can't miss him," Mehle said. "He really gets the students going and livens up the game."

Rob Dowd (freshman-landscape architecture) said he "really gets a kick out of Ellis at the games."

Ellis said his repertoire started with the first game of the season, the Penn State-Bowling Green game. Ellis' tickets were in the alumni section but he soon realized that was not the place for him.

"They weren't doing anything to get into the game," Ellis said.

During halftime, Ellis noticed a fellow student who lived in his dorm and was convinced to move to the student section for the second half of the game.

Ellis' cheers caught on at that game and have picked up momentum ever since.

"From the student section, my cheering spread to the attendants by the scoreboard. They wanted me to come up (by the scoreboard) and cheer," Ellis said. "Then the band section asked me to go (over to their section) and cheer."

Although not all students have had the chance to meet Ellis, Gicine Brignola (freshman-business administration) has. After attending all the home games this semester, Brignola said she likes Ellis

"He's got a natural talent for involving people in the game," she said.

Ellis says what he does at the games cannot be summed up into one certain act.

"It's a combination between the mike-man and the cheerleaders. I use some of their cheers, the good ones," Ellis said.

He said the cheerleaders and cheerleading coaches have complimented him for his enthusiasm. Ellis said the cheerleaders and the Nittany Lion are limited in what they can do and the cheers they can use.

"They can't do the things that really get a crowd going," Ellis said. "I fill in what they can't do."

Ellis has definite ideas about the benefits of a rowdy football crowd in Beaver Stadium.

"The place should be rockin'. That's one way I can help Penn State put some scare into the opposing team," Ellis said.

Ellis dedicates Saturday to football, but he also keeps his studies in the right perspective.

"I just try to keep everything in balance. I don't study as much as my roommate, but I try not to get behind," Ellis said.

Dave Bouldin (freshman-political science) is Ellis' roommate.

"The only word that could describe him is 'competitive,'" Bouldin said.

Ellis said his ultimate goal is to play football at Penn State and is training. If this proves impossible, Ellis said his next goal is to be the mike-man.

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*Gregory Ellis*