

Bush outlines \$7.9 billion plan to fight drugs



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WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Bush, calling drugs "the gravest domestic threat facing our nation," last night proposed a \$7.9 billion war on narcotics emphasizing harsher penalties for users and more money for prisons, treatment and education.

Bush warned Latin-American drug lords that "the rules have changed" and for the first time pledged U.S. military help to any government that requests it in an all-out assault against drugs.

"Drugs are sapping our strength as a nation," the president said in his first nationally televised address from the Oval Office. He punctuated his speech by displaying a plastic bag of crack cocaine seized across the street from the White House.

To attack cocaine at its source, Bush proposed a four-fold increase in the amount of military and law enforcement aid for Colombia, Bolivia and Peru, to \$261.2 million in 1990. He called it the downpayment on a \$2 billion, five-year program for the Andean region, with more aid contingent on progress in eradicating drugs.

At home, Bush called for a battle fought "neighborhood by neighborhood, block by block, child by child," and sought a crackdown against those who use drugs. Even casual users would pay, by losing their driving privileges or spending time in military-style boot camps.

"There's no question but that drugs are (the) quicksand of our entire society. They're suffocating individuals and families and institutions as well . . . And all Americans must pull together to solve this problem."

— GEORGE BUSH, president

To help offset the cost of his program, Bush proposed diverting \$751 million from other programs, including juvenile justice, housing, immigration and economic development.

"We can pay for this fight against drugs without raising taxes or adding to the budget deficit," he said.

On Capitol Hill, Democrats greeted Bush's plan with restraint. House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., said Bush was not seeking enough money to mount a long-term assault, and said the program will increase pressure for a tax increase.

With cocaine and crack dealing creating violence and record homicide rates across the country, Americans appear ready for a new assault against drugs.

A Gallup Poll released at the White House last month said a record 27 percent of Americans consider drugs the most important problem facing the nation, above poverty, the economy, the environment and fear of war.

"All of us agree that the gravest domestic threat facing our nation today is drugs," Bush said.

Bush held up the bag of cocaine, and said it was as "innocent looking as candy." But the president added, "If we fight this war as a divided nation, then the war is lost. But if we face this evil as a nation united, this will be nothing but a handful of useless chemicals."

Although overall cocaine use is down, frequent use has almost doubled in recent years. "Roughly 8 million people have used cocaine in the last year," the president said. Almost 1 million of them used the drug at least once a week.

Even before the speech, Bush's program was praised by the head of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Charles D. Reynolds, who said in a statement that "the criminal justice recommendations of this report are responsive to critical needs."

However, Rep. Don Edwards, the Democratic chairman of the House Judiciary Committee's civil rights subcommittee, said the plan "proposes more of almost everything that hasn't worked — more arrests, more prisons, tougher sentences."

Delivering the Democratic response to Bush's address, Senate Judiciary

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Faculty Senate holds forums for students

By JOE ATKINSON
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As part of an effort to address the issue of adding cultural diversity requirements to the curriculum, the University Faculty Senate will offer the floor to University students and faculty at its Sept. 12 and Oct. 10 meetings.

George Bugyi, Senate executive secretary, said they will grant this privilege so members of the University community can express their thoughts on the issue.

Individuals interested in addressing the Senate can submit written requests to the Chair of the Committee on Student Life, in care of the Senate Office in Birch Cottage on campus. Requests must be received no later than Friday for the Sept. 12 meeting and Oct. 6 for the Oct. 10 meeting.

"Cultural diversity is exceedingly important," Bugyi said, adding that student and faculty input will help the Senate formulate any upcoming changes in University curriculum requirements in the area of diversity.

After student and faculty requests for mandatory black and women's studies courses, the Faculty Senate will investigate the possibilities of a mandatory cultural diversity course as part of the general education requirements.

The University hopes to mandate cultural diversity courses for all undergraduates by the year 1990. Students would be required to take a three-credit course which focuses on the culture of a racial, gender, ethnic or international group.

Social scientists who analyzed the campus racial atmosphere last spring also recommended the addition of cultural diversity courses in a June report.

The proposal was made by the University's Subcommittee on Diversity.

The September meeting will give Senate members a better understanding of the climate at the University in relation to cultural diversity, Bugyi said.

No legislative action will be taken during either meeting, he said, as the meetings will be strictly devoted to open discussion.

Although there are presently no proposals before the Senate to add diversity requirements to the curriculum, possible additions will be considered during the Senate meeting in October, Bugyi said.

Graduate Student Association President Ken Martin, who will address the Senate Sept. 12, said cultural diversity is an important issue at the University. Martin said although the University has addressed the basic needs of its culturally-diverse community, Penn State must make greater strides toward integrating all students and faculty members.

He did not anticipate any legislative action by the Senate presently.

JoePa's book hits shelves

By CHINO WILSON
Collegian Sports Writer

Among the latest items for diehard Penn State football fanatics, "Paterno: By the Book" has arrived — just in time for this weekend's season opener against Virginia.

The book's regular edition — a collaboration between Coach Joe Paterno and University Associate English Professor Bernard Asbell — first graced the windows of stores downtown and on campus Friday and since then sales have varied.

The regular edition costs \$18.95 while the limited edition, which is signed by Paterno and has special binding, costs \$100. The limited editions will arrive in a few weeks.

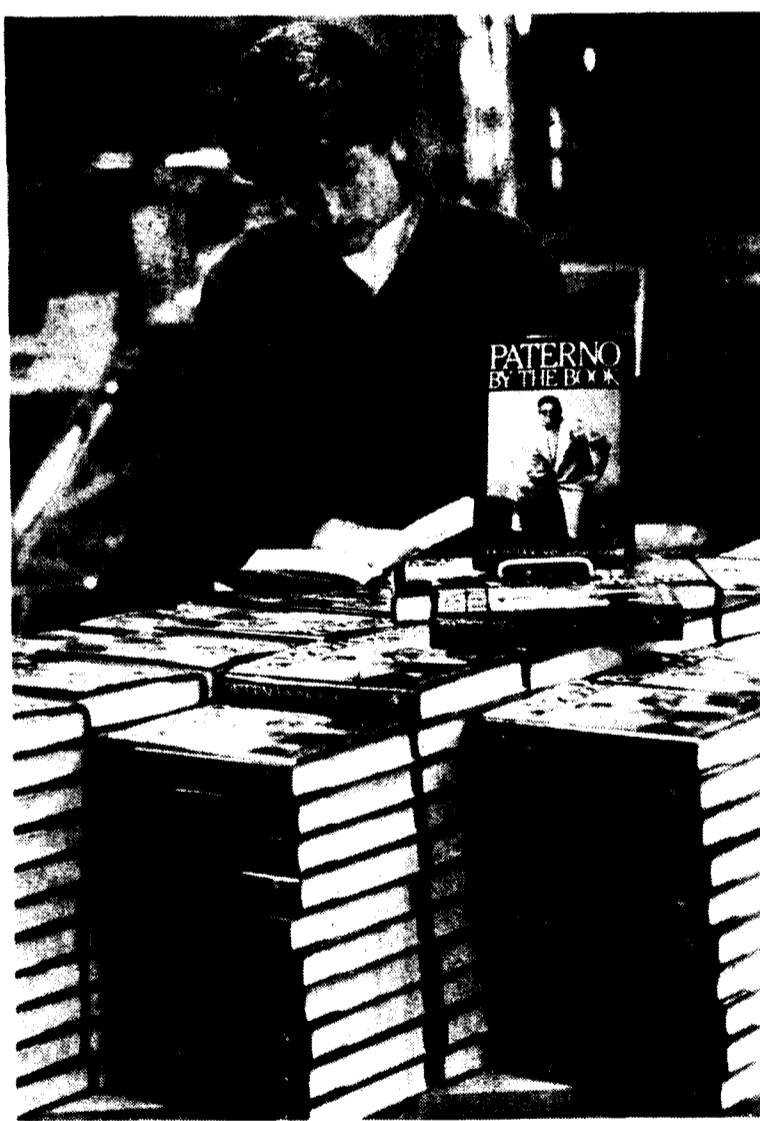
Most of the estimated 1,500 advanced copies have already been sold, said Elizabeth Wilson, merchandise supervisor of the Penn State Bookstore.

"I think (sales have) been good but of course the book came in everywhere in town so it's really hard to tell," Wilson said. "Our advance sales were very good. We've had a very good response."

University students, however, are not among the book's biggest fans.

"Based on the what I've seen, the majority of the buyers are townspeople and faculty rather than students," Wilson said.

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Ray Watson (graduate-comparative literature) pages through Joe Paterno's *By the Book* at the Penn State Bookstore. The books went on sale Friday in area bookstores with most advance orders selling out. Booksellers said only about 2 percent of the book's buyers are students. The majority are town residents and University faculty.

Hurricane Gabrielle heads for Bermuda

By DAN SEWELL
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MIAMI — Giant Hurricane Gabrielle, its tail winds swamping homes and businesses as far south as Barbados, may have reached peak force as its swirling clouds spread further over the Atlantic, forecasters said late yesterday.

Experts, however, said it was too early to draw conclusions from U.S. Air Force reconnaissance plane readings of rising barometric pressure and a slightly expanding eye in the hurricane, which brushed by the U.S. Caribbean islands before turning its 135 mph winds northward.

Hurricane forecasters said Gabrielle appeared to be heading toward the British island of Bermuda in the Atlantic, but was still at least three days away and on an uncertain course that seemed to be moving from a northwesterly course to northward.

"The biggest threat now is for Bermuda . . . Anybody on the East Coast should watch this storm," said Bob Sheets, director of the National Hurricane Center in suburban Coral Gables.

Gabrielle, already this season's biggest hurricane, was upgraded yesterday evening to a Category 4 hurricane — with 5 being the strongest.

Forecasters said it rivaled last year's record-setting Hurricane Gilbert at the same stage, but was on a path more like 1985's powerful Hurricane Gloria, which did \$900 million in damage as it raged up the East Coast and into New England.

Sheets said Gabrielle was unlikely to come near South Florida.

Gabrielle, with storm winds in a 500-mile-long band, caused storm swells as far as 1,000 miles from its center, forecasters said.

Sheets compared Gabrielle to Gilbert of 1988, saying Gabrielle's size was similar to Gilbert, which became "the storm of the century" and devastated the island of Jamaica. Both were the seventh named storms of their Atlantic season, as was Gloria.

While Gilbert stayed on a westerly course across the upper Caribbean and made landfall in Mexico, Gabrielle was moving out of the Caribbean and headed up into the Atlantic.

As of 10:30 p.m. EDT, Gabrielle was centered near 22.6 north latitude and 58.5 west longitude, about 775 miles south-southeast of Bermuda. It was moving northwest at 12 mph.

The governments of the Leeward Islands countries urged small craft to stay in port and issued heavy surf warnings as Gabrielle pushed 74 mph (hurricane-force) winds as far as 100 miles away from its center.

Henry Laskosky, a National Weather Service forecaster in San Juan, predicted rough seas for the island.

In Barbados, the easternmost Caribbean island 550 miles southeast of Puerto Rico, Gabrielle's tail caused 10-foot waves and rough seas on the island's east coast Monday. Some beachfront homes and businesses in the capital of Bridgetown were flooded Tuesday.

No injuries or serious damages were reported.

The weather in Barbados and Leeward islands yesterday was sunny and clear.

Attorney in Roe case to address abortion issues

By ISABEL MOLINA
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Sarah Weddington is not just another woman concerned about reproductive rights.

In 1973, she was the lawyer who defended "Jane Roe," in the historical U.S. Supreme Court case that legalized abortion. She will speak at 8 tonight in Eisenhower Auditorium on the constitutional implications of the 1973 abortion ruling.

In July's *Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services*, the Supreme Court did not overturn *Roe vs. Wade* but ruled that states may impose significant restrictions on abortion.

"She is the only one with her perspective. And her perspective is totally different," said Carrie Bowmaster (senior-history), a member of the Undergraduate Student Government's Department of Women's Concerns.

Tammy Foust, co-director of the USG department, said Weddington will provide new insights as to how she saw abortion and decided to approach the issue.

"She has a completely unique perspective in the world. She is the person that argued and won *Roe vs. Wade*," she said.

Roe vs. Wade was Weddington's first contested case, and her victory made her the youngest woman to win a case before the Supreme Court.

Today, she is a senior lecturer at the University of Texas and a distinguished lecturer at Texas Women's University. Weddington is currently working on a book entitled *Some Leaders are Born Women* and still practices law in Austin, Texas.

Lynne Goodstein, director of the Women's Studies Program said the program decided to co-sponsor Weddington because of her involvement with the Supreme Court's 1973 ruling.

"That decision had ramifications for all women in this country," Goodstein said. "She is an important figure in women studies from a historical and sociological perspective . . . clearly the legalization of abortion was an important historical event for women."

Weddington's speech is being sponsored by Colloquy and co-sponsored by the Center for Women Students and the Women's Studies program.

Sabrina Chapman, director of the Center for Women Students said in a written statement, "Sarah Weddington is a dynamic speaker, who is memorable to hear under any circumstances."

"At this particular historical moment, that is more true than ever, given her key role in legal decisions pertaining to personal choice and reproductive rights," Chapman continued.

Goodstein said she would like students to understand the significance that the decision to have or not to have an abortion had for women.

"I think she would be better able to get that across to most people because she was around when abortion was not legal," she said.

Foust said the purpose of Weddington's speech is not to argue a pro-choice or pro-life stance but to relate her perspective on the Supreme Court decision as "Jane Roe's" lawyer.

Foust said she hopes Weddington's speech will increase interest on campus about reproductive-rights issues.

"Anytime there is debate and information put out, that is good," she said.

Lora Nace (senior-physics) said she hopes Weddington is able to arouse the consciousness of people on campus.

"Make people more aware of how monumental this decision is and as to how we as students need to be aware of that," Nace added.

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FYI

Burrows Road will be closed for two weeks from south of the Rec Hall parking lot to the north entrance of Waring Hall. From Sept. 7 to 21, the University will be installing new steam lines for the campus heating system. Traffic heading for points south of the closing can detour around the construction via Park Avenue and Atherton Street to Pollock Road.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy today and tonight, high 75. Low tonight 59. Mostly cloudy tomorrow, high again near 75. . . . Ross Dickman