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Penn State alumnus explores the Universe as Commander Riker

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Danny Gills playing style helping booters

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Weather

Sunny and comfortably warm today with the high climbing to 73. Clear and cool tonight, a low near 50. Clouds increasing late in the day tomorrow, high near 75.

—by Bob Tschantz

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My Dzung Dang (junior-biology) waits for a free order of french fries from the new Mr. Crispy's vending machine at McLanahan's, 414 E. College Ave. The fries were

free last night, but are now available for \$1.00 a cup. Students sampling the fries had mixed emotions about the taste and price.

Mixed reviews for Mr. Crispy

By KRISTI McLENDON
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Some students "got fried" in a local convenience store last night.

At a promotional for a Mr. Crispy's USA french fry vending machine students ate free fries as part of a taste test at McLanahan's Drug Store, 414 E. College Ave.

Students had mixed reactions to the french fry price and taste combination. Adam Fahrer (freshman-finance) said he thinks the fries are better than fast food and a dollar is reasonable but anything more would

be too expensive. "I am not quite a french fry man," he said.

"I am sorry but I really could pee in a cup this size," said E.J. Easton (junior-pre-law). "they are going to have to do better than this if they want to compete with McDonald's."

According to a survey by the Advertising Promotion and Marketing group, responsible for bringing Mr. Crispy's and Houser Vending together, most students said they would pay \$1.00 for the order, said Anne Marie Quinn, advertising assistant for the APM group.

The french fry vending machine

was installed in McLanahan's 30 days ago by Houser Vending Co., Inc., said Bob Gephart, sales director for Houser Vending. He said it is a good location because 4,000 people traffic through the store every day.

The vending machine's proximity to Burger King, 420 E. College Ave., and McDonald's, 442 E. College Ave., was also purposeful, Gephart said. "For a buck a cup, you bet we are going to challenge them," he said. "Here, your order is cooked when you order it and is not put under a heat lamp."

There was no charge last night, but

for a four-ounce serving on any other day, students will pay \$1.00. Mr. Crispy's charges a little more because they use specially-made fries and expensive oils instead of powder mixes that old-fashioned machines used, said Fred Goldberg, operations and marketing director for Mr. Crispy's.

The fries are cooked in cholesterol-free sunflower oil with little odor, Goldberg said. The oil stays in the machine for 500 cups of fries, said Mike Richards, mechanic for Houser Vending.

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Thomas: clause not necessary for protection

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All University students are protected against discrimination, so it is not necessary to single out the rights of specific minority groups for protection in the University's nondiscrimination policy, said University President Joab Thomas.

"When you start to specify distinct groups in a vast population of people, it could be a big mistake," Thomas said last night at the Forum for Underrepresented groups.

Members of Lesbian and Gay Student Alliance stressed their concern over whether the University will approve of their clause to include sexual orientation in the nondiscrimination policy.

"We are the only group that aren't included in the discrimination policy," said Lisa Sumener, political co-director of LGSA.

Thomas said that Sumener's statement is incorrect because Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos and Cuban Americans are also not included in the nondiscrimination clause. These groups have also requested inclusion in the clause, Thomas said.

According to the Penn State Policies and Rules for Students, the University "administers all policies without regard to race, religion, color, and national origin; and without regard to handicap, age, sex, or status as a disabled or Vietnam-era veteran, except as provided by law."

Additionally it states "The University's nondiscrimination policy on the basis of sex pertains to sexual harassment."

The University will not be able to meet all the needs and interests of underrepresented groups because it does not have the resources to do so, but it will try to meet many of their concerns, Thomas said.

"We may find it necessary to control our steps in taking affirmative action so backlash from the community won't break down the whole enterprise of affirmative action," Thomas said.

However, if underrepresented groups are able to justify the appropriateness of their concerns, the backlash from the community can be minimized, he added.

The University is not free to add minority groups at will to the nondiscrimination clause because the state has a federally required clause specifying certain minority groups, Thomas said.

The University clause matches the federal government's nondiscrimination law. "All Big Ten schools and some state schools in Pennsylvania have adopted clauses on their own regardless of the state policies," Mike LaFlam, political co-director of LGSA said.

Thomas is avoiding the issue like Bryce Jordan but his reasons are different, LaFlam said after Thomas left.

Thomas is saying the University must follow the federal government's policy when other universities have not, he said.

Although the University climate for gay men and lesbians has improved among staff members and faculty, on a student-to-student level a homophobic atmosphere is still very prominent, LaFlam (senior-human development and family studies) said.

La Flam said LGSA would like the Forum for Underrepresented Groups and each organization represented to write a letter of support to *The Daily Collegian* for the inclusion of a sexual orientation clause to the nondiscrimination policy.

Adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause would have to be approved by the Board of Trustees and then the state, La Flam said.

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Borough prioritizes new parking facility

Planning commission also focuses on limiting residential parking

By KRISTINE LAMEY
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Limiting parking in residential neighborhoods and finding a location for a new parking facility were voted top priorities by the State College Borough Planning Commission yesterday.

The planning commission established a list of priorities for the downtown plan during yesterday's work session, but the in-lieu parking program was not one of them.

The downtown plan, developed by Land Design/Research Inc., was presented to the commission earlier this month. The plan recommends regulating parking, traffic flow, retail and commercial use in the business district.

The commission will compile a list of final priorities

to the State College Borough Council after three more meetings on the downtown plan.

Continued conflict between home owners in the residential areas, commuters and students who park in front of the homes prompted the commission to consider parking alternatives, said Carl Hess, planning director.

The commission is considering a permit system for commuters and residents designed to gradually eliminate parking in neighborhoods, he said. Commuters would eventually be expected to use CATA bus services and park-and-ride as alternatives to parking in residential areas.

"I think (the commission) will see how important park-and-ride is to alleviating neighborhood parking," Hess said.

Locating a third parking facility downtown was

another issue raised during the session.

The plan favors a garage or deck in the area between Foster and Beaver avenues and Fraser and Pugh streets. This would draw the nucleus of the downtown slightly further south, without compromising the goals of the plan, Hess said.

One commission member suggested building the garage further away from downtown.

"The high school football field is a far better site," said William Whitby commission member.

If the field could be obtained cheaply and profit the school district makes from the sale could be used for other athletic fields or facilities, he added.

The commission decided to delay further discussion of the in-lieu parking program. The plan allows developers to pay into a fund for a future municipal parking

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U.S. troops will leave Europe next month

By ROBERT BURNS
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States will begin withdrawing 40,000 troops from Europe next month and start closing down their units in January, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said yesterday.

Cheney said his decision was made in consultation with the NATO allies and was in anticipation of a 23-nation Conventional Forces in Europe agreement being reached by

year's end to substantially reduce troops and military equipment across Europe.

"We have to begin the draw down now to respond in an orderly way to changing security requirements and declining defense budgets," Cheney said in a statement.

The unilateral pullout of troops from Europe is the largest by the United States since the mid-1960s, when the administration of President Lyndon Johnson restructured the U.S. commitment to Europe.

Conversion units blamed for deterioration of neighborhoods

By NINA B. HUNTEMANN
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As universities across the state fill their on-campus housing capacity, many students decide to rent off-campus and become temporary neighbors to long-time residents.

The results are not always friendly. For years neighborhood groups in State College have pushed for stricter enforcement of ordinances to regulate student housing.

Conversion units — single-family homes converted into rental units — have been blamed for deteriorating residential areas by neighborhood action groups.

The most prominent debate centers around the borough's occupancy ordinance, which prohibits more than six unrelated people from living together in a single-family home.

The neighborhoods say landlords and tenants in State College are violating this ordinance and unless the borough tightens enforcement the neighborhoods will continue to deteriorate.

People living near conversion units and fraternity houses often complain about noise levels during parties, overflow of parked cars on the road, and trash on lawns.

Problems between residents and off-campus

students living in State College are not unique. Several college towns in central Pennsylvania are combatting similar concerns.

Lock Haven University does not provide enough student housing on-campus, so conversions units are "ever increasing," said David Romig, the city's code enforcement officer.

The total enrollment at Lock Haven this semester is about 3,400, with about 1,600 students in off-campus housing or commuting. The university has a housing capacity of 1,605, but overcrowding this year has forced about 200 students into temporary dormitories, said Tim Susick, the university's associate dean of students.

"The university has saturated its housing and enrollment is increasing by three to four hundred a year, which means (students) can only go off-campus," Romig said.

As a result of increased student housing needs, single-family homes are being converted into rental units, he said.

Although Lock Haven has an occupancy rule which says no more than four unrelated people can live in the same conversion unit, the ordinance is difficult to enforce, Romig said.

"I've been trying to figure out a way to check Please see HOUSING, Page 11.

Jordan's support of new embargo questioned after Iraqi plane lands

By DAVID BEARD
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Three Iraqi passenger planes touched down yesterday in Jordan, raising questions about Jordan's support for the new U.N. embargo on Iraqi air traffic. Iraq accused Washington of bribing Moscow to back the sanctions.

In a sign that the sanctions are hurting Iraqis, Baghdad also announced it would extend rationing to rice, flour and cooking oil.

The United States reportedly planned "a show of force" by sending its first American aircraft carrier into the Persian Gulf in 16 years, and Defense Secretary Dick Cheney warned an Iraqi military strike was increasingly likely.

U.S. officials encountered reservations yesterday by allies on a fund-raising campaign to collect the billions of dollars needed in the gulf crisis.

The passengers aboard the regularly scheduled Iraqi Airways planes landing in Amman included nine expelled French diplomats and 11 Britons stranded during Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on Aug. 2. It was not known what their cargo holds contained. The planes all returned to Baghdad.

Jordan pledged to honor the air embargo approved Tuesday by the U.N. Security Council

but said passenger aircraft were not included in the resolution.

The U.N. resolution does not mention passenger planes but says that all planes traveling to and from Iraq should be checked to make sure they are not carrying cargo prohibited by the U.N. trade sanctions. The resolution prohibits the use of force to stop planes, but allows for the detention of aircraft.

A Jordanian Cabinet minister said inspections of the Iraqi aircraft began with the third flight Wednesday, and a senior aviation official said U.N. or other officials were free to check the Iraqi cargo holds. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

Baghdad's official news agency accused Moscow — a former ally — of being bribed by the United States and gulf sheiks to oppose Iraq. It said the tone of a tough U.N. speech Tuesday by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze "clearly shows the bribe given by American and its allies the oil sheiks."

"We tell Shevardnadze, if you are not concerned about the relations of friendship with the Arabs and want to be dragged into the alliance of American hostility, then the Arabs will not be concerned about the likes of you," the commentary said.

Iraqi officials announced the new food rationing will begin this weekend. Trade and



A Bangladesh refugee grinds her teeth while trying not to scream, as her friend weeps helplessly at the Azraq refugee camp yesterday.

Finance Minister Mohammed Mahdi Saleh said sugar and tea also will be affected by the new restrictions. The government already closed fast food restaurants and many pastry shops because they use large amounts of sugar.

Bakeries still open make only bread, which has been rationed since Sept. 1 in response to the U.N. sanctions.