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Today morning rain then cloudy, high of 45. Mostly cloudy and cool tonight with a low around 34. Sunshine returns tomorrow afternoon with a high temperature of 49.

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## The last waltz

### PSU sports: Weekend of ups, downs

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Penn State's roller-coaster sports weekend was derailed yesterday, as Eastern Michigan held off the men's basketball team, 71-68, in overtime, knocking the Lions out of the NCAA Tournament.

Coupled with the women's basketball team's 73-71 loss to James Madison on Saturday afternoon, Penn State has exited both NCAA Tournaments in the second round.

Wrestler Jeff Prescott gave Penn State a lift Saturday night by winning the 118-pound championship and the outstanding wrestler award at the NCAA Tournament in Iowa City, Iowa. Prescott is the Lions' first national champion since Jim Martin won the 126-pound title in 1988.

"It's just the highest high you can ever get," Prescott said.

The Lady Lions opened Saturday's game just as high — with an 11-0 run — and led by 12 at halftime. But JMU used balanced scoring, rebounding and team defense to chip away at Penn State's lead. And when Tanya Garner's blocked 3-point attempt fell to the floor as time expired, the Final Four hopes of the Lady Lions, and 6,087 stunned fans in Rec Hall, were dashed.

"I feel bad for the kids. I feel bad for our two assistant coaches and I feel very, very bad for the seniors," Coach Rene Portland said after Saturday's game. "I am stunned and very, very disappointed."

Free-throw shooting, the Lions' strength, turned into a weakness yesterday. Penn State could have won the game in regulation, but James Barnes and Monroe Brown each missed a free throw in the final 1:03. And when Freddie Barnes missed a desperation 3-pointer a time ran out in overtime, the Lions lost the game and a spot in the Sweet 16.

"I'm hoping the guys will shake this game off and feel good about themselves," said Coach Bruce Parkhill. "They deserve to do that."

The Lions' wild weekend started with a 74-69 come-from-behind upset victory over fourth-seeded UCLA on Friday afternoon in Syracuse, N.Y. Few predicted 13th-seeded Penn State could handle the potent Bruins offense, but the Lions shut down UCLA in the second half and made their free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

"The best job done was by Coach Parkhill — he prepared his team tremendously," UCLA coach John Harrick said. "He played us perfectly and his kids executed perfectly. They won the game — they just beat us."



Members of the women's basketball team stand stunned after losing to the James Madison University Dukes in Rec Hall. Saturday's 73-71 loss dashed the Lady Lions' hopes of a trip to the Final Four of the NCAA women's basketball tournament in New Orleans and ended their 28 game home court winning streak.



Penn State forward James Barnes is fouled by Eastern Michigan's Kory Hallas as he goes up for a shot during overtime in their second round NCAA men's basketball tournament game. The Lions lost, 71-68, in the game at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y. yesterday.

## PSU gains in minority applications

By MARK E. JONES  
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HERSHEY — More minority students are applying to the University this year, reversing a trend that prompted Penn State administrators to create a task force last July to recruit and retain more minority students within a year.

It appears that task force will be successful, provided more minority applications translates into more offers and more acceptances by the students, the University's acting executive vice president and provost told the University's Board of Trustees.

Charles Hosler, addressing the Committee on Educational Policy, said minority applications have increased 7 percent from last year. That means 4,171 minority students have applied to Penn State for the 1991-92 year. Last year at this time 3,889 minority students had applied.

Already the University has extended offers to many of these students. Hosler said that offers to minorities are running 10 percent ahead of last year. About 2,809 students have been asked to enroll.

"We've made a concerted effort to make the offers earlier this year," he said.

William Asbury, vice president for student services, said the increase in offers is encouraging, but the increase in paid-accepts — students who have accepted their offer from the University — is slight.

Asbury said, "You have to be cautious about interpreting these figures. There's been a turn-around in the trend, but not in enrollment. How many students are actually going to enroll as first-time students?"

About 820 African-American high school students have received offers, 4 percent above the 786 who had received offers at this time last year.

"Now the thing we're concentrating on... is working with the colleges and with the departments and making personal contacts with these students," Hosler said.

"There will be multiple follow-ups on each of these applications and offers," he said. "We feel that's going to pay off."

Asbury contributed the success to members of the task force, including James Stewart, vice provost for underrepresented groups, Gregory Knight, vice provost and dean for undergraduate education, and Hosler.

"Those three people really took a strong stance with the admissions office that certain tough efforts had to be made," Asbury said.

Asbury said that Gary Kelsey, director of minority admissions community affairs, was given free rein to conduct minority recruitment efforts and "that

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## From Lions fans, nothing but praise

By JOE TARR  
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When an Eastern Michigan player rebounded Dave Degitz's missed free throw in the final seconds of yesterday's game, the crowd packed into Cafe 210 West had only one thing to say.

"Foul him," screamed many of the 80 people who watched the game on television in Cafe's "quiet cocktail" lounge yesterday. The Nitany Lions took their advice, but the strategy failed and the Cinderella team from Happy Valley's first NCAA Tournament appearance in 25 years ended.

The 13th-seeded Lions fell to Eastern Michigan, 71-68. The overtime loss came two days after Penn State upset UCLA, 74-69, at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse.

"After the win against UCLA, I thought we had a pretty good chance of beating (Eastern) Michigan," said Dennis Julio (graduate-civil engineering),

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who was enjoying some Killian's Red beer with his friends.

But while many in the crowd were heartbroken by the defeat — curse words were abundant — no one called the men's basketball team a bunch of losers.

"They had a helluva season," said Scott BATTLE (graduate-pre-med). "No one ever expected them to go this far."

"It was too close for comfort," said Rachel Marcune (senior-exercise science). "But now we're drinking our sorrows away."

Even those who aren't usually fond of basketball or the "March madness" Please see BARROOM, Page 11.

## Police get more tips in student murder case

By TOM SMITHYMAN  
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The State College Bureau of Police Services received phone calls this weekend about the Dana Bailey murder case, but police said it is "much too early" to know if the tips are substantial.

Police have a few leads to investigate, but are not yet questioning people, State College police investigator Tom Jordan said. Jordan would not comment further about any suspects.

During the last two weeks, an anonymous tipster provided police with information about a possible suspect in the four-year-old case.

Bailey, a former University student, was found dead in her South Allen Street apartment on March 5, 1987, from multiple knife wounds to the heart and lungs. Bailey was 21.

While watching a television show about the murder on WJAC-TV in Johnstown, the tipster called one of the five guests and gave him new information about the killer, said Marty Radovanic, executive producer of special projects for WJAC's news department. The informant

told the guest he wished to remain anonymous because he is wanted by police, Radovanic said.

The tipster also told the guest that the guest may know the murderer, Jordan said.

Neither police nor WJAC will release the name of the guest who was contacted by the informant.

On Thursday and Friday, the area news media published and broadcasted the phone numbers of Centre County Crimestoppers and Operation Crimetap in an attempt to get more information from the informant.

Although most of this weekend's callers remained anonymous, police do know the original informant was not one of the callers, Jordan said.

The police are still investigating, Jordan said, although no more officers have been assigned to the case.

Police are asking anyone with information to call Centre County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-352-7463 or Operation Crimetap at 234-0909. An informant is still eligible to receive a \$15,000 reward if he or she provides information leading to the conviction of Bailey's murderer.

## PSU applications steady, enrollment down

Penn State is continuing to attract students despite the weak economy. During a recession students may choose public institutions instead of private colleges because of cost.

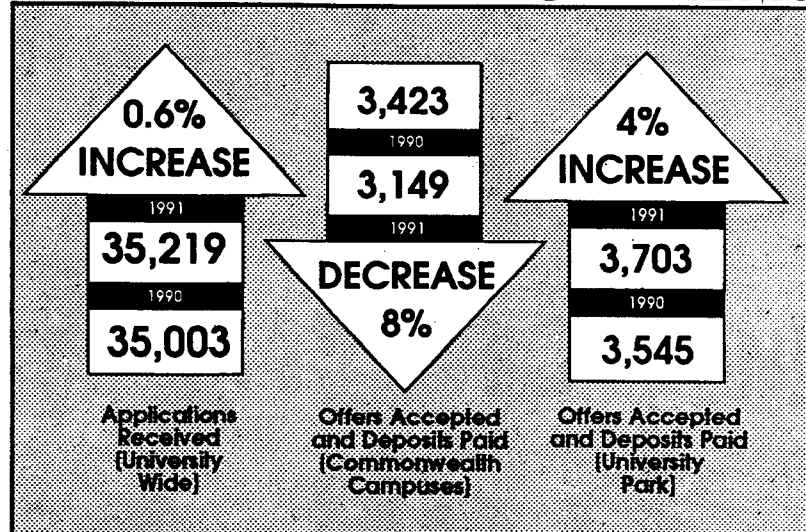
By BRIDGET MOUNT  
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HERSHEY — About 2 percent fewer students this year than last have accepted offers to enroll at the University, though the number of undergraduate applicants has remained steady at about 27,000, an official told the University's Board of Trustees Friday.

The University has received 35,219 graduate and undergraduate applications, roughly 0.6 percent more than the 35,003 it had received at this time last year, acting vice-president and provost Charles Hosler said.

University President Joab Thomas said the number of applications indicates that the University is continuing to attract students despite a weak economy. Enrollments at public institutions have steadied in recent years, said Charles R. Fuget, the state's deputy

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secretary and commissioner for higher education.

The University is under considerable pressure to accept students, especially during a recession, Fuget said. Students are choosing public institutions, such as Penn State, instead of private colleges because they are cheaper, he said.

The University and State College must maintain a student-resident balance, Thomas said, citing pressure to hold enrollment at the present level.

The administration has limited the number of students at University Park in the past few years, Thomas said.

Hosler said 3,703 students have accepted offers and paid deposits to attend at University Park next year, an increase of about 4 percent over the 3,545 who had accepted and paid at this time last year. Thomas said about 1.5 percent more students attended University Park this year than last.

But the Commonwealth campuses

have experienced an 8 percent drop in such acceptances, Hosler said. So far this year 3,149 students have accepted enrollment offers to Commonwealth campuses, down from 3,423 at this time last year.

Trustee J. Lloyd Huck said that although enrollment tends to increase even during the recession, the University must be careful.

"We ought to watch the Commonwealth campuses," Huck said.

Huck said many areas of the state are economically depressed. That affects the Commonwealth campuses because most campuses get their enrollment from local students.

The University must consider "marketing techniques" to help enrollment at the Commonwealth campuses, Huck said.

Richard Grubb, senior vice president and dean of the Commonwealth Educational System, attributed the decrease in applications to Commonwealth campuses to a decrease in high school enrollment in the state. He agreed with Huck that the campuses and the University are trying to attract new applicants.

"We're recruiting and trying to promote the campuses," Grubb said.

As of March 11, the University has made a total of 26,800 offers system-wide, an increase of 3.82 percent from last year. Offers are down 3 percent at the Commonwealth campuses, Hosler said.