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Today, morning clouds and drizzle and clearing by evening, a high of 44. Mostly clear tonight with some late-night fog, low 35. Mostly sunny and warmer tomorrow, high of 55.

—Bob Tschantz

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Soviets vote to preserve union

Victory in the air for Gorbachev, Yeltsin

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MOSCOW — Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and his maverick rival Boris N. Yeltsin yesterday both emerged from the first referendum in Soviet history able to claim victory. In the nonbinding election held Sunday in 11 time zones across the Soviet Union, Gorbachev won overwhelming support for preserving a renewed federation with the majority of the population.

But partial returns showed Yeltsin winning on a question that has been opposed by Gorbachev: Creating a strong presidency for the Russian fed-

eration, and filling it by direct election.

Yeltsin was elected chairman by Russia's legislature in May. Known as the Russian president, he is in danger of losing that job — hard-line members of Russia's Congress are planning a no-confidence vote on March 28. Even if Yeltsin lost that vote, he would be strongly favored in a popular election.

Gorbachev's referendum won by margins of 70 percent to 96 percent in seven of the 15 republics: the Ukraine, Byelorussia, and in the five republics of Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Uzbekis-

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Boris Yeltsin



Mikhail Gorbachev

Court's decision fans debate on crime statistics

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A federal court in Missouri ruled last Wednesday that campus crime reports cannot be withheld from the public.

The ruling challenges the U.S. Department of Education's interpretation of the 1974 Family Rights and Privacy Act, or Buckley Amendment, which enables students to examine their educational records and in most cases bars universities from releasing those records without the students' consent.

The department said that campus crime reports are part of a student's educational records and therefore are protected by the Buckley Amendment.

The question arose last January when Traci Bauer, editor of the Southwest Standard, a student newspaper at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo., filed suit against the university after it refused to release a crime report to the newspaper.

Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center in Washington, D.C., said the university should have released the report because campus crime reports are not educational records and therefore not included in the Buckley Amendment.

A Penn State official said the ruling will not affect Penn State's policy for releasing crime reports.

"We've always taken the position that general information about crimes reported to the campus police should be available to the public," said Tom Harmon, director of University Police Services.

A survey conducted by Goodman's office in 1989 asked other universities if they released crime reports. Fifteen universities said they did. This information was used as testimony in Bauer's court case.

The surveys were given to Southwest Missouri State's lawyers, who contacted the U.S. Department of Education. The department then sent letters to the 15 universities, including Iowa State University, Western Kentucky University and Colorado State University, explaining that releasing crime reports violated the Buckley Amendment, Goodman said.

Bauer said she was surprised that in the 50-page court order, U.S. District Court Judge Russell G. Clark not only said releasing crime reports is not a violation of the Buckley Amendment but that refusing to release them is unconstitutional under the First and Fifth Amendments.

Dave Stormer, Penn State's assistant vice president of Safety and Environmental Services, said he agrees with the court's decision and added that the Department of Education's interpretation of the Buckley Amendment makes little sense.

Bauer said the Southwest Missouri State University's Campus Security Department released crime reports until she requested a report in the spring of 1989 about an alleged rape involving one of the school's basketball players. Bauer said it was the first time the school refused to release a report on the grounds that it would violate the Buckley Amendment.

Some universities do not want to release information because they are afraid of bad publicity, Harmon said. "Bad publicity does not outweigh the importance of being open and honest with the public," Harmon said.

Both Charles Hosler, Penn State's acting executive vice president and provost, and Robert Dunham, university vice president and vice provost, said the University interprets the Buckley Amendment.

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USG candidates call for increased services

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The presidential and vice-presidential candidates in this month's Undergraduate Student Government elections say a top priority is to increase USG's role in providing student services.

The candidates have proposed allowing students to use meal points at McDonald's, opening a 24-hour University computer center and library, creating weekly self-defense classes for women, and training upperclassmen to help with student advising.

Jim Van Horn (junior-history) said he wants to eliminate the HUB Eateries and instead rent out the space to franchised fast-food chains.

"It's so expensive in the HUB basement compared to what it should be," Van Horn said.

He said renting the space to chains like Burger King and TCBY, The Country's Best Yogurt, would raise funds for student organizations, provide cheaper food and give students a greater variety of food to choose from.

Mark Stewart (junior-English) said he plans to

The LGBSA endorsed the ticket of Leslie Osborn for president and Michael LaFlam for vice-president in the USG election race last night.

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install point machines in downtown fast-food restaurants. Meal-point cards could be used like credit cards, with the University getting a small cut of the money from the food purchases.

Eric Martin, assistant manager of Burger King, 420 E. College Ave., said that Burger King managers have already discussed the benefits of allowing students to use points. He said they may approach the University and ask for installation of a point machine, but that moving a store into the HUB may also be a possibility.

"Using the point system would bring more business to our store," Martin said.

Leslie Osborn (senior-advertising) proposed a 24-hour University center that would be built into Pollock Library combining a library, study lounges, computer facilities and a snack bar.

The library would be a good location because it is already open 24 hours a day and has the capacity to expand, Osborn said.

Courtney Malveaux (senior-sociology) said USG should sponsor self-defense classes for women. While the USG Department of Women's Concerns currently sponsors such classes a few times each semester in the HUB, the classes could be offered about once a week and in residence hall areas, Malveaux said.

Roger Czulewicz (senior-political science) said USG should ask seniors to volunteer to help freshman undergraduate students understand class scheduling procedures.

These volunteers would be more available for appointments than University advisers but would not replace them, Czulewicz said. The volunteers could not only help freshman fill out schedules but recommend classes.

Faculty Senate subcommittee snubs Thomas' clause proposal

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After almost three months of discussion, a Faculty Senate subcommittee has rejected University President Joab Thomas' proposed addition to the University's non-discrimination policy in favor of including the words "sexual orientation."

According to the subcommittee's report, "(Thomas') proposed statement has the potential for protecting all members of the University community, but was generally seen as not sufficiently specific to protect the members of the gay, lesbian and bisexual community."

The subcommittee will present its recommendation to the Faculty Senate at 1:30 today in 112 Kern. Thomas requested the senate's advice on his proposed clause last semester.

"There is a need for (a sexual orientation clause)," said subcommittee chair Donald C. Rung, adding that most

This afternoon, the Faculty Senate will hear a report about students who drop classes

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Pennsylvania universities, eight Big Ten universities and all Ivy League schools have sexual orientation clauses.

The Faculty Senate will decide whether or not to follow the recommendation and will present its decision to Thomas who can heed or disregard it. Any change in the policy must be approved by the University's Board of Trustees.

The clause Thomas proposed states that the University will protect all students and employees from discrimination and bases all educational and employment decisions on an individual's

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Joab Thomas

Commission ponders balance of students and residents in town

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No students spoke last week at a State College Borough Planning Commission meeting about how the borough could reach a balance between the number of students and permanent residents living in State College.

Commission members and local property owners said they were concerned about the number of single-family homes that are being converted into rental units for students.

Nichol Barlett, vice president of the Organization for Town Independent Students and a commission member, did not attend the session because of a prior commitment. Barlett is running for a Democratic nomination to the State College Borough Council.

"If we let a neighborhood be dominated by one group it may not be attractive to another," Commission Chairman Peter Everett said.

The borough could balance student concerns with residents' priorities by controlling population density through zoning, inspecting rental units more often and offering incentives,

such as lower interest rates, to entice families to move into the borough, Everett said.

Some families who want to live in State College are scared away by noisy students, said James Deeslie, co-president of the Highland Civic Association.

But Barlett disagreed during a phone interview after the meeting.

Borough council is considering an ordinance to limit the number of converted houses allowed per block, zoning officer Herman Slaybaugh said. However, a similar zoning measure in another county has been challenged as unconstitutional. Slaybaugh suggested the borough wait to see how the case turns out before considering the ordinance.

Richard Gaselle, 839 Grace St., said limiting the number of converted houses allowed per block would make some properties harder to sell. He said he thought areas dominated by converted houses should not be zoned to reduce the number of conversions in those areas.

Areas rented out to students for a long time would not be desirable for families re-locating to the area, but could continue making money as rental units, Gaselle said.



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Strummin' on the Loop

Members of the band Koehler Bay perform on the Town Loop during the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity's Loop-a-thon. Koehler Bay was one of several entertainers that performed Saturday during the fundraiser benefiting the Dialysis Unit for Penn State University students.