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Today will be sunny to partly cloudy and pleasant, high 79. Mainly clear tonight, low 55. More of the same tomorrow, a bit warmer, with a high temperature of 83.

— Greg DeVoir

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Police aim to control post-game violence

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In the wake of last week's violent celebration at Beaver Stadium, University and local police officials are searching for clues as to why the violence occurred and how they can avoid similar incidents in the future.

Thomas Harmon, director of University police, said he was surprised at the violence associated with last week's celebration.

"I don't know if we can avoid it," Harmon said. "We will have to call officers in on a contingency basis. We were surprised at the celebration and the unacceptable behavior."

"We are trying to look where the crowd came from," said Bill Mahon, director of public information. "Did they come from the residence halls? Did they come from the apartments where the University's hands are tied a little bit? Or did they come from the fraternities where the University has a little more say?"

The crowd that began to assemble shortly after the Nittany Lions' 34-22 victory over Georgia Tech last Wednesday in the Kickoff Classic, arrived at the gates of Beaver Stadium at 1:30 a.m. chanting "Goal posts, goal posts."

About 200 people made it onto the field after entering the stadium through unsecured construction gates and by climbing barbed fences.

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—Thomas Harmon
Director, University Police Services

The crowd, numbering around 1,000, was met by police officers from several municipalities, including State College Bureau of Police Services, University Police Services and the Rockview state police. After arresting several students, the officers were stormed by the crowd, resulting in injuries to eight

police officers and \$1,800 in damage to three police cars.

"I think (the violence) was a combination of several factors," Harmon said. "We have more problems with away games than with home games. At the home games, the students are in the stadium and are not drinking. But in the apartments during an away game, there is an excessive amount of drinking."

In addition, fences surrounding the stadium, service buildings outside the stadium, construction equipment from the new addition and portable toilets in the stadium's parking lot, suffered damage. Mahon said he was unsure who would be charged or if insurance would cover the damages.

Fourteen students were cited and a misdemeanor charge was filed against one student that night.

The game's timing was a factor, Harmon explained. Not only in the time of day, but in the time of the semester.

More drinking is likely to take place at night, Harmon explained. In addition, because it is so early in the semester, many students are not into "serious studying" and are more readily involved in such celebrations.

Representatives from the University and local police departments will meet this week to discuss proposals for averting similar situations.



Easing the pain

An injured man receives medical care from Phoenix paramedics. A gunman went on a multi-shooting spree there yesterday, killing two and injuring six others. The gunman was found dead in the house where he had been held at bay for five hours. Please see story page 4.

Student plagued by death threats

Gay man faces intolerant attacks from dorm residents

By LISA HUMPHREY
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A gay West Halls resident has been forced to deal with not only the pressures accompanying a new semester, but also death threats because of his sexual orientation.

The student, who asked not to be identified, said the harassment began when residents noticed a poster of the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Pride March in his Hamilton Hall room.

What began with minor derogatory comments eventually led to more incidents. Posters and poems hung on the student's door to educate residents about gay life were defaced. Several men pounded on his door, verbally threatening his life several times, he said.

"Harassment is one thing, but this is another," he said of the death threats. "I'm fearful even of leaving my room. This is interfering with all facets of my life. It's affecting my schoolwork, my physical health and my mental health. . . . All I'm asking for are the same rights and respect we as human beings deserve."

A floor meeting Tuesday night in Hamilton Hall addressed the situation.

Judy Albin, assistant director of Campus Life in West Halls, warned residents at the meeting of possible disciplinary actions should the perpetrators be caught.

"Nobody is to deface other residents' doors or say derogatory things to others," Albin said. "Harassment by a direct result from intolerance will not be tolerated. (Campus) Life is serious about this. (Campus) Life is serious about this."

Consequences of harassment could lead to suspension, dismissal or expulsion depending on the severity of harassment, said John Brodner, coordinator of West Halls.

"We're not seeing a lot of support from people on this floor," Brodner said.

Most floor residents said they didn't mind the student's homosexuality — rather, his openness on gay issues bothered them.

"It's not like I'm condoning harassment, but he's a minority. He Please see HARASS, Page 4.

The toughest job

Peace Corps celebrates 30 years of worldwide service

By JOHN LINCOSKI
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It may be the toughest job that you'll ever love and it's not just for hippies anymore. As the Peace Corps celebrates 30 years of reaching out worldwide to help, it has developed into a highly skilled and motivated body of volunteers.

Although many think the average Peace Corps volunteer is an overly idealistic college graduate who wants to change the world or teach English to jungle natives, reality is a little different.

"Today's volunteers are much more professional (than their predecessors) and are very highly trained," said Dick Smith, former Penn State Peace Corps recruiter. "We are getting away from sending people with French degrees to teach English in Africa."

Present-day Peace Corps volunteers tend to be highly skilled in agriculture, nutrition or a number of other specific disciplines, Smith said.

"It used to be that anyone with a strong back and a good heart could be a Peace Corps volunteer," said Dennis Smith, recruiting specialist for the Peace Corps regional office in Philadelphia.

However, developing countries are now asking for volunteers with previous volunteers, who helped lay the foundation for the corps in those countries.

"We're looking for skilled volunteers with multiple motivations for joining the Peace Corps, such as learning a second language, helping others or being exposed to another culture," he said, adding that volunteers tend to be united by a desire to be culturally sensitive and to work hard.

Although the corps needs volunteers from a wide variety of fields, recruiting at Penn State is focused on those with agricultural backgrounds, said Douglas Speicher, campus recruiter.

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Speicher said he actively recruits students in those fields and he has quotas for certain vital areas — nine out of 10 which are related to agriculture.

Those skilled in civil engineering or agriculture have always been hard to recruit even when times are bad because of their limited numbers, said Dick Smith.

"We always get a flood of liberal arts types — more than we can use," he said.

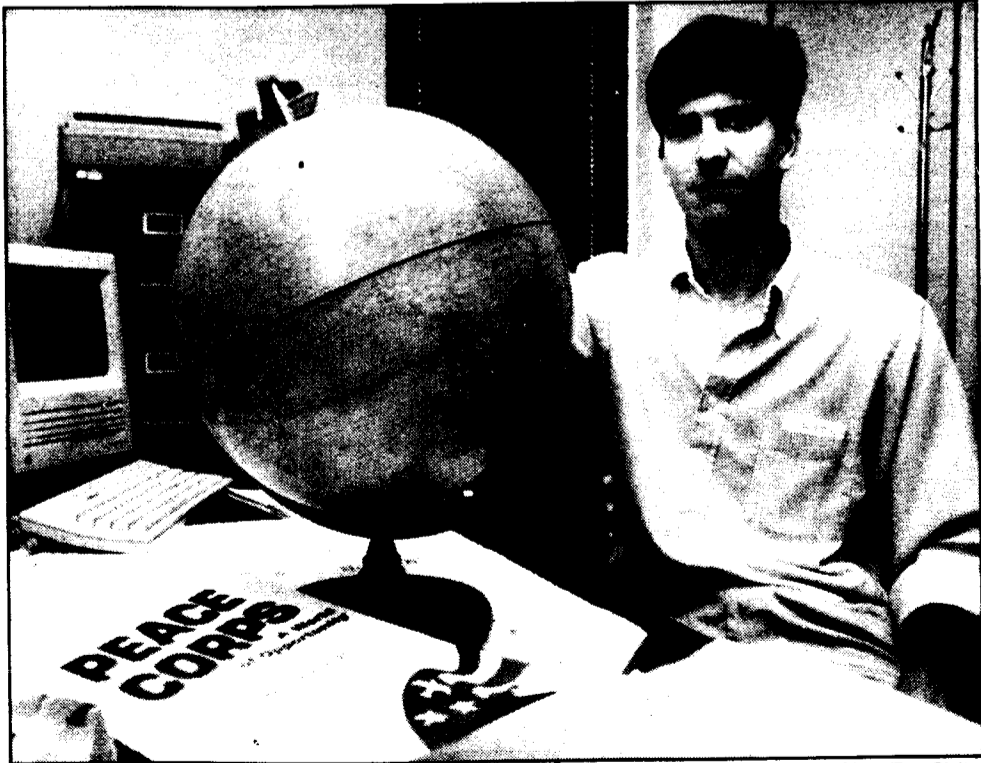
Students are also becoming more socially conscious and their attitudes toward community service have changed, Dick Smith said. As a result of this trend, he said, the number of applicants has increased drastically in the two years that he served as a Penn State campus recruiter.

The Peace Corps office on campus receives about 85 applications a year, of which about 20 are nominated as prospective volunteers. Volunteers can later be weeded out for medical Please see CORPS, Page 4.

For one volunteer, corps changed lifestyle, philosophy

By JOHN LINCOSKI
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For James Diamond, spending two years in Chad with the Peace Corps not only helped him to help others, it enabled him to develop a philosophy of life as well.



Penn State Peace Corps recruiter and volunteer Douglas Speicher relaxes in his office in the Agricultural Sciences and Industries Building. Speicher said he looks for volunteers from a wide variety of majors — mostly from agricultural and civil engineering fields.

"I've learned to deal with life one day at a time," said Diamond, assistant professor of agriculture extension education. "My international experience has helped me to develop that philosophy."

"I've become a better adviser and teacher," he added. "I've learned to think more broadly

and my experience has affected my lifestyle and my work patterns."

Despite the hardships of living without many modern conveniences and facing many challenges, Diamond, like many other ex-Peace Corps volunteers, feels that the experience Please see EXPERIENCE, Page 4.

Cigarettes subjected to 30 cent tax increase

By MICHELLE LESTER
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More cigarette smokers are switching to generic brands because of a new 30 cent tax hike on the price of a pack of cigarettes.

A provision in the new state budget states that cigarettes will now be taxed 48 cents per pack, instead of 18 cents, said Leigh Walter, research analyst for state Sen. J. Doyle Corman, R-Centre.

"(The tax) has altered sales a little bit," said Bill Miller, cigarette orderer and stocker for Bi-Lo, 1650 N. Atherton St. "They are off about 3 percent."

Sales are off because some people who used to purchase name brand cigarettes switched to generic brands that are less expensive, he said.

"Our most popular generic brand is our own. It's called True Value. But Marlboros are still the biggest seller," Miller said.

Name brands are types such as Marlboro and Benson and Hedges. Generics include such brands as Doral and Cambridge. Subgenerics, a cheaper brand than generics, include such names as Bristol and Raleigh Extra.

Donald Lasch, 1718 N. Atherton St., said although he smokes both name brand and generic cigarettes. Please see TAX, Page 4.