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Today, sunshine mixed with some clouds and a high of 79. Partly cloudy and cool tonight, low 54. Perfect Bearcat-stomping weather at Beaver Stadium tomorrow with a high near 80.

— Greg DeVoir

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Soviet interim government to take over

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MOSCOW — In a dramatic break with seven decades of iron-fisted Kremlin rule, lawmakers yesterday approved the creation of an interim government to usher in a new confederation of sovereign states and put a graceful end to the disintegrating Soviet Union.

After three days of stormy debate and intense back-room negotiating, the 1,900-member Congress of People's Deputies declared a transition period to a "new system of state relations."

The measure they approved envisions a voluntary union based on independence and territorial integrity for the republics, and enshrines democracy and human rights. Under the interim government, President Mikhail Gorbachev remains in control of foreign policy and the country's nuclear arsenal.

Gorbachev, who rammed the bill through a recalcitrant Congress, praised the lawmakers, saying they "rose to the occasion" at a crucial juncture in Soviet history. "Tremendous renewal has certainly taken place," he told the Tass news agency.

Reformist lawmaker Arkady Murashov, grinning happily, put it differently. "The Soviet

Union is finished," he told reporters.

The upheaval even threatened to sweep away the embalmed remains of Vladimir Lenin, founder of the Soviet state and Communism's most sacred symbol. Before the Congress adjourned, Leningrad's reformist mayor, Anatoly Sobchak, proposed removing Lenin's body from its stately mausoleum in Red Square.

The Congress effectively put itself out of business by approving the restructuring plan, so the fate of Lenin is to be taken up later by a new and smaller legislature.

The lawmakers' overwhelming endorsement of Gorbachev's restructuring plan capped

three weeks of dizzying change that began with a coup by hard-liners and triggered the collapse of central authority and the Communist Party.

All but five of the 15 Soviet republics have declared independence, and Gorbachev was poised to formally recognize the three Baltic states. He said he and his new State Council would act Friday on Baltic independence.

The passage of the measure marked a return to Gorbachev's old leadership style — finding the wave of reform and leaping to the head of it. He did not hesitate to use strong-arm tactics to win approval for his plan.

Gorbachev dominated the huge and raucous

parliament, squelching debate and refusing to accept proposals from the chamber.

"I will not yield the microphone to anyone from the floor!" he said as some deputies tried to speak. "Either make a decision or not. That's all!"

Hard-line lawmakers had mounted heavy resistance to Gorbachev's plan a day earlier, but he battered them down.

Many lawmakers believed that if they had not approved the measures, Gorbachev would simply have implemented them by decree. Also, many believed they had to act swiftly to stave off the possibility of a chaotic breakup that could even lead to civil war.

Student support vital

Trustee says fundraisers could fight tuition hikes

By KEVIN NAFF
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Students should become more active in their education and possibly stage fundraisers to fend off tuition increases, Marian U. Coppersmith Fredman, president of the University Board of Trustees, said last night.

Fredman, speaking at the University Student Advisory Board's weekly meeting, expressed a strong interest in avoiding a 25th consecutive tuition increase through the fundraisers and alumni contributions.

"We need to break out of traditional ways and get everyone involved in the problem," Fredman said.

But student leaders were not excited about Fredman's fundraising suggestions and said she put the blame on students for problems they did not create.

"I thought it was insulting, there are more effective ways to use time," said Merryl Werber, Undergraduate Student Government vice president, responding to Fredman's fundraising idea after the meeting. "She seemed very accusatory of students and turned questions around. She wasn't really listening to our points."

USG President Mark Stewart echoed Werber's concerns, and suggested

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Fredman was claiming that students do not do their part.

"She was somewhat off the mark, we need to play our part, but not a fundraiser," Stewart said.

Despite the criticism, USAB President E.J. Shaffer expressed gratitude for Fredman's time and noted that she is the first trustee president to address USAB in recent memory.

In an appeal to Fredman, Joe Atkinson, USG Senate president, relayed a personal account of his attempts to pay the rent and buy books. He cited problems with financial aid and bureaucratic red tape as common among students, who must often work in order to afford a University education.

"I'll look into it," Fredman responded. She suggested Atkinson talk to the student aid office and seek emergency funds.

The trustees will hear a presen-

tation on financial aid status at their meeting later this month, she said. David Gearhart, senior vice president for development and University relations, is scheduled to make the presentation.

Tuition increased 8.9 percent this year. Creative approaches to freezing tuition are needed, due to inadequate state funding, Fredman said.

Fredman has not presented her own ideas to other trustees but will present them to the administration, she said.

Discrimination against gays and lesbians surfaced as another issue concerning USAB members. Craig Waldo, political co-director of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Alliance, suggested the University publicly condemn the U.S. Department of Defense policy banning homosexuals from military service.

"It's a national problem, not a local problem," Fredman said after the meeting. "Our energies can be better spent."

Some USAB members were dissatisfied with Fredman's treatment of the subject.

Pete Huston, president of the Penn State Veterans' Organization, described her as "aloof" and was surprised at her comments.

"I thought she was a strong supporter of homosexual rights."



AP LaserPhoto

Unbelievable!!!

Jimmy Connors celebrates a point against Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands yesterday during the quarterfinals match at the U.S. Open in New York. Connors, 39, won 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4, 6-2 and will advance to semifinals. He was a wild card tournament entry, ranked 174th in the world, but is now two victories away from his sixth Open title.

Local police eyeing cyclists

By LISA PASQUARELLO
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Dan Mannon borrowed a friend's bicycle to make a quick trip to the bookstore. But his trip was delayed when two State College police officers stopped him for riding on the sidewalk.

"I didn't know anything about any bike laws," Mannon (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said. "It was kind of weird — I wasn't speeding or anything."

The officers warned him and told him to get his friend to register the bike and put reflectors on it, Mannon said.

But Mannon wasn't the only one singled out by the police.

State College Bureau of Police Services has begun a bicycle enforcement detail that will last for an undetermined number of weeks, depending on how things go, said Lt. Carmine Prestia of State College police.

Several State College police officers have been assigned to warn or cite bicyclists who disobey traffic laws such as riding on sidewalks in the downtown business district, riding the wrong way on a one-way street or riding through stop signs and red lights.

The number of officers on each day depends on how many are on duty, Prestia said. The police were unable to release the exact number of officers on the detail.

On Tuesday, the first day of the detail, more than 100 people were pulled over. Most of them were issued warnings and only eight citations were given out.

Police are issuing mostly warnings. However, giving a warning or a citation is up to the discretion of the individual officer, Prestia said.

"(Bicyclists) have to realize that they have to obey the rules of the road," Prestia said.

Prestia said concern for safety is a major reason for the enforce-

ment detail. Riding on the sidewalk can injure pedestrians and the bicyclists themselves are at risk when they disobey traffic laws, he said.

"One of the scariest things I see is someone riding the wrong way on a one-way street... (or) 'blowing' a stop light or sign with just a glance to see if a car is coming," Prestia said.

Officer John F. Gardner, assigned to the detail, said many local mer-

chants and pedestrians think the enforcement is long overdue.

"Some people are amazed that we are out here doing this," Gardner said. "When they realize that we're doing it for their safety, they're usually decent and understanding," he said.

"There are a lot of new students here," Gardner added. "We're trying to give them a grace period."

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Collegian Photo/Krista Lundquist

Officer Ralph Ralston of State College Bureau of Police Services inspects the bicycle of Henry Oh (senior-hotel, restaurant and institutional management) as part of a crackdown on bicycle violations.

University police upgrade security for Saturday game

By FRANKLIN BERKEY
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When the Nittany Lions kick off their 1991 home football season tomorrow afternoon, Joe Paterno's nationally ranked squad will not be the only team out in force.

Hoping to improve safety at Beaver Stadium, 14 University Police Services arrest squads will be patrolling the stadium and surrounding area before, during and after all home games.

An arrest squad, explained University Police Supervisor Delmar Woodring, is usually comprised of two uniformed or plain clothes officers.

Before and after the game, the teams will concentrate on the parking areas. During the game, most teams will be located within the stadium. The teams' efforts will focus on eliminating ticket scalping and underage drinking.

"The violations are there," Woodring said. "The problems still exist."

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the stadium, while in the parking lot, people age 21 and older may drink.

For the first offense, underage possession of alcoholic beverages carries a fine up to \$300 and/or up to 90 days imprisonment and a 90-day suspension of a drivers license. In addition, an underaged student caught drinking faces disciplinary action from the University.

Stephanie Barone, assistant director of the Office of Conduct Standards, said the severity of the disciplinary action depends on several variables.

The amount of alcohol, the age of the student, the violations involved and the cooperation of the arrested student are some factors that determine the punishment's severity.

On first offense, a student faces anywhere from a warning to an extended probation. If the student makes it through probation without further misconduct, the student's disciplinary record is reduced to a warning.

Disorderly conduct often goes along with drinking violations, Barone said. Failure to cooperate with the police can lead to suspension from the University, she added.

To aid in the crackdown of underage drinking, no trucks larger than pickup trucks will be allowed in the parking lot.

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Football game gild businesses

By ANTHONY J. DeGOL
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Football enthusiasts will not be the only ones cheering tomorrow as the Nittany Lions kick off another home football season at Beaver Stadium.

Ticket Manager Bud Meredith said about 50,000 visiting fans are expected to invade Happy Valley this weekend for the home opener against Cincinnati.

And since many of those people will spend money for food, lodging and entertainment, it is no wonder area merchants roll out the welcome mat for the annual ritual.

"It's a tremendous boost to business," said Scott Lucchesi, manager of Champs Sports Bar and Grill, 1611 N. Alverton St.

Lucchesi said the bar is usually filled on game day, with sales split evenly between food and alcoholic beverages. Customers include a mix of students, alumni and residents that establishes a balanced crowd, he added.

Hal McCullough, an owner of Cafe 219 West, 219 W. College Ave., said his patrons are usually forced to deal with lines on home football weekends that boost sales beyond the average weekend totals.

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