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A so-so today, but a great tomorrow. Today, clouds and some dim sunshine, high 55. Tonight becoming clear, low 42. And tomorrow, a spectacular sunny autumn day, warmer with a high of 67.

— Todd Miner

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Tired of big lectures? So are your professors

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Some University lecture classes may be leaving students yawning for more.

Large lecture classes — which usually don't have individual projects and don't require attendance — were listed as a concern in the recent report by the Task Force on Undergraduate Education.

"It was hard for me to stay awake in them, hard for me to concentrate," said Debra Schumacher (sophomore-English). "I tend to appreciate the smaller, discussion-oriented classes more."

"There's a lot of people who have a lot of concern," said C. Gregory Knight, dean of undergraduate education.

Kevin Hayes (senior-mechanical engineering) said some lecture classes could stand improvement.

"Some of the professors they give to give those big lectures are out and out bad," Hayes said. "If they put real professors for the courses, it would help, as compared to bonehead lecturers."

Vicki Golich, assistant professor of political science, said large classes make student-professor interaction difficult.

"I don't like large classes like that at all,"

Golich said. "The most difficult thing for me is to really get a pulse of what the students are doing."

But Golich said she tries to encourage rapport with students in her Political Science 412 class, which has about 180 students.

"I think we have a lot of fun," Golich said. "It is possible to make the best of a bad situation, but in an ideal world, we would not have senior level classes that size."

While teachers spend about 80 percent of their time lecturing, students are only attentive about 50 percent of the time, according to a 1984 study in "How College

Affects Students: Findings and Insights from Twenty Years of Research."

The effectiveness of a large lecture course depends on the goal of the professor, said Patrick T. Terenzini, professor of higher education and senior scientist in the University Center for the Study of Higher Education.

"The question is, 'What is the instructor trying to accomplish?'" Terenzini said.

When a professor only wants to transmit factual information, lecture classes are probably the most effective and efficient method, Terenzini said.

"You can teach large numbers of stu-

dents and the information can be presented in a fairly straightforward manner," he said.

But Terenzini acknowledged that not all students enjoy large lecture classes.

"Students want to get closer to other people," Terenzini said. "I think they probably feel put off by large lecture classes."

Steve Koleszar (junior-English and German) said some classes are fun, but more student involvement is needed.

"I think it's all very dependent on the subject," Koleszar said, adding that lec-

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PSU harassment rises 233 percent

Increased occurrences show growing trend of violence

By SHERRY GRAMMES
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A recent study conducted by the Office of Conduct Standards indicates a 233 percent increase in harassment at the University over previous years.

The annual report, which includes statistics for all reported crimes involving University students from June 1, 1990, to May 31, 1991, has indicated peak increases in such violent crimes as physical abuse, theft and harassment.

Conduct Standards defines harassment as "unwanted physical contact or threat of such; conduct which annoys, threatens or alarms; harassing phone calls or notes; slander; and other circumstances deemed to be harassing in nature."

Harassment at the University has been increasing for a number of years, said Donald T. Suit, director of both the Office of Conduct Standards and the Center of Conflict Management. In 1988-89, when Conduct Standards made harassment a separate category from disorderly conduct, there were only four reported cases.

In 1989-90 the number of incidents rose to 58. Last year's study showed another increase to 200 incidents. Sexual harassment accounted for only four of these cases.

The increase indicates a growing trend of violence, Suit said. It reflects what has been occurring in society as a whole, he said, adding that the economy is a major reason for the increase.

"Anytime you get a decrease in funding or harder financial times, you have more competition for limited resources, and that creates a lot of hostility between groups of people," Suit said.

Another factor is students' growing

intolerance of different groups, said Tom Harmon, director of University Police Services. Rising cultural and ethnic differences contribute greatly, he added.

"As we become a more diverse University ... the potential for conflict rises," he said.

Belonging to an organization that makes its beliefs prominent, such as the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Alliance or the Black Caucus, students can open themselves up to harassment, Suit said.

Harmon speculated that women report the greatest number of harassments to Police Services. Most of these incidences involve obscene phone calls or harassment by a former boyfriend.

But University Police Services has not seen an increase in harassment cases. The total number reported there decreased from 231 in 1989-90 to 227 in 1990-91. Incidences of harassment by communication, such as threatening phone calls, have increased from 162 to 169.

These differing statistics may be because each department has different definitions of harassment, Harmon said. It may also be due to the fact that Conduct Standards has many different sources of referral, he added.

Harassment is a crime that Police Services takes seriously, he said, citing that it accounted for 9.3 percent of all criminal investigations conducted by the police last year.

Although harassment is a problem in dorms, "not a great deal" of cases are reported at that level, said Sherwood Smith, Residence Life's assistant director for East Halls. But Residence Life does not directly handle those reported to them.

"(Conduct Standards) is ultimately responsible for discipline," Smith said.

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Collegian Photo/Kerrie Hagy

All fired up

Kristy Corselius (senior-nutrition), Ken Lain (senior-industrial engineering), Frank Ailsman (senior-management), Chris Clay (senior-mechanical engineering) and Karen Diehl (senior-management) watch the fireworks display during last night's Homecoming '91 bonfire which also included the crowning of the king and queen. Please see page 6 for homecoming coverage.

New shop emphasizes ethnic diversity

By LISA LOEFFLER
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Opportunity knocked once and Grace Byrd didn't answer.

So when the 31-year-old Detroit native heard the rap again, she wasted no time reaching for the doorknob.

The result of Byrd's response is the newly opened Culture Connection shop, 113 E. Beaver Ave., which features jewelry, clothing and art with an emphasis on ethnic diversity.

Byrd said she had the chance to open a shop

on Hollywood Boulevard several years ago, but refused to make the down payment until a broken door and window were fixed. The rental agent promised to repair the damages once he got the money, but Byrd didn't buy the excuse or the store — something she said she's always regretted.

But when she moved to State College and had the chance to rent on Beaver Avenue, Byrd took it.

"If I don't do it now, I'll never do it," she remembered thinking.

The store, which is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., opened Sept. 16.

"We really are a multicultural society and we need to acknowledge it," Byrd said of her store's theme. "It doesn't benefit anyone to be prejudiced toward one type of culture and not another."

Byrd's philosophies about the price, display and purpose of jewelry are also evident throughout the store. The average jewelry items in the store cost around \$7 to \$10, Byrd said. And prices on all items in the store range from about \$2 to \$50, she added.

Pat Sams, who was visiting from New Kensington, loved the store's uniqueness.

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22 killed in Texas lunchtime shooting spree

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
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KILLEEN, Texas — A man smashed a pickup truck through a restaurant window yesterday and fired on the lunchtime crowd with a high-powered pistol, killing 22 people in the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history, authorities said.

The gunman later killed himself in a restaurant bathroom, police said.

The man shouted, "This is what Bell County has done to me!" before opening fire on customers and employees at a Luby's Cafeteria.

At least 20 others were wounded, hospitals reported. One Luby's employee, Maria Serna, 41, was treated for hypothermia after she hid in a restaurant freezer for 2½ hours, unaware it was safe to come out, said Metroplex Hospital spokesman Ricky Seiler.

The restaurant, part of a chain of 151 cafeterias in nine states, is particularly popular with older people. It was jammed with lunchtime patrons yesterday, including some who were there for "Boss's Day" celebrations, witnesses said.

Killeen Police Chief F.L. Giaco-

mozzi said he didn't know what prompted the rampage. There was no immediate explanation of what grievance the gunman had against Bell County, where Killeen is situated. Another witness, Angela Wilson, said he yelled about Belton or Dayton. Belton is 15 miles from Killeen, and there is a Dayton near Houston.

News reports yesterday night identified the gunman as George Hennard, 35, of Belton, but police wouldn't confirm that.

In just minutes, the gunman turned a corner of this suburban central Texas town into a bloody, warlike scene, where police and emergency crews rushed about with bodies and the wounded, and shocked survivors sat shaking and comforting each other on the pavement outside.

Six hours after the shootings, bodies remained in the restaurant. A refrigerated truck had pulled up outside. Victims were to be transported to Parkland Hospital in Dallas for autopsies.

The gunman fired rounds from a semiautomatic weapon for about 10 minutes, then shot himself in the

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AP LaserPhoto

Three unidentified women huddle together outside the Killeen, Texas cafeteria where a gunman drove his pickup truck through the restaurants window and opened fire on the crowd, killing 22 people and injuring at least 20 others before killing himself. Yesterday's shooting spree was the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history.

T-shirts offer unique way of expressing opinions

By NADINE KECK
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You no longer have to set yourself on fire or go on a hunger strike to attract attention to your cause, there is a much simpler way — T-shirts.

Amidst the "beer gogging" and "coed naked athletic" T-shirts there are some with a little more meaning. The shirts make statements about prominent issues like racism, peace, abortion, sexuality and the environment.

"The environment has been a steady issue for awhile," said Leslie Walker, assistant manager of Sunshine Imports, 127 E. Beaver Ave. The store's shirts sport slogans like "Think Globally, Act Locally" and "Live Simply ... That Others Can Simply Live." Walker said the shirts appeal mostly to professors, graduate students and the "thirtysomething" age group.

Sunshine Imports carries the

shirts because "they're pertinent," said Kelly Greer, a sales associate. "When people wear them, other people see them and it leads to a growing awareness."

Tadpole Crossing, 101 E. Beaver Ave., also carries shirts with environmental themes, such as "Plant the Planet," "Protect Nature's Children" and "Fur is for Animals."

"We do real well with our T-shirts ... people are more environmentally aware," said Cathy Schaffer, an owner, adding that a wide range of customers, not just students, buy the shirts.

Some of the proceeds from the shirts at Tadpole Crossing go to certain environmental groups, Schaffer said.

People also make statements about sexuality on their shirts. To celebrate National Coming Out Day Friday, the Lesbian, Gay and

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