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All that cold! Today, becoming cloudy with a chance of afternoon snow flurries, a high near 35. Clearing and colder tonight, low near 16. Tomorrow, abundant sunshine, but frigid, high 22.

— Bob Tschantz

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Tyson found guilty of rape

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INDIANAPOLIS — Boxer Mike Tyson was found guilty last night of raping a Miss Black America contestant who said he lured her to his hotel room and overpowered her.

Tyson faces a maximum prison sentence of 60 years when he's sentenced March 6. He was allowed to remain free on \$30,000 bond.

The conviction threatens to end the rags-to-riches career of one of the most prominent athletes of his generation. Tyson was the youngest heavyweight champion ever, and had been planning a comeback this spring.

Tyson, 25, sat staring straight ahead impassively as the verdict was read. He was found guilty of all the charges he faced — one count of rape and two counts of criminal deviate conduct.

Tyson and his promoter, Don King, left the courthouse without commenting.

The 18-year-old victim was not in the courtroom when the verdict was returned.

The jury deliberated nine hours yesterday after nine days of testimony that featured nearly 50 witnesses.

Tyson, whose stormy relations with women have been the stuff of tabloid headlines for years, offered an unusual defense — that he was a crude womanizer whose accuser must have known he wanted sex.

He maintained that he was blunt about his desires from the outset, and that they had sex with her consent.

His accuser testified that the boxer had overpowered her in his hotel room, pinned her on a bed with his forearm, stripped her, raped her and laughed while she cried in pain and begged him to stop.

Tyson testified that she never protested. He described a quick, intense sexual encounter, after which she appeared irritated when he refused to walk her downstairs.

The incident took place last July 19 before the Miss Black America pageant in Indianapolis.



Boxer Mike Tyson leaves court in Indianapolis after his rape trial went to the jury for deliberation. The jury last night convicted Tyson on one count of rape and two counts of deviant misconduct.

Speaker claims women's rights need protection

By LISA HUMPHREY
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"We won't go back! There is no way you can take a group of people who have come so far and push them back into a bottle of oppression."

With these words, Rosemary Dempsey, vice president for Action of the National Organization for Women, told a group of students in Osmond Laboratory last night that a woman's reproductive rights should not be further restricted by laws.

"Nobody will push us back into that bottle," said Dempsey, a 20-year NOW member, who has been involved extensively with women's and gay rights movements.

Dempsey is touring campuses to organize the "We Won't Go Back!" March for Women's Lives in Washington, D.C. April 5.

"We want you all to come together and be key organizers," Dempsey said. "Let the largest delegation be from Penn State."

People on campuses are central to making this happen, Dempsey said.

"This march will be the biggest, most historical march this country has ever seen," Dempsey said. "If you're not there, you're going to regret it."

Dempsey traced the beginning of NOW and the civil rights movement to the present reproductive rights issues, saying that women have experienced a backlash in their fight for their rights.

"People have used religion as best they can to divide and conquer to keep us dealing with issues that should have long ago been settled," Dempsey said, adding that issues like racism, sexism and who controls a woman's body should not be 21st-century issues.

Our country's leaders are "shooting themselves in the feet" because they have forgotten about the women's and civil rights movements, she added.

"The Supreme Court's decision not to uphold women's right to abortion is probably the most disgusting decision that has been made," Dempsey said. "The Supreme Court has become a very bad joke."

There is nothing more sacred or more private than a women's reproductive rights, Dempsey said. Shawn Dryer (senior-history and

classics) said Dempsey didn't change any minds with her presentation and that she has a pension for not telling the truth.

Deborah Golden, co-director for Penn State Pro-Choice, said three or four buses will go to the march.

"Things are much more critical now," said Golden (sophomore-physics). "There are more angry people. We're fed up with it."

Dempsey inspired by causes

By JULIE NASH
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More than 10 years ago, Rosemary Dempsey's ability to be a good mother was confirmed when her former husband challenged for custody of their two children on the basis of her sexual orientation, but lost the case.

Now Dempsey, vice president for Action of the National Organization for Women, has proved to be much more than a mother.

"I've done a lot in my life. I went to law school, started a feminist law firm and worked in the criminal justice system," said Dempsey, who practiced law in New Jersey for 12 years and also served as the NOW New Jersey president.

"I found NOW in 1970 and have been involved ever since. It came along at a time in my life when I had little children, and I needed to connect with some meaningful movement."

The 46-year-old Connecticut native points to the '60s as the start of her interest in the women's movement.

"It was simply a frontier that affected me and affected women in general," she said.

But to Dempsey, being involved in many political offices is much more than just being a member.

"I see it as part of a national movement for social and institutional change," she said. "All our gains Please see NOW, Page 9.

Businesses doubtful about USAB request

By SCOTT DODD
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Downtown businesses would rather have the controversy end over sportswriter Chino Wilson's Jan. 28 column in The Daily Collegian than be stirred up again by the actions of the University Student Advisory Board.

But USAB is dissatisfied with the Collegian and is looking for a way to show it, so members

passed legislation last week encouraging student organizations and businesses to reduce advertising in the Collegian until spring break.

Many businesses would just like to see the controversy die out, said Norm Brown, president of the Downtown Business Association.

USAB's proposed letter to downtown businesses about Please see USAB, Page 9.

Thomas tries to clarify University overcharging bill

By AMANDA THOMPSON
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University President Joab Thomas released a statement yesterday aimed at clarifying specific details surrounding a recent \$6.4 million federal overcharging bill for the University.

In the statement, Thomas said University officials are currently reviewing the audit to determine specific overcharging discrepancies.

"We will continue to participate in this process in an orderly, reasonable and cooperative way to arrive at a fair resolution to the questions posed," Thomas said.

Calculating how much money the federal government should reimburse Penn State involves regulation, accounting, auditing, estimating, negotiating and agreement between the government and the University, Thomas said.

"If mistakes have been made, we will correct them," he said.

Thomas didn't address whether overcharging could cause a possible tuition increase or where funds to cover the bill would come from. He was unavailable for comment at press time.

Earlier this year, Steve Garban, senior vice president for finance and operations and University treasurer, said the University will probably make up any overcharging by adjusting reimbursement figures.

The audit charges are for 1986 and 1990, and one example of overcharging is \$15,000 used for sponsorship in the Hershey Amusement Park, according to a statement from the Defense Contract Audit Agency.

The government has also charged other institutions with overbilling, including Stanford University for \$231 million and the Massachu-

setts Institute of Technology for \$19 million.

Since the federal government first levied charges against the University on Jan. 29, some University officials have refuted the claims.

Charles Hosler, retired senior vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School, dismissed the claimed debt as "grandstanding" and "pure McCarthyism."

Thomas also sent an informative letter to the University Board of Trustees.

Board President Marian U. Coppersmith Fredman said she thinks the University stuck to billing rules.

Coppersmith Fredman said previous investigations prompted the ones facing Penn State and other institutions.

"The Stanford (University) situation was, I think, the big whistle that blew," Coppersmith Fredman said.

PSU considers task force recommendations for curbing drug use

By AMANDA THOMPSON
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Although fewer students at Penn State use drugs than college students nationwide, the University is considering programs that a task force suggests will curb the problem.

According to the Presidential Task Force on Substance Use Issues on Pennsylvania College and University Campuses, 94 percent of college students have used alcohol, about 51 percent used marijuana, and almost 15 percent tried cocaine in 1989.

At Penn State, the numbers are slightly lower: About 77 percent of students used alcohol, about 24 percent used marijuana and about 4 percent used cocaine, according to a 1988 campuswide survey.

Yesterday morning at 404 Old Main,

University President Joab Thomas quoted the report as saying that alcohol is an underlying influence in most acts of vandalism and violence, including rape, on college campuses.

Alcohol abuse starts early, said Natalie Croll, assistant director of health promotion and education.

"By the time they get to college, most students have tried alcohol," Croll said.

The task force recommended increasing drug awareness and education, providing drug-free housing or "wellness wings," prohibiting brewery company advertising or event sponsorship on campus and increasing federal alcohol advertising regulations.

Currently, the University is studying

possible programs, including drug-free housing and a treatment specialist, Croll said. She said self-help programs and support groups will also be improved.

One student agreed with the University's initiatives to curb drug use. "I wouldn't live (in wellness wings) personally, but I think it's a great idea," said John West (junior-architectural engineering).

Not all students come to the University for the social scene or party atmosphere, West said.

"There's times when you just get really pissed, you're trying to sleep and there are people running back and forth," he said.

Enforcing a drug-free atmosphere could be difficult, but fines would deter students, West said.

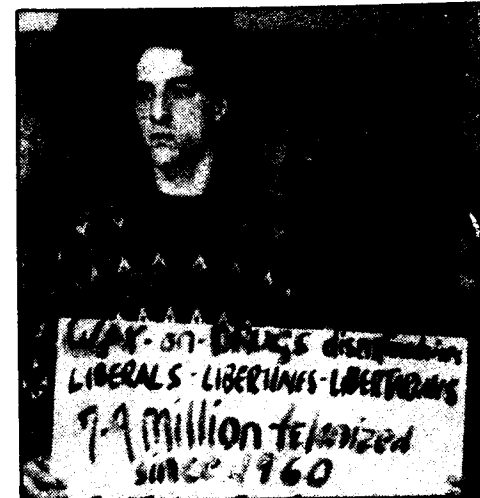
"Just the risk of having to pay \$100 fine ... you'll think twice about it," he said.

But some students say the University should be more open about drugs.

Alan Gordon, entertainment and events coordinator for Student 1st Step, said he would like to see more emphasis on alcohol education, and less on marijuana. Gordon said he does not recognize laws banning marijuana and considers it "unharmful."

Both Gordon and Charles Thomas, executive director of the Pennsylvania National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, stood outside the news conference for the report's release as Thomas passed out literature.

Gordon said he would like to see substance abuse addressed as a social issue as opposed to a criminal issue.



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Alan Gordon