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Today, snow changing to sleet and then freezing rain, high 31. Tonight, precipitation tapering to snow showers, low 26. Tomorrow, cloudy and becoming colder with a few flurries, high 30.

— by Adam Canter



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Controversy rocks USG

Elections commissioners appointed after squabble

By KATHRYN BRAZEL and KRISTI HIBSHMAN Collegian Staff Writers

Undergraduate Student Government President Chris Saunders unexpectedly appointed a USG Elections Commission late last night after remarks made by a resigning senator.

Mike Devine resigned in disgust because of what he called the USG Senate's lack of effectiveness — but what others called a politically motivated endorsement of USG Academic Assembly President Erich May.

Devine formally resigned his position as East Halls senator and USG Senate liaison to Academic Assembly, saying he was disappointed with the leadership of USG. He specifically named Saunders and Senate President Mike King as examples.

Devine said Saunders controlled USG Senate, grilling and habitually talking down to its members.

Devine charged King with using the Senate to further his political career at the University.

"As Senate president, Mike is using his power to climb to the top rung of the USG political ladder:

the presidency of USG," he said, "Above all, Mike King says that he acts on behalf of the Penn State student body, but he really does everything for himself — his image, his ambition and his future."

Saunders said that in light of the events that transpired last night, he appointed an elections commission "to make sure this campaign stays in the election period and as clean and related to the issues as possible. I figured the sooner the better."

The commission isn't usually appointed until later in the semester. The commissioners must be confirmed by the Senate Appointment Review Board and the Senate.

King said he has encouraged members of the Senate to come to him with criticisms — and some senators did — but not Devine.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm walking around with a bull's eye on my back and I'm tired of pulling knives from it," King said.

Saunders said Devine made the comments in support of May's possible campaign for USG president. "He was taking political pot

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Coaches' group plans to boycott basketball games

By DOUG TUCKER AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — The head of the Black Coaches Association, upset over the NCAA's decision to cut scholarships, said yesterday he expects his group to boycott men's college basketball games, possibly for the rest of the season.

The boycott, which would include coaches and players, could begin as early as Saturday, Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

"In all likelihood there will be a boycott but I am reluctant to give you a time and date," said Rudy Washington, head of the BCA and basketball coach at Drake. "Players and coaches are expected to participate. And they're talking about the rest of the season, like the baseball strike."

On Monday, the NCAA voted down a proposal to restore a 14th basketball scholarship two years after it voted to cut scholarships from 15 to 13. The BCA says minorities are particularly hurt by cutting scholarships.

The Presidents Commission cited costs and the need to hold firm on reform measures. The presi-

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dents also indicated to the BCA the scholarship could be added next year if savings could be found elsewhere.

NCAA executive director Cedric Dempsey declined to say whether he believes there will be a boycott.

"If there's to be a boycott, how long a boycott?" he said at a news conference following the NCAA convention. "We could play speculative games related to that. I don't see that it would be profitable."

It is not clear how many coaches would participate in a boycott. The BCA has some 3,000 members, but that number includes head coaches and assistants from all divisions in men's and women's programs, as well as high school coaches.

Dempsey and Joseph Crowley, the NCAA president, both said they had talked with BCA representatives twice in the previous

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Clay-mazing

Beth Reitmeyer (senior-art) checks out Andrea Stanislav's maze titled "Sea of Possibilities" at the Clay National Exhibit in Zoller Gallery yesterday.

NATO warns Serbs

West may strike if strife continues

By SALLY JACOBSEN Associated Press Writer

BRUSSELS, Belgium — After months of empty threats, President Clinton and his NATO allies warned Serb forces yesterday of a new determination to launch air strikes if needed to relieve embattled Muslim enclaves in Bosnia. "My resolve is there," Clinton said.

At the end of a two-day summit, the 16 Western leaders announced their willingness to order bombing raids if Bosnian Serbs continue to prevent the opening of a major airport for aid supplies or the rotation of encircled peace keepers.

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"Whether they occur or not depends upon the behavior of the Bosnian Serbs from this moment forward," Clinton told reporters at the end of the meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The first reaction from the Serb forces was negative. Their chief of staff, Manojlo Milovanovic, warned U.N. troops would also suffer in any air campaign because his forces would stay close to peacekeepers. "They cannot strike at us without also hitting U.N. forces," he said.

Clinton and other leaders insisted there was a new mood among the allies to carry out the threats first issued last June to use their formidable air power.

"There is a very real determination" to carry out the warnings, said British Prime Minister John Major. He had in the past opposed air strikes for fear of reprisals against his country's 2,200 peace keepers in Bosnia.

"I made it clear that for our part we were prepared to follow through," Clinton said.

OPP takes heat over slippery sidewalks

By COURTNEY CAIRNS Collegian Staff Writer

Walkways remained slick as another day slipped by, leaving behind busy workers from the Office of Physical Plant and irritated students.

On slushy, icy, snow-coated sidewalks, students hiked to a second day of classes yesterday and searched for traction as their shoes threatened to slide out from under them.

Heather Pleier (senior-advertising) called the situation ridiculous. "They're (OPP) not going to do anything till someone gets hurt," she said.

But David Martin, manager of janitorial and landscape services, said OPP has salted and plowed all major walkways — the walkway by Pollock Road and the ones running north, south, east and west.

The diagonal secondary walkways were salted once the major paths had been cleared. "By now everything has been done at least once, maybe twice," Martin said.

But during the night the melted snow re-freezes, resulting in another mess and more work for OPP. The problems students have noticed result from this cycle, Martin said.

"It may take us several days to

get all the ice off the sidewalks," he said, adding that each day the walkways improve slightly.

The Office of Housing and Food Service Operations also works with OPP to clear off snow within 10 feet of dorms, sometimes hiring students to shovel it, said Sandy Harpster, assistant director for housing operations.

"There's so much to do on campus that the physical plant couldn't possibly do it all," she said.

OPP is also in the process of resolving problems encountered after employees complained that they were treated unfairly during the blizzard last March. Martin

said the complaints had no effect on the work the crew did to clear the walkways this time.

And Patrick Connelly (senior-broadcast cable) said he had noticed an improvement on the main walks, but some of the others, especially around Willard Building, seemed untreated.

"They're still real slippery," Connelly said.

Jack Bush (junior-mechanical engineering) estimated that he had slipped about 15 times while walking home.

"You're walking home, you're trying to look all cool, and then you slip and fall," he said.

Democrats: Special counsel needed

By JOHN KING AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A growing number of Democrats say a special counsel should investigate President Clinton's investment in a controversial Arkansas development, dashing White House hopes of calling Republican demands for such a review politically motivated.

"Whether it is reality or not doesn't matter — the perception is that the White House is withholding information," Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska said in an interview yesterday. "This one is not going away so the way to get it off the table is to get someone independent to take a look at it."

Kerrey was the fifth Democratic senator in the past three days to suggest an independent investigation.

Separately, Republicans complained anew yesterday that the Justice Department was dragging its feet in investigating the Whitewater Development Corp. and an Arkansas savings and loan run by the Clintons' partner.

Eight GOP lawmakers, including the Senate and House Republican leaders, said in a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno that the statute of limitations for any civil wrongdoing that could have occurred in Whitewater and Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan would expire as early as this March.

The eight Republicans said they had no evidence of wrongdoing. But they nonetheless urged Reno to seek waivers from the statute of limitations for the president, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, her former law firm, Clinton investment partner James McDougal and several others involved with the bank.

"These agreements will allow time for a complete and independent investigation," the Republicans said in the letter.

Reno spokesman Carl Stern said the Resolution Trust Corp., the savings and loan bailout agency, was responsible for any civil cases that would be subject to the five-year statute of limitations cited by the Republicans.



AP Photo

Bill Clinton focus of investment controversy

Students return from uprising

By NICOLE RADZIEVICH Collegian Staff Writer

A University student finally left the confusion, death and instability of southern Mexico when she was greeted by her parents at the airport 7 p.m. Monday night.

In the past 12 days, Kimi Eisele (senior-English and geography), Libby Wentz (graduate-geography) and Karen O'Brien (graduate-geography) witnessed the first peasant uprising in 20 years at Chiapas, a Mexican state, while working on O'Brien's doctoral dissertation on deforestation in San Cristobal de las Casas.

While the threesome returned from celebrating the new year, the Zapatista National Liberation Army invaded the city. They did

not hear about the rebellion, which eventually cut short their project, until the next morning.

"We couldn't get a news report," Eisele said. "All we could watch was Penn State football."

While Eisele was out visiting friends last night, her father Fred Eisele described her as healthy and in good spirits.

Eisele said she did not see any of the bloodshed, but did see the rebels.

The rebels, comprised of young men, women and some children, made an "attempt of a uniform," Eisele said. They sported new green pants, red bandannas and wooden rifles. Those in command wore face masks. But many of the tourists were not scared.

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