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Weather

Today, mostly cloudy with a sprinkle possible early, high 70. Tonight, the peaky clouds begin to move out, low 47. Tornorrow, partly cloudy and cooler, high 66.



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Crowds of supporters cheer and wave an Irish flag in Belfast. The crowds were celebrating the IRA's declaration of a cease-fire, which hoped to end 25 years of violence.

IRA declares cease-fire

Possible end to 25 years of violent resistance

Associated Press Writer

BELFAST, Northern Ireland -The IRA declared a cease-fire yesterday, and Northern Ireland now waits to see if the long-sought truce will hold and bring talks to end a quarter-century of sectarian bloodshed.

The Irish Republican Army's supporters called the declaration a historic opportunity for peace in the British province. But it disappointed British officials and majority Protestants in Northern Ireland who wanted explicit assurances of a permanent truce.

There also are worries about whether Protestant gunmen will

hold their fire. Many militant Protestants fear the British government has made secret concessions to the IRA to win a peace, and the extremists could try to provoke renewed IRA violence by attacking the province's Roman Catholic minority.

Hours before the IRA's declaration, the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force kidnapped a 37-year-old Catholic, shot him in the head and dumped his body on a roadside.

In recent years, Protestant extremists have killed more people than the IRA in "The Troubles," which have brought the deaths of more than 3,100 people.

Any steps forward will be bur-

What's next in Northern Ireland

dened by the accumulated bitterness of the past. "I welcome this IRA cease-fire

in the sense that for some months no one will be murdered by them - but don't expect me to be grateful," said Alan McBride, whose wife, Sharon, was among 10 people killed by an IRA bomb at a Belfast fish shop last October.

Despite the pain, some people held out hope, such as Michael English, a Catholic bartender in

one run over by a British armored car, the other blown up by his own bomb while with the IRA.

"I can't live in 1981 for my son Gary. I can't live in 1985 for my son Charles. I have to live in 1994 for my grandchildren who have replaced them," English said.

The governments of Britain and Ireland pledged last December that there would be no change in the status of Northern Ireland without the consent of a majority of its people. The IRA has sought for 25 years to end British rule and join the province with the Irish republic.

In launching the peace campaign Please see IRA, Page 10.

Military cannot punish soldiers for coming out

By BOB EGELKO Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The armed forces can bar homosexuals for sexual acts but not for merely "coming out" as gay, a federal appeals court ruled yesterday.

In upholding the reinstatement of a Navy man who revealed his homosexuality on national television, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said a declaration of mality was not the same as an intention to engage in homosexual acts during military serv-

Only a statement that shows a "concrete, fixed or expressed desire to engage in homosexual acts despite their being prohibited" justifies an involuntary discharge, the court said in a 3-0 ruling.

The court rejected an attempt by a federal judge in the case to impose a nationwide ban on military discrimination based on sexual orientation. That ban raised issues beyond the scope of the discharge of Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, who sued only on his own behalf, the court said.

"... the government cannot assume ... that I'm any different from any other sailor."

Keith Meinhold U.S. Navy Petty Officer

Meinhold was discharged under former military regulations, which declarations of homosexuality as grounds for discharge.

Under the new "don't ask, don't tell" policy adopted by President Clinton and Congress, service members who declare their homosexuality face discharge unless they can prove they will remain celibate while in the service.

The court said it was not deciding issues raised by the new policy. But the ruling suggested that the court would consider the policy invalid if discharges were based on a presumption that a declared homosexual would engage in conduct prohibited by military rules.

The ruling, by a panel of two Please see GAYS, Page 10.



Health on wheels

Maggie Cohen (sophomore-science), right, receives information about the University Health Services Wellness Wagon. Jeremiah Hyslop (junior-recreation and parks management), left, helped her at the ongoing Volunteer Fair in the HUB Tuesday afternoon.

Troops heading to Haiti

By BARRY SCHWEID AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Deputy Defense Secretary John M. Deutch said yesterday that American troops will be dispatched to Haiti - either to expel the country's military junta or to help restore order if the generals bow to international pressure and depart.

"The multinational force is going to Haiti," he said, referring to the predominantly American fighting coalition about to be trained in Puerto Rico.

Deutch told reporters some 10,000 U.S. troops would be in a coalition force supplemented by several hundred from other hemisphere countries to be trained in Puerto Rico. He said the point of such a large force was to minimize American and Haitian casualties. He offered no timetable for moving against Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras.

Clinton administration officials have warned Raoul Cedras and his cohorts for months they risk an invasion if they do not quit and permit restoration of elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who was ousted three years ago. Deutch's statement was the toughest so far.

Denying reports the Pentagon reluctant to act, Deutch said there was no policy disagreement with the State Department, usually depicted in the media as more prome to use the force authorized by the U.N. Security Council in

· Even so, Deputy Secretary of

State Strobe Talbott said the use of force would be "a last resort." In a ioint news conference, he said "we want to make sure we use other avenues.

Deutch and Talbott headed a U.S. delegation that went to Kingston, Jamaica, on Tuesday and won unanimous support of the 13nation Caribbean Community and Common Market for the U.N. resolution. They then went to the Dominican Republic to check on infiltration of supplies to Haiti in defiance of a U.N. embargo.

Talbott said they detected during a helicopter ride a large, makeshift pipeline, apparently to carry oil, as well as several large barrels of oil being carried across the border to Haiti. Talbott said the Dominican government had promised to enforce the embargo with troops.

Administration officials are hopeful three nations, the Bahamas, Antigua and Guyana, which did not commit troops on Tuesday will do so eventually. They would supplement the troops Jamaica. Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados and Belize agreed in Kingston to

Deutch dismissed any suggestion the Caribbean countries were making only a symbolic contribution. He said they would be part of the military coalition and also help in stabilizing the country.

However, other officials said that if there is an invasion, only Americans would be in the initial

Apartments cause headaches for some Many student-renters find move-in more painful than they

expected.

By STEPHANIE G. ROSENFELD Collegian Staff Writer

Sean Plower opened the door to his University Gateway apartment expecting to find all his belongings in place, but instead he found that everything he owned was gone.

Plower (senior-geography) and his roommates decided not to sublet their apartment this summer and left all of their belongings, including dishes, ski equipment and fraternity mementos there. They returned to discover that everything they owned was gone.

University Gateway apartments are rented through State College Rental Center, 421 E. Beaver Ave., which is run through the parent company, HFL Corp., 477 E. Beaver Ave.

Plower said when the cleaning company hired

clean the apartment this summer, they allegedly assumed the tenants had moved out and yellow, black and red stains all over the carleft their belongings there. The cleaning com- pets. pany then allegedly threw those things away, he said.

HFL Corp. is investigating this and two other similar incidents, said Arthur Sirounian, director of HFL Corp. If the accusations are proven true, the parties will be compensated, but 'nothing is black and white," he said.

One of the cases involves an HFL employer and the other two involve outside contractors hired by the company, Sirounian said. If the investigation shows all allegations are true, criminal charges will be filed, he said.

But apartment theft is not the only problem students encounter when returning to State College after summer break.

Heather Tempest (senior-health policy and administration) spent her first days in State College with a bottle of ammonia and a vacuum. After waiting two hours in line to check into

by the State College Rental Center came to her State College Park apartment, 349 W. Clinton Ave., Tempest walked in to find bright

"It was disgusting," she said.

After complaining to the management, workers with State College Park Apartments finally swept some of the floor and pulled up the carpet in the bathroom, replacing it with

linoleum, Tempest said. Diane Lindberg, State College Park Apartments manager, said Tempest's problems were not entirely the management's fault.

"Some of the residents of that apartment are renewing residents and they would not let the cleaners in," she said.

When asked about the poor cleaning job, she said the cleaners probably wanted to get out quickly because they were initially denied

access. Cleaners are on standby for the next week

and will be returning to the apartments until residents are satisfied, Lindberg said.

Corman, Eltinski square off for 34th District Senate seat

By MIKE O'SULLIVAN Collegian Staff Writer

The race for the 34th District Senate seat is starting to get serious and so are the candidates. With nine weeks left until the

elections, Republican incumbent of the final leg of the state Sen. J. Doyle Corman, R-Centre, will battle Democratic challenger John J. Elnitski.

Corman, who is chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, said he wants to see the state Route 26 relocation project become a top priority. The proposed state Route 26 project would reate an expressway around State College that would ease congestion along East College Avenue.

Corman also said he would continue to lobby for the construction ity education at a reasonable price



U.S. Route 220 project. Completion of this road construction would create a four-lane expressway from the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Bedford County to Interstate 80.

Corman said he has some questions about the way the legislature funds institutions of higher educa-

tion. "I think we have to re-examine our commitment to use a shotgun to fund higher education," he said. We are no longer providing qual-

at Penn State and other stateowned institutions."

Manufacturing in the state's prisons is one way to provide more money for education and revitalize the declining production of products, Corman said.

The prisoners would be paid, but also charged for room and board, he said. The manufacturing profits would go toward the rising costs of state prisons, thereby creating more funding for other programs such as education, he said.

If re-elected, Corman said he also plans to make the job of the state legislature a part-time, rath-

er than a full-time, position. As Corman's competitor, Elnitski said he is tired of watching Cor-

man only pay attention to Centre

County. The 34th Senate District is

comprised of Centre, Clinton, Juniata and Mifflin counties, as well as a portion of Perry County.

Elnitski said he is committed to working for the people, citing his recent work with the Governor's Response Team in an effort to prevent Champion Auto Parts from leaving Clinton County.

Elnitski said he also wants to see changes made in higher education.

"We're spending all our money on teachers who teach a couple hours a day and then are out having a good time," he said.

State-related institutions should have to record exactly how funds appropriated by the legislature is spent, Elnitski said.

"How can you run this state three months a year?" he ques-