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Booters record second consecutive blanking with 3-0 victory over Cleveland State in home opener

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Becoming more September-like. Today, a mix of sun and clouds, high 73. Tonight, partly cloudy, low 55. Tomorrow, continued partly cloudy with a near-normal high of 76.



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They do windows

David Horner, right, and Robert DeArmitt, left, of State College repaint the Allen Street Grill's windows, 100 W. College Ave. The Horner Painting Co. was updating Horner's 10-year-old paint job yesterday.

USG, King unveil housing petition

By ERIN STROUT Collegian Staff Writer

Borough Housing student density debate

Hoping to pack a room in the municipal building, the Undergraduate Student Government unveiled a petition to repeal the three-unrelated-person occupancy limit and present it to the State College Planning Commission.

The petition, circulated at the USG Senate meeting last night, will be presented to the Planning Commission Sept. 22, said USG President Mike King, who added that he hopes for a large student turnout at the meeting.

"In two weeks the battle will be joined and I'm looking forward to it," King said. "We need to pack the house."

In June, the Coalition of State College Neighborhood Associations proposed to the council that they limit student housing in residential neighborhoods. The associations claimed students were destroying the quiet atmosphere of their neighborhoods.

King protested the proposal and developed a square-footage coun-

terproposal. The counterproposal lifts the three-unrelated-person occupancy limit and allows the number of occupants to be determined by the size of the house.

"We're not being unrealistic," King said. "If this argument was based on logic we'd win."

USG will circulate the petitions among students during the next week in hopes that at least 1,300 signatures are gathered, said Mike Burcik, chairman of the government relations council. The senators will each try to collect 90 signatures by next week's senate meeting, he added.

According to the petition, those signing it are supporting "a new zoning law based on how much space is available, rather than what type of person you are."

Students living on campus should also get involved, Burcik said, because the campus is not

their only community and eventually the majority will move into town.

Borough councilman Tom Daubert said the petition will impact the council's decision.

"But life is a compromise," he said. "You can't allow 50 students to live in a house."

The petition quoted Daubert as supposedly saying, "We never make an example out of anybody. I think it's time we throw some people out in the snow."

King alleges Daubert made the statement at an Aug. 25 Planning Commission meeting.

But Daubert denies making the statement.

"That's an absolute lie," Daubert said. "That is absolutely stupid."

King said USG has decided the quote will not appear on the petitions.

"Rather than defeat the purpose of the petition, we decided to strike the quote," he said. "It's more important that we don't lose sight of the real issues."

Collegian Staff Writer Christine L. Miller contributed to this report

Cubans fly to Panama

First wave of refugees volunteers to leave

By TONY WINTON Associated Press Writer

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — The first Cuban refugees to be moved out of the overflowing tent city on this U.S. military base were put aboard planes yesterday for Panama. All 100 were volunteers.

"We approached the Cuban camp leaders and told them of our plans and 100 came up immediately," said Marine Lt. Pete Mitchell, a spokesman for the joint military group running the Guantanamo refugee camp.

Cubans are being transferred to

refugee camps in the jungles of Panama to make room at the naval base for more of their countrymen.

Many of the Cubans flown to Panama aboard two Air Force C-130s held hands and embraced as they waited to board. They said they were optimistic that conditions at the Panama refugee camp would be better than in Guantanamo and that it would be easier to stay in touch with their relatives from Panama.

"By going to Panama, I am one step closer to my eventual destination — the United States," said Eduardo Barbero Guelcon Toledo. He said he was at sea on a raft for

four days before being rescued by the Coast Guard.

The Cubans going to Panama didn't make much of a dent in the numbers being held at this U.S. base, where Cuban boat people have been taken since mid-August, when the United States reversed its policy of automatically granting asylum to Cuban refugees.

At roll call yesterday, 23,231 Cubans were being housed at Guantanamo, and 3,720 more were en route after being picked up from rafts and small boats in the Straits of Florida.

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Police informants 'spot' student crime

Skeletons in the closet

Editor's Note: This is the first of a four-part series that will run every Wednesday examining how crimes committed in college affect people's futures.

By SCOTT PERRY Collegian Staff Writer

Ten years ago a former University student was approached by a fraternity member known as "Spot," who repeatedly asked the student to put him in touch with a drug dealer the student knew so he could obtain some amphetamines. The former student, who wished

to remain anonymous because he is currently trying to get the incident expunged from his records, refused to get in touch with the dealer because he only knew the person from seeing him at occasional parties. But after six months of repeated requests from Spot, the former student agreed to put Spot in touch with the dealer.

The dealer, Spot and Spot's friend completed the deal — purchasing one-eighth of an ounce of amphetamines. As the deal was being conducted, the former student stayed downstairs, trying to separate himself from the transaction.

Spot turned out to be a police informant and Spot's friend turned out to be an undercover police officer. After the initial deal was completed, the police officer allegedly harassed the former stu-

Your steps through the Board of Pardons

These are the steps in the process to get misdemeanors erased from a record.

1 Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Board of Pardons with a \$4 check.

2 The application will then be sent to the applicant.

3 Once the application is filled out and returned, the applicant will be given a review.

4 At the review hearing, two out of five board members must agree to give it a public hearing.

5 At the hearing three out of five members must approve the request.

6 If this is accomplished, the application is sent to the governor's office.

7 It will either be signed or rejected.

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dent for several months and eventually arrested him.

Now the former University student's life is altered. Despite his Penn State bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in social work, this mark on his record has alerted potential employers and he has had concerns about not being able to find a job, said John Lord, secretary of the state Board of Pardons.

On Aug. 18, the former University student, along with another former student who was caught selling drugs in a similar manner, came before the state Board of Pardons. Both former students said their applications have been passed by the board and sent to the governor for final approval.

To erase criminal charges from a person's record, people can apply for a pardon by completing an

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USG Senate vacancy problem still unresolved

By ERIN STROUT Collegian Staff Writer

Every Tuesday night the Undergraduate Student Government Senate sits around a table among vacant seats that need to be filled, but for some former senators, the problem runs a little deeper than lack of time.

Mary Gildea resigned last week from the Pollock senate seat she was elected to last Spring Semester — raising the number of senate vacancies to six. Being required to be on two committees, going to senate and area government meetings and keeping office hours left little time for anything else, she said.

But aside from the time commitment, Gildea said she saw other problems within USG that made it difficult for her to stay.

"USG could do a lot of improving," she said. "They have a lot of ideas and say things, but don't act on them. I don't really want to be a part of something like that."

The senate needs to show students it can see projects through, Gildea said. Because of the tension between USG and students, it may be hard to fill the seats, she added.

"USG has to start getting things done — backing up their words," Gildea said. "Then maybe a lot of people will be wishing they were senators."

USG Senate President Josh Bokee said it is too soon to say that the senate this year won't accomplish their projects. Members are going to set the agenda for the group this weekend, giving them the focus and direction past senators did not have, he said.

"It adds to the new feel and direction," Bokee said. "They are eager and excited, and it builds a feeling of optimism."

And Heather Wesley, chairwoman of the Senate Appointment Review Board, said when students apply to be senators, the time commitment involved is made clear.

"A lot of people ask right off the bat," she said. "We let them know exactly what's involved."

USG seeks senators who are familiar with campus issues, Wesley said.

But retention has been a long-term senate problem. Five of the 18 current senators served on the senate before this year, but Bokee is the only one who has served a full term.

"I certainly cannot give reasons for why

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Abortion polarizes population meeting

By RITA BEAMISH Associated Press Writer

CAIRO, Egypt — Delegates at the U.N. population conference made a breakthrough yesterday on the heated issue of abortion, but the Vatican refused to go along with the compromise.

The abortion debate has entangled efforts to draft a 20-year plan to slow the world's population growth. The hard-fought negotiations yesterday dealt with a single paragraph in the 113-page draft report.

Delegates from the 182 nations attending the conference are to give the section final consideration today.

"There's never been more support for language in this section of the document than there exists right now," said U.S. delegate David Harwood, a senior policy adviser to the State Department.

The United States supports the compromise, while the European Union, Norway and Sweden said it was the "rock bottom" of what they would accept, Harwood said. Iran, Pakistan and Benin, which previously sided with the Vatican on abortion, accepted the language.

The compromise paragraph would urge all governments to deal with the health impact of unsafe abortion as a major public health concern. It would also urge governments to reduce the need for abortion by expanding and improving family planning services.

The revision adds that abortion should never be "promoted" as a

"method of family planning." It says women who have "unwanted pregnancies" should have access to reliable information and compassionate counseling.

There is no longer a reference to "sexual health education." The revision also cuts out a plea to governments to review their laws and policies on abortion, and eliminates a call to consider women's health "rather than relying on criminal codes and punitive measures."

Despite the Holy See's opposition to the compromise, a Vatican official who spoke on condition of anonymity praised the "strong negative connotations" attached to abortion in the text.

Third-world countries face more basic issues

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On another issue, the Vatican won a concession from the United States, which agreed Tuesday to a call for a parental role in guiding adolescents on "sexual and reproductive matters."

Vice President Al Gore, head of the U.S. delegation, tried to shift attention from the abortion debate, and sought to put the best face on a meeting with the leader of the Vatican delegation earlier in the day.

"I think they're finally understanding what we've said all along," he told The Associated Press.