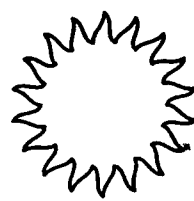


These are the days
Former maniac Natalie Merchant comes to Happy Valley

— Special Section

Another no brainer. Today, mostly sunny, high 80. Tonight, increasing cloudiness but rather mild for October, low 55. Tomorrow, a chance of showers, high 68.

— by Paul Markowski



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Future committee meets to slash budgets

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Although the University Future Committee is in its last year of cutting and reallocating budgets, plans are already underway to slice even more money during the next five years.

University President Graham Spanier appointed the University Planning Council to develop new budget-crunching strategies that will be implemented beginning July 1, 1997.

"We will be looking at our structure and

the way we do things in different parts of the University," said John Brighton, executive vice president and provost, who will chair the council. "We're going to build from what we learned from the Future Committee."

The Future Committee, implemented by former University President Joab Thomas, is currently in the last year of a three-year process to cut 10 percent from each of the University's budgetary units. The committee cut and reallocated \$30 million, in addition to a one-year hiring freeze, reduced faculty and staff positions and cuts in

Commonwealth Campus student activities.

Due to fewer state appropriations over the past few years, the Future Committee had to figure out ways to improve the University on a smaller budget. This year, the University received \$269 million from the state, about \$23 million short of its request.

Although the new council does not know how much it will slash from the budgets, it will be slightly different from the Future Committee.

"In the first Future Committee, we told everyone they would need to begin with a 3

percent budget reduction each year," Brighton said. "We haven't done that this time."

The possibility for major changes in the Commonwealth Educational System also exists, Brighton said. Robert Dunham, senior vice president and dean of the CES, was asked to look at its structure, activities and relationship to the entire University and lead the planning process for the campuses, he added.

The CES recently went through a \$10 million cut to its budget.

Dunham was unavailable for comment.

A separate Budget Strategies Committee will come up with new ways to cut and stretch the University's dollars and present them to the council by Feb. 1, 1996. The hard part of the job is cutting and reallocating — setting priorities, Brighton said.

The council will continue the Future Committee's goals of improving the quality of education with leaner budgets, Brighton said. They will also be looking at other funding sources outside the University, he added.

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Sold to the man in red

Mark Fred and Ben Sweet, members of campus action group Non Sibi, conduct a mock auction yesterday outside the HUB. The group

was protesting the University for accepting donations for corporations to pay for University programs.

Despite decision, NPHC trip still on

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Since University of California Board of Regents' decision to abolish racial preferences, several minority groups have boycotted the state, but Penn State's National Pan-Hellenic Council is traveling to San Diego this weekend for its national conference.

For members of NPHC, the eight historically black fraternities and sororities on campus, the regents' decision was an important factor when deciding to attend the conference. The group decided it would be more beneficial for NPHC to go than to boycott the conference.

"Our council made the decision that it is important for NPHC to be represented on a national level," said Dorothy Whisler, co-president of NPHC. "NPHC does not support California's decision on affirmative action."

Nevertheless, Lawrence Young, director of the Paul Robeson Cultural Center, has mixed feelings about the group's decision. He said

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— Dorothy Whisler
co-president of National Pan-Hellenic Council

the University needs to be represented at this conference, but spending funds and holding conferences in California gives the appearance the state's policies are acceptable.

"Some extremely important issues are discussed at the conference that there needs to be a presence from Penn State's NPHC," Young said. "The anti-affirmative action movement in California is going to have extremely negative impacts on the education of African-American and Latino students. We have a moral obligation to show our disgust, disdain and

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Homophobic posters abound on campus bulletin boards

By JENNIFER E. REITZ
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One day after the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Alliance co-sponsored a National Coming Out Day rally, posters displaying homophobic sentiments could be seen plastered all over campus.

The posters, allegedly hung by "Heteros Against Homos," or HAH, advertised a "National Going Back Into the Closet Day" to take place on the HUB lawn this afternoon.

The signs invited students to

bring friends and "watch the freaks run."

Catharine Buck of LGBSA said that the HAH theme has been used before at the University to promote intolerance. She said the behavior followed a successful rally yesterday, but she noted that the protests in opposition to LGBSA seemed more organized than they had in the past.

"That's what follows on the heels of progress," Buck (junior-women's studies) said.

Terrell Jones, deputy vice-

provost for educational equity, said he had not seen the posters but doubted the validity of the advertisement. Jones said HAH was not a University recognized group and therefore is prohibited from hanging posters on the general boards such as the one located outside Carnegie Building.

The signs had no specific time posted on them, which implies they were meant to be someone's idea of a joke and that no organized rally would be taking place, Jones said.

Jones said he would send some-

one to tear down the posters because they were hung illegally but further action could not be taken.

"It's freedom of speech," Jones said.

Despite the freedom of speech issue, some students still expressed discontent with hate-speech posters.

"I don't really think it's necessary," said Jeff Nagle (sophomore-landscape contracting).

As of last night, no one filed a

report with University Police Services, said Paul Stamm, University police officer.

The University police could pursue the matter if a report were filed and they could trace the origin of the signs, Stamm said.

"Posting on campus is illegal unless authorized," he said.

Stamm said he would drive around campus and take the signs down. Some students were taking the same action yesterday afternoon.

Justin Shaulis (junior-architect) said his friend was chastised yesterday afternoon as she tore down the posters.

"All kinds of people were on her back about ripping them down," he said.

Shaulis, a member of LGBSA, said he was angered by the posters' references to the National Coming Out Day rally.

"We didn't have NCOD to . . . bash straight people," he said. "We did not promote hatred."



Collegian Photo/Caroline Root

Straight from the heart

Val Gray-Ward performs poetry of the Harlem Renaissance last night in the HUB assembly room. The one-woman show *My Soul is a Witness* was sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

Gay actor gives talk about life

Wilson Cruz spoke about the difficulties he endured when he announced his homosexuality.

By KELLY HARAMIS
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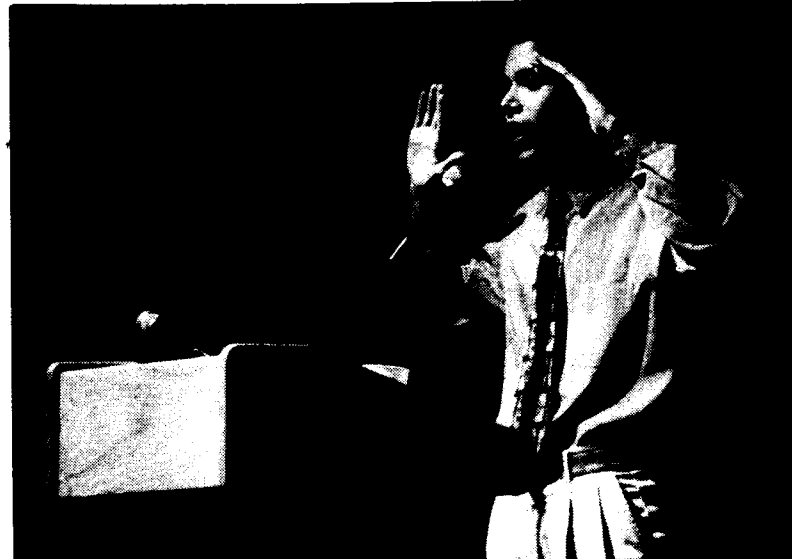
Standing on-stage in the HUB Ballroom last night, Wilson Cruz smiled and struck a pose.

"It's a great honor to be here," Cruz said when the pose ended.

Television fans may know Cruz from the critically acclaimed show "My So-Called Life." Cruz played Ricki Vasquez, the first gay teenager to be a regular on a television series.

Cruz was at the University as part of the weeklong celebration of National Coming Out Day. Openly gay himself, Cruz spoke of growing up Catholic, Latino and homosexual.

"It was harder for me to stand in front of the mirror and say 'I'm gay,'" he said, noting that it was



Collegian Photo/Hector Caro

Gay actor Wilson Cruz, better known for his role as "Ricki Vasquez" in the television series "My So-Called Life," gave a speech last night in the HUB Ballroom. The speech was part of National Coming Out Day.

easier to come out to other people.

Cruz went on to say that coming out is an act of self-identity, adding that it is the most important thing one can do.

"I remember being 16 and waking up and knowing I was at the point where I could wake up and deal with (being gay)," he said.

During his presentation he asked audiences to become advocates for gays, AIDS and today's youth, who must face these problems going into the 20th century.

When he came out to his family, Cruz was kicked out of his house by his father. This experience later resurfaced in the Christmas episode of "My So-Called Life."

Kelly Bunce (freshman-speech pathology and audiology) said the episode in which Ricki goes through the ordeal is one of her favorites.

"I thought it was one of the best shows on TV," Bunce said. "I was

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Group protests Columbus Day

By PEI H. SHEN
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Standing in front of University Gate yesterday evening, about 80 students joined for a candlelight vigil to show their solidarity with indigenous people around the world and to recognize International Indigenous People Day.

Sponsored by Eco-Action, Latino Forum, Undergraduate Student Government Outreach and Amnesty International, the event helped focus attention on the human rights violations and environmental issues facing indigenous groups around the world. This came on a day when many Americans are celebrating the birth of the New World, Columbus Day. However, some groups said that this is a controversial day.

"To me and to a lot of Latin Americans, this day is a very controversial day," said Saulo Santiago, director of USG diversity outreach. "Many of us were socialized to celebrate a man who came over here and slaughtered indigenous people."

Santiago urged the group to focus on the positive.

"A great race was born on that day," Santiago said. "We have to

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