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In the past, the University formed corporate alliances with AT&T, Pepsi and Barnes and Noble — which helped expand the library and build the Bryce Jordan Center. Now the University is embarking on its next campaign to raise money for scholarships and endowments — the goal could be as high as \$1 billion.

"The committee itself will look at an overall University plan," Brighton said. "The committee will put down the guidelines for the 27 budgetary units — the colleges." Each college will have its own committee to work out individual plans, he added.

The 14-member council — which includes two student members, Undergraduate Student Government President Kara Annechini and President of the Graduate Student Association Chris Paliani — has a year and a half to develop plans for the next five years, but the first meeting has not been called, Brighton said.

Student input is important in deciding the directions the University is going to take over a long

"We will be looking at our structure and the way we do things in different parts of the University."

— John Brighton
executive vice president and provost

period of time, Annechini said. "Students don't always get to be a part of decision-making processes," she said. "When we get the opportunity, I think it's really important. The administration realizes the importance of student input for them to appoint students to sit on the committee."

Members of the council said both students and faculty are well represented on the UPC and are necessary to bring about change.

"We all agree on the goals of pursuing academic quality and keeping Penn State fiscally sound," said Peter Jurs, Faculty Senate chairman and a member of the new council. "Beyond that, I have to see what will be on the table in a few weeks."

In the interim, the current Future Committee members will form a plan for the 1996-97 budget

year, extending existing goals and reallocation priorities, Brighton said. This is to allow the council enough time to finalize its plans.

"We do know that we will be facing very lean budgets as we have in the past few years and we know we will have to do some reallocation in order to meet the University-wide priority needs, such as information technology, the library and new initiatives in life sciences," Brighton said.

But Brighton said the University is a leader among the Big Ten and other universities in strategic planning.

"We've been involved in strategic planning for more than 10 years and it's worked well for Penn State," he said. "Others who want to learn how to do it better look to us."

Nuclear arsenals located in 9 fewer U.S. positions

United States follows recent trends to downsize

By ROBERT BURNS
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. nuclear weapons are now positioned in 16 states — nine fewer than just three years ago when major cutbacks in the arsenal began, according to private nuclear specialists who have tracked the weapons for a decade.

North Dakota has replaced South Carolina as the state with the most nuclear warheads, and Louisiana's Barksdale Air Force Base is now the single largest U.S. nuclear arms site, a report by Robert Norris and William Arkin said.

The nine states that have become nuclear weapon-free since 1992 are Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, New Jersey and New York, they said.

The Pentagon as a matter of policy refuses to discuss locations of nuclear weapons.

The report by Norris and Arkin will be published in the coming issue of The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. Norris said it is based on publicly available documents. The two have written numerous authoritative books on nuclear weapons.

In all about 7,000 nuclear warheads are stationed on U.S. territory, plus about 480 at land-based sites in Europe, Arkin and Norris estimated. Also, about 1,500 additional warheads are aboard submarines at sea, they said.

At the peak in the 1980s, there were roughly 24,000 U.S. nuclear warheads around the world. Now there are about 9,000, and by the turn of the century the total will be about half that if strategic arms reductions treaties are implemented.

In 1992, the Bush administration removed all the American nuclear weapons from South Korea; now

the only overseas sites are air bases in Germany, Britain, Turkey, Italy, Greece, the Netherlands and Belgium, Norris and Arkin said.

South Carolina has seen a drop in the number of nuclear warheads on its soil since 1992 because of the retirement of many ballistic missile submarines that were based at Charleston, Norris said in an interview.

Louisiana has seen a slight increase from 910 warheads three years ago to 1,010 now because of its central role in storing nuclear gravity bombs and cruise missiles to arm the several dozen B-52H bombers at Barksdale, Norris said.

North Dakota leads all states with 1,710 warheads, up by about 60 from three years ago. They are for B-52 bombers at Minot Air Force Base and Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles at Grand Forks Air Force Base, Norris said.

NPHC

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disapproval of the policy in California by not spending funds and holding meetings there."

But other students say they disagree with NPHC's decision to make the journey.

"I wouldn't go there and give them my money," said Jarrett Stephens (freshman-liberal arts).

Still others say the group is right to go because they can let their voices be heard.

"You can't make a statement from the outside. There are people in that state who have funded affirmative action. Not to go is just ludicrous to me," said Brandie Du Bose (senior-secondary education).

NPHC Co-President Alain

LaFontant agrees with Du Bose, saying he believes the group made the right decision.

"It will be more effective if we can go and gain the knowledge from the conference," LaFontant said. "At the same time, we can let them know that we're in total disagreement in having any type of conference in California."

For NPHC, the total cost of attending the conference was about \$5,000, said Stan Latta, director of student life. The group contributed \$1,000 while the University subsidized the rest.

"It is important for the future of NPHC here at the University that they attend their national conference," Latta. "While it may seem excessive, it's necessary for execu-

tive student government groups to attend their national conference where they can get leadership development and network with other schools."

NPHC checked with other schools before making their decision to attend the conference said Rick Funk, coordinator of Greek life.

"I feel that they gave it a lot of thought," Funk said. "The potential benefits to the council outweigh any statement they would have made by not attending."

NPHC had no control over where the conference was held because that decision was made before California's decision on affirmative action, Funk added.

Vigil

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share in the richness of our culture and be proud of our heritage."

Some groups focused on the current crisis concerning natives in Chiapas, Mexico.

"Indigenous groups have been marginalized politically, culturally, and economically," said Andrew Miller, president of Amnesty International. "It's something that a lot of people don't think about."

Claire Murray (senior-environmental resource management), an Eco-action member, said a relationship exists between the human rights violations of indigenous people and environmental exploitations.

"Generally, indigenous people view their land as sacred," Murray said. "When you destroy their land, you are actually destroying their culture."

For some groups, the vigil was a

time to remember the many human rights violations committed hundreds of years ago when Columbus first landed in the Americas.

For some people, the event was an opportunity to show unity among all races on campus.

"I think it was really nice to see so many people of different races come out for the event," said Tony North (graduate-psychology). "It shows that there is hope for the human race."

"It's about all cultures coming together," said J.P. Hewitt (senior-psychology).

For some members of the Latino community, the event was one of recognizing and glorifying their roots.

"We're here not so much to protest Columbus Day but to glorify our indigenous roots and unify people," said Ron Malave (junior-integrative arts).

Cruz

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really disappointed when it didn't come back on."

"My So-Called Life" was canceled last year due to poor ratings, despite a growing following. Now it is being rerun on MTV.

The crowd of students showed enthusiasm for Cruz and appreciation for the recently canceled show, in which he was a positive role model.

"It's a wonderful turnout," said Ephraim Lopez, president of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Alliance. "National Coming Out Day is a big deal to us. Having Wilson Cruz here makes me say, 'Oh, wow. What a wonderful day and week.'"

After a question and answer session with the audience of 350, Cruz summed up his message in six words.

"Be brave. Be loud. It's OK."

PLO accuses Israel of violating accord

By DONNA ABU-NASR
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GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The PLO, in a sign of brewing animosity between Israelis and Palestinians over the recent autonomy agreement, said yesterday that Israel's border closure with the West Bank and Gaza Strip violates the pact and should be lifted immediately.

PLO chief Yasser Arafat wrote a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to protest the closure, as well as delays in Israel's withdrawal from West Bank cities and construction of homes for Jew-

ish settlers, a spokesman said. The letter arrived yesterday.

Citing security threats from Muslim militants, Israel sealed Gaza on Sept. 20 and the West Bank on Sept. 27, barring the 2 million Palestinians living there from entering Israel and cutting off many laborers from their jobs. The closures are to be lifted Tuesday.

"This is a violation of the accord," Marwan Kanafani said yesterday. "Rabin has signed an agreement with the Palestinian Authority... he should respect it... The Palestinians did not sign an agreement so they would live behind bars."

Kanafani said Arafat has asked the United States and Egypt to intervene in the dispute.

The remarks are the latest accusations between Israel and the PLO over the accord. Under the pact, Israeli troops will leave Palestinian towns and villages over the next six months.

Israel withdrew from four West Bank villages on Tuesday and Wednesday, but Palestinian officials said the pullout was cosmetic. They accused Israel of breaking a promise to begin withdrawing from Palestinian towns 10 days after the agreement was signed in Washington on Sept. 28.

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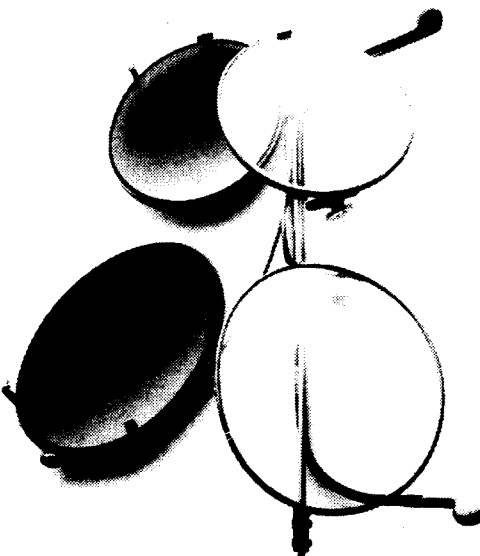
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