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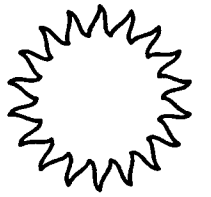
Stephen Pitts burst back onto the Lion tailback scene with a phenomenal game

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Weather

A zip-a-dee-doo-daah day. Today, sunny and warmer, high 71. Tonight, increasing cloudiness, low 46. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy with a chance of a shower toward evening, high 65.

— by Paul Markowski



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Faculty reacts to potential CES changes

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Faculty, staff and students in the Commonwealth Educational System are experiencing feelings of both apprehension and enthusiasm about University President Graham Spanier's plans for the CES.

Dinty W. Moore, assistant professor of English at the Altoona Campus, said although changes are necessary, CES faculty and staff are apprehensive because they do not know what the outcome will be.

"People at different campuses

are concerned because they don't know what the changes will be," he said. "Every time big change is in the wind people have to be cautious until they see what those winds will bring."

The changes will take place after a yearlong study of the CES intended to make individual campuses focus on better serving their communities. To do this, each campus will submit a proposal stating its top three options for its future. The choices available include becoming part of a multi-campus system, becoming a four-year college, becoming a graduate center or con-

tinuing its present mission. It is also possible that some campuses would be closed eventually.

The Altoona Campus, for example, can choose between becoming a four-year college or a community college or continuing its present mission with an alteration.

Despite certain guarantees for CES tenured faculty and students,

people are still concerned.

New Kensington Campus Commonwealth Educational Officer Catherine Gannon said faculty and staff members know the changes are important. But they are still apprehensive about the outcome, she said.

"Change this big is exciting and scary," she added. The New Kensington Campus will choose from keeping its present mission with an alteration, becoming part of a multi-campus/college with the Beaver, McKeesport and Fayette campuses or becoming a graduate center of greater Pittsburgh.

Faculty and staff members want to work for the good of the University, Gannon said, but they have to consider their own needs and careers.

Moore said faculty and staff will be treated well and given options no matter what happens to the CES.

"There will be a place for everybody," he said. "I trust the administration will be sensitive to that."

Penn State Erie Commonwealth Educational Officer John Lilley said the campuses will have to be adaptable to the changes because they will empower the people in the CES.

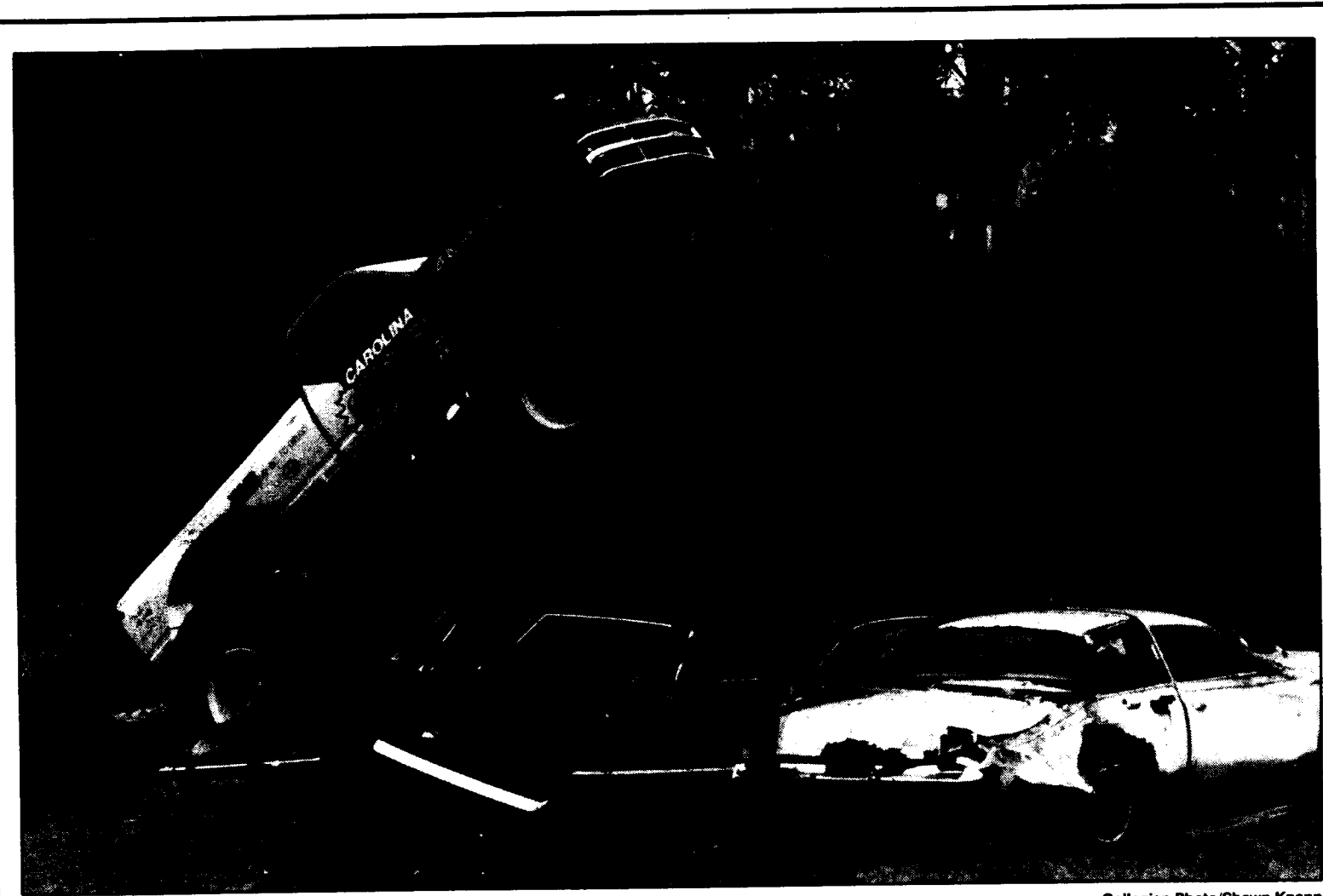
"I'm very much in favor of what's going on. It's all to the good of the commonwealth and it's all to the good of Penn State," he said. "It's long overdue."

The administration has set up options for tenured faculty as well, through retraining programs, relocation or early retirement.

"I know Penn State will honor all of its tenured faculty as it should," Lilley said.

But Eugene Slaski, acting Altoona Campus commonwealth educational officer, said while the reactions of faculty and staff vary, Please see CES, Page 10.

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Collegian Photo/Shawn Knapp

The Monster Mash

The Carolina Crusher lunges toward the sky as it demonstrates its destructive power by flattening four cars. The truck's exhibition was

part of the Monster Truck and 4X4 show at the Tussey Mountain Ski Area Saturday.

Computers to advise students

By PAULA SHAKI
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A student wants to drop her Engineering Graphics 50 class, but her adviser is nowhere to be found. The late-drop deadline is tomorrow and it is already 4:30 p.m.

She sits at her computer and logs onto the advising Web page, taking a "guided tour" through her options and the consequences of dropping the course. Then she drops the course right from her computer terminal.

The Comprehensive Academic Advising Information System could make that a reality in the near future.

"There is always a lot of criticism that some of the advising is lousy," said John Cahir, vice provost and dean for undergraduate education. "We're never going to solve the advising problem, but many students can do a lot on their own if they have the right information."

The year-old committee for the system, composed of a group of administrators and faculty from the University Registrar to academic advisers from all the campuses, produced a prototype proving that interactive advising is possible.

The committee envisions a sys-

tem that serves the student and adviser in the computer lab, dorm room or office, said E.R. Melander, associate vice provost for academic services and committee member.

Some of the four components to the advising system — such as Open Access to Student Information Systems (OASIS) — are already available to students and faculty.

The first component is access to expert information about rules and University Faculty Senate policies on courses, major requirements and general information by computer. The advising program will also provide students with access to personal information — from course availability to what courses are currently scheduled, degree audits, student loan balances and confidential information.

Close to completion is a component that will walk students through their advising, such as the implications of dropping a course. At the end, if the student still wants to add or drop a course, the program will let the student take action.

The last part is already used by many students and advisers — electronic mail and computer

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Collegian Photo/Michael L. Palmieri

Salima Davidson

newest member of the U.S. Olympic women's volleyball team

Former Lady Lion '96 Olympian

By GEOFF MOSHER
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A Lady Lion women's volleyball star received the warmest welcome Saturday night. It wasn't Terri Zemaitis, nor Angie Kammer. Not even Zeynep Ton. It was newly appointed Olympian, Salima Davidson.

Davidson, who spent five years as a Lady Lion setter, was named to the 1996 Olympic volleyball women's team last Monday morning, becoming the only Lady Lion women's volleyball player ever to represent the U.S. team.

She returned to Happy Valley to

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— Salima Davidson
former Lady Lion setter

witness the Lady Lions scratch out the Wolverines in three games (15-4, 15-5, 15-2). After Davidson's name and Olympic appointment reverberated around Rec Hall, the exhilarated crowd gave her a cheer she'll never forget.

"It really just hit me today, being back at school," she said. "I still

don't realize it, it's hitting me now."

After a long and arduous tryout, Davidson bested former Ohio State setter Laura Davis as the last choice for the team. Davis, the No. 1 setter in the Big Ten last year, led the conference in assists (15.12) and became good friends with

Davidson during the workout. To Davidson's surprise, and Davis' dismay, the coaches went her way.

"I was very happy, but it was tough," Davidson said. "It came down to Laura Davis and myself. We had become very good friends. I knew when they told (Laura) that they were going to pick me. It was hard for me to celebrate because I felt bad."

But Penn State Coach Russ Rose didn't feel bad about his former All-American setter-turned-Olympian; in fact, Rose couldn't help but compliment his former student.

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Final exams scheduled

Once again, final exams are creeping up on unsuspecting students.

Beginning today, the Fall Semester final exam schedule will be available to students on Gopher at any student computer lab.

Ann Hegarty, manager of registration and scheduling, said the schedule has been working well since the University started making it available on-line.

By walking into any computer lab on campus, students can find the exam schedule on the Gopher system.

It is a matter of pointing and clicking in order to find the correct times and places for each exam. Exam schedules are listed alphabetically by subject.

Copies of the final exam schedule are also available in deans' and the registrar's offices.

Filing for direct and overload conflict examinations will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Friday in 112 Shields.

"Some students have already come in to begin filling out the necessary forms for a conflict in exams," Hegarty said.

After Friday, students can file only for a direct conflict exam for a \$10 late fee.

Gay community marches for a different reason — Homecoming

Editor's Note: This is the first story in a six-part series examining how diverse University groups view Homecoming. This report focuses on the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community.

By JENNIFER REITZ
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The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community is famous for marching. From the march on Washington in 1987 to the annual Gay Pride week extravaganza in New York City, this group has made themselves visible, in large part, through parades and rallies.

But Friday, members of this gay and transgendered community will participate in a different celebratory parade — Homecoming.

"Times constantly change," said

Ephraim Lopez, political co-director of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Alliance. "There was a time when the LGBT community could never march in the parade. It's a good symbol of change."

Lopez said this is the first time in as long as he can remember that LGBSA was welcomed to march in the parade.

Kyle Richards, co-director of the coalition of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Graduate Students, said he thinks the lack of participation was a combination of hesitance on the part of both the Homecoming committee and the gay and transgendered community. He said he is glad to see the hesitancy lifting.

"I'm really proud," he said. "It shows a change in the climate at Penn State."

Roger Hill, Homecoming parade chairman, said he was happy when



LGBSA contacted him about participating in the parade. Hill said his goal for the parade this year was diversity, and he thinks LGBSA will contribute to achieving that goal.

"I think it's good that (LGBSA) will be in it. So many people associate the parade with Greeks," Hill said. "But it's really a Penn State thing. I wanted the parade to represent all facets of the University."

Lopez said because Homecoming is so heavily associated with football, the gay and transgendered

community is often overlooked and left out of the festivities. However, the most important thing to him is the alumni aspect of Homecoming.

The lesbian, gay and bisexual alumni interest group, Lambda, will host a tailgate during the game on Saturday. When gay and transgendered alumni, such as those in Lambda, come back for the parade and see gay and transgendered students marching, it will make them feel more comfortable, Lopez said.

Kent Krech (sophomore-landscape architecture) said he never thought of LGBSA being excluded from Homecoming, but he could understand how this group might feel that way.

"They really don't mention anything about lesbian, gay and bisexual activities during Homecoming," Krech said.

Ketch said he thinks the Univer-

sity is making a step in the right direction to include the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community in the festivities.

But some aspects of Homecoming still seem out of reach for this community.

Traditionally, events have always been geared toward the heterosexual community, with the most obvious being the Homecoming king and queen coronations.

"The whole process (of king and queen) is kind of heterosexist," Richards said.

Many gay and transgendered students do not feel comfortable running for Homecoming king and queen, so LGBSA will crown their own royal couple, Lopez said.

The twist?

"The king doesn't have to be male, and the queen doesn't have to be female," Lopez said.