

A world of hurt

The Nittany Lion football team is already feeling the loss of some of its key players

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Oh geez! Today, breezy with temperatures falling to the mid-30s with scattered flurries. Tonight, clearing and chilly, low 21. Tomorrow, partly sunny and cold with slackening winds, high 28.



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Impact of U.S. aircraft downings unclear

By WILLIAM GUHL
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The full, long-term impact of the shooting down of two American civilian aircraft by Cuban MiGs this past weekend is not clear, according to a member of the University's political science faculty.

John Sislin, visiting senior lecturer in political science, said the impact the incident will have on U.S.-Cuban relations will be partially shaped by the Clinton administration's response.

"It depends on the U.S. response. This could be the first step in a longer process of worsening relations," Sislin said. "It could start a back and forth response where it gets progressively worse."

The other possibility is that while the

United States will sternly warn Cuba not to do something like this again, the incident only will have a short-term impact. In one or two months it will be forgotten, he said.

"The last thing anybody wants is a bigger crisis out of this," Sislin said.

The Clinton administration has announced several steps that will be taken against Cuba, including restricting U.S. air travel to Cuba, paying reparations to families of the victims using frozen Cuban assets, and expanding the economic embargo already in place on Cuba.

While the Clinton administration is already taking steps to respond to the incident, questions still remain about where the shooting took place.

Sislin said it does make some difference whether the shooting took place over inter-

Cuba's actions condemned

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national waters or in Cuban air space.

"If the planes were shot down over international waters, if they never violated Cuban air space, the United States would be more justified (in making a response)," Sislin said. "If they were over international waters (Cuba) had no business shooting them down."

If the planes were in Cuban air space, the United States can still say it was an overreaction by the Cubans, he said.

Whether the Cuban fighter pilots were acting on orders from Cuba's leadership or

whether they acted on their own is an important question, Sislin said.

Sislin said it is his understanding the group operating the two planes that were shot down, Brothers to the Rescue, had flown into or near Cuban air space in the past, which means it is possible this was a government-ordered response.

Electoral politics is another factor in this situation, and the fact that this is an election year could affect Clinton's response to the incident, Sislin said.

"Foreign policy has been a concern for the Clinton administration," Sislin said.

Some students think the response should be limited economically and politically.

Gilberte Jean-Baptiste, president of the Caribbean Student Association, said the incident was "terrible," but that a military

response would not be appropriate.

"Economic sanctions would be more feasible at this time. Yes, people did die, but we don't want this thing to blow up," she said.

Kimberly Doolittle (junior-international politics), said that although she did not know all of the incident's details, economic sanctions are probably a better response.

"I don't think (the United States) should respond militarily," she said.

Doolittle said the fact that it is an election year would probably affect the Clinton administration's response.

"He needs to be sensitive to what people's response to (his decision) will be," she said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Students wait days for tickets

Students have pitched camp outside the Bryce Jordan Center to get front row seats for men's basketball games.

By CHRISTINA CONRAD
Collegian Sports Writer

Think about how long 24 hours can be.

A whole day is considered short when it is full of classes and homework, but for some students it can be a very long time.

Now imagine waiting in line for 100 hours for a game that will be over in a matter of about two hours. Is this prolonged waiting worth it? And why in the world would students leave the comfort of dorms, apartments, and homes to spend prolonged time in the cold?

Some students have traded in the familiarity of their warm beds for the sidewalk in front of the Bryce Jordan Center's student ticket win-

dow. Complete with pillows, electric blankets, sleeping bags and even televisions, these fans come prepared to wait for several days and many nights to be in the front row for men's basketball games.

"It is just like scheduling for your classes. You make sure you don't have class the time you have to be here and when you're done you come back," said front row hopeful Mike Plummer (senior-mechanical engineering).

Many of the students take shifts when waiting in front of the center. They make charts, fill out sheets, and schedule rotations occasionally with names of 30 people to try to keep their position in line.

"It's like a job," said Chris Flinn (freshman-business). "We have an hourly rotation. We just call people and ask them when they can work."

And some groups have been really working. After the men's basketball win last Thursday against Michigan, some of the fans were ready to wait again as they

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Collegian Photo/David S. Spence

Craig Lowenstein (freshman-advertising and public relations) studies in his tent outside of the Bryce Jordan Center yesterday afternoon. He and his friends are camping out at the ticket window of the center for

the men's basketball game tonight against Northwestern. To see how the Cagers are gearing up for the postseason in a tune-up with Northwestern, please see page 10.

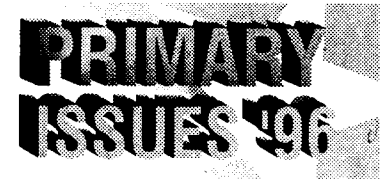
Forbes takes Arizona; Dole seizes both Dakotas

By The Associated Press

Flat-tax champion Steve Forbes won Arizona's winner-take-all primary yesterday, defeating Pat Buchanan and Bob Dole to seize coveted momentum in the Republican presidential race. Stung in the night's showdown contest, Dole took some solace in winning North and South Dakota.

For Forbes, victory meant back-to-back victories after disappointing fourth-place showings in Iowa and New Hampshire. Forbes won Delaware's primary on Saturday, and used that to surge into contention in the final weekend of Arizona campaigning.

With about one-quarter of Ari-



zona's vote tallied at press time, Forbes was leading with 37 percent. Buchanan and Dole were battling for second; exit polling suggested Buchanan had the edge.

Lamar Alexander was no more than a dim afterthought on the first multi-state primary day of the muddled GOP campaign.

Tuesday's results left Forbes well ahead in the The Associated

Press delegate count, with 60 so far. Buchanan and Dole had 36 delegates each, while Alexander had 10.

A candidate needs 996 delegates to win the Republican nomination and the success of the anti-establishment candidates sparked talk in Republican circles yesterday of a contested convention.

The dramatic comeback gave Forbes improbable momentum in the nomination chase, with a critical, crowded stretch of primaries just ahead.

Party leaders anxious to see Buchanan blocked from the nomination would surely turn quick attention to Forbes.

Dole carried North and South

Dakota handily, and brushed aside his Sun Belt disappointment.

"We're back in the winning column," the Senate majority leader said. "It feels good."

Buchanan had to be disappointed. He drew enthusiastic crowds throughout the final weekend and asserted an Arizona win would make him the clear front-runner. Instead, he came away empty handed heading into Saturday's showdown in South Carolina.

The voting yesterday was a springboard to Saturday's contest in South Carolina, perhaps Dole's last best chance to launch a turnaround after poor performances in the early going of the 1996 campaign.

Washington press secretaries stress honest, accurate news

By MEGAN DONLEY
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People on both sides of political reporting spoke last night about media relations with the president of the United States during a panel discussion titled "The Press and the President" at Schwab Auditorium.

Jody Powell, former press secretary for former President Jimmy Carter, Pierre Salinger, former press secretary for former President John Kennedy, Helen Thomas, a member of the Washington press corps and Juan Williams, national correspondent, discussed issues including honesty, accountability and manipulation to an audience of about 375.

Powell, who is now the chairman and chief executive officer of a public relations firm, said the relationship between a press secretary

and journalists should be balanced, where both sides follow certain rules.

He said he realized that if he left a sensitive document lying in his office, if a reporter had the chance he or she would read it.

"But I never worried that if my back was turned, someone would steal something," Powell added. "I'm not sure I would have the same confidence with people who come and go in the White House now."

Powell admitted he lied to a reporter once during a hostage crisis about whether a rescue mission was going to occur.

"My judgment was if I said 'no comment,' the issue would not die down," he said. "My judgment was I didn't have the right to take that chance so I said 'No, absolutely not.'"

Salinger said he experienced a



Collegian Photo/Laura Chilcas

Pierre Salinger, former press secretary for former President John F. Kennedy, responds to a question about the responsibility of the press as Helen Thomas, member of the Washington Press Corps, looks on. The panel met last night at Schwab Auditorium in an event sponsored by Programming Coordination and the College of Communications.

similar situation in which releasing information was a matter of national security. However, he said he was honest with the reporter but told him if the information was published, two American pilots

would not be released back into the country. The report was not put into a story, he added.

"But on a day to day basis, we're not talking about national security

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Spanier requests more state funds

Spanier travels to state Capitol

By LISA HAARLANDER
Collegian Staff Writer

University President Graham Spanier pleaded the University's case for more state funding in Harrisburg yesterday.

Spanier testified before the state Senate Appropriations Committee as to why the University needed more money than Gov. Tom Ridge proposed giving the University.

Without more money from the state, tuition may increase more than the usual 4.5 percent next year. And without the \$4.5 million for telecommunications, the \$35 computer fee could increase to as much as \$70.

Earlier this month, Ridge recommended Penn State receive \$298.5 million — \$21 million less than it requested. Although the request this year is considered the leanest request in the University's modern history, this is the second year in a row that the governor has not recommended increasing the amount of money the state gives the University.

The governor also did not recommend giving the University an additional \$4.5 million for telecommunications. He did recommend a small increase for agricultural research and extension.

Although Spanier understands the state's funding difficulties with snowstorms and floods, he said the University still needs

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University president

more funding due to increased costs and inflation.

"Our annual appropriation is nearly \$88 million less when compared with the average of the Big Ten public universities, while serving 12,000 more students," Spanier said. "What we are requesting is realistic, necessary and reasonable."

Spanier also testified that the University is ranked as the eighth most efficiently operated university in the country in terms of academic quality and money spent per student.

At the hearing, many legislators said they were sympathetic to the University's plight.

State Sen. James J. Rhoades, R-Schuylkill, said he was going to try to give the University the \$4.5 million it requested for telecommunications.

"They've got to squeeze it out of the budget," said Rhoades, who is on the appropriations committee. "That may be the only thing we can get them."

He said he favored getting the

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