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Elizabeth Dole
Ends campaign for GOP presidential nomination

Dole: No funds for campaign

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Talk surrounding campaign finance money is heating up in the wake of the Senate's block on a "soft money" bill and presidential hopeful Elizabeth Dole's drop from the race due to a lack of campaign funds.

Dole threw in the towel Wednesday morning while the Senate defeated campaign finance legislation Tuesday. Both events raise questions concerning the fairness of campaign donations.

The defeated bill included a "soft money" ban. Soft money is money legally given to help a candidate or party win an election. The money is given through technicalities and is not covered under campaign finance laws, said Robert O'Connor, associate professor of political science.

"Corporations can give a party or a candidate money through loopholes," O'Connor said. "Money can be given to independent organizations to run so-called education advertisements."

These advertisements look like regular political campaign advertisements to the average person, O'Connor said.

"Hard money," in contrast, refers to contributions covered under finance laws, he said.

Currently there is a \$1,000 campaign contribution cap per person per year, said Don Houser, spokesman for state Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre.

"Current laws are like a sieve. If you want to give money because you are a corporation, you can help through 'soft money,'" O'Connor said.

Some think various campaign finance reforms threaten First Amendment rights.

"I would not consider amending the language of the First Amendment, but I disagree when a

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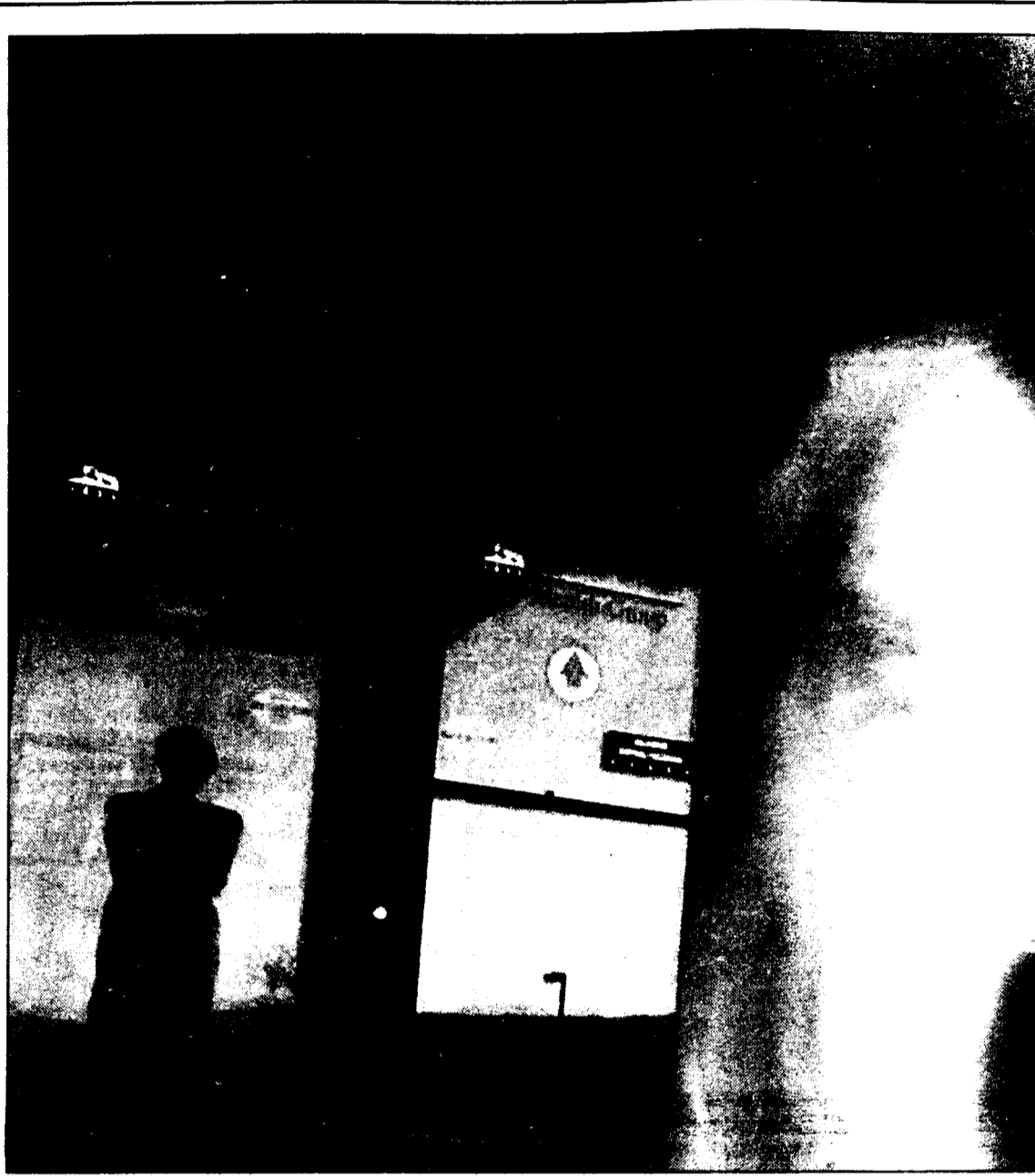


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A staff meeting for Penn State Geisinger will convene this week to talk about changes to the health-care system. There are rumors of job downsizing as Geisinger becomes more economically efficient.

Geisinger considers changes, downsizing

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A group of physicians and staff for Penn State Geisinger Health System will meet by the end of this week to decide which changes should be made to the health care system, said Kim Aboud, health system representative.

Rumors of management changes and job downsizing within the system continue to circulate amid talk of Penn State Geisinger becoming more economically efficient.

Because financial efficiency is a necessity for the industry, Penn State Geisinger is trying to face the realities of limited funds and make appropriate changes. The team will look at all aspects of finances from medical supplies to paper clips, Aboud said.

"Leadership looked at the trends and how those trends could have a negative impact on the system," Aboud said.

"It's not about someone lopping off 600 heads — it's not like that."

— Ted Junker
chair, Penn State Board of Trustees

She said there are many factors going into the changes the health care system is undergoing. She explained the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 reduced Medicare reimbursements to health care systems. About \$150 million in lost revenue has affected the entire health care industry and tightened budgets across the country.

Aboud said the possibility of downsizing about 500 to 600 jobs within the system will be part of the team's discussion. This number is a more realistic estimate than the rumored 1,300 downsized jobs, she said.

Ted Junker, chair of the Board of Trustees, said Penn State Geisinger would try to find another position for employees if their positions are cut. "The system would do anything it can to help them out," Junker said. "It's not about someone lopping off 600 heads — it's not like that."

Scott Miller, public relations coordinator for Penn State Geisinger, said the changes will not affect patient care. "Our focus is — and always has been — on the quality of care," Miller said. "The financial things are the things we have to do to ensure good quality care."

Aboud said she does not feel the public will view the system's changes as positive. "I would hope that it is rather

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Two wrestlers charged with rape, assault

By DARYL LANG
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Two Penn State students, both members of the wrestling team, were charged yesterday with sexually assaulting an 18-year-old Penn State student on Aug. 21.

The charges against Nathaniel Parker, 19, and Jean M. Celestin, 20, follow an investigation by the State College Police Department that included recording a phone call in which Parker implicated himself and Celestin in the incident, according to court documents.

Parker and Celestin were arraigned before District Justice Carmine Prestia on charges of rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual assault and indecent assault yesterday. Each was released on \$25,000 unsecured bail, according to court documents.

Parker and Celestin have been suspended indefinitely from the team, according to a Penn State Sports Information press release.

Parker referred calls yesterday to his lawyer, Rob Bascom, who declined to comment. Celestin,

Parker's roommate, was not home yesterday evening and his lawyer, Anthony DeBoef, did not return phone messages.

The victim reported the alleged assault to police Oct. 13. She told police Parker and at least one other man sexually assaulted her at Parker and Celestin's apartment, according to documents.

The victim told police she was intoxicated and unconscious — having consumed four or five mixed drinks and two shots earlier in the evening — when the assault began, according to documents.

The victim said she met Parker the night of the assault at a downtown bar, according to court documents. The victim left the bar and later went to Parker's apartment.

The victim said she passed out on a futon bed at the apartment and awoke to find Parker and another man assaulting her. She told police she drifted in and out of consciousness during the assault, according to documents.

With the victim's permission, police recorded a phone conversation between her and Parker, during the assault.

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Program educates women statewide

An enrichment program for women in the Harrisburg area is giving many the opportunity to overcome personal crises.

By JILL LEONARD
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Because of the efforts of one Penn State professor, many underprivileged women in the Harrisburg area have had the opportunity to increase their knowledge in the areas of literature and creative writing.

The Women's Enrichment Center, an affiliate program of the School of Behavioral Science and Education at Penn State Harrisburg, has helped with the education of more than 600 women since its founding, according to a Penn State press release.

"The primary goal of the center now is to provide women who have experienced personal crises with a different medium to develop self-expression as they solve real-life problems, mainly by reading authors of a similar race, class, gender and experience," said Irene Baird, adjunct assistant professor at Penn State Harrisburg and director of the center.

Following the reading assignments, participants use their voices creatively to tell their own stories in a format of their choice, Baird added.

One of the center's programs, the Program for Female Offenders, is offered to inmates and ex-offenders at the Dauphin County Prison in Harrisburg.

The program, which consists of four 10-week sessions, is offered as part of a larger prison rehabilitation and transition program, Baird said.

Valerie Simmons, chief executive officer of the Program for Female Offenders, said the program allows the women to better themselves in many areas.

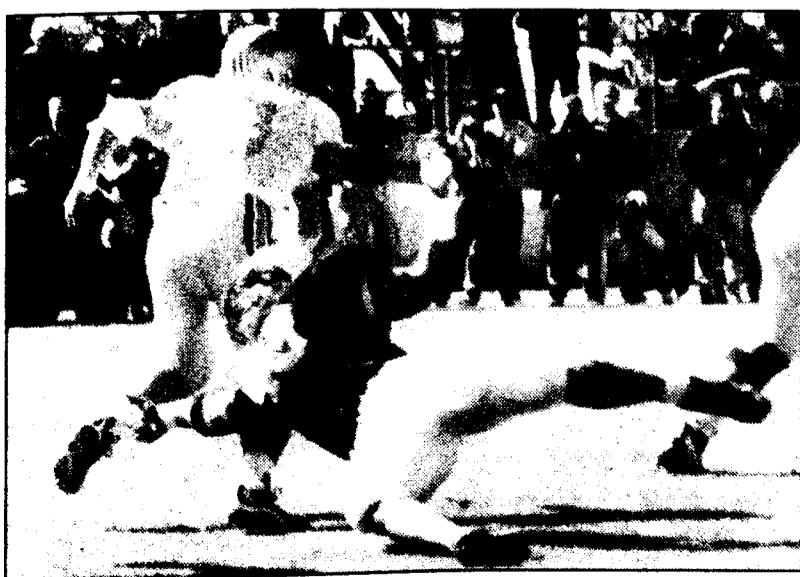
Simmons said writing skills, the ability to express one's self, as well as an opportunity to reflect on the past are all byproducts of the program.

Even though the program might conjure up negative past memories, Simmons said the chance to see the "proverbial light at the end of the tunnel" is also gained.

"The program not only encourages women to get beyond the past, but also to look forward to the future," Simmons said.

The center is partially funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.

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Collegian Photo Andrew McKay

Penn State linebacker Brandon Short dives in pursuit of Buckeyes quarterback Steve Bellisari in the 23-10 victory against Ohio State Saturday. The No. 2 Lions play No. 16 Purdue at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow on ABC regional.

Undefeated PSU to face Purdue's Brees

By JOHN GIBLIN
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Seven games, seven victories.

The Nittany Lions have faced three Top 20 teams in then-No. 3 Arizona, then-No. 8 Miami and then-No. 18 Ohio State. All came into the game looking for a possible upset, and all left licking their wounds.

But while the Lions will walk into West Lafayette, Ind., tomorrow unscathed, their first true test might come against No. 16 Purdue (5-2, 2-2 Big Ten).

Both Big Ten heavyweights come into the contest after mammoth wins against conference rivals. The Boilermakers demolished undefeated Michigan State 52-28, while Penn State topped Ohio State 23-10 in a game that wasn't as close as the score indicated.

Purdue quarterback Drew Brees

put his Heisman Trophy campaign back on track, throwing for 509 yards against the Spartans.

"They throw the ball well and don't waste a lot of time on the line of scrimmage," Penn State coach Joe Paterno said. "They don't fool around."

The Boilermakers lead the Big Ten and are No. 8 in the nation in total offense, averaging 464.6 yards per game. But Penn State isn't far behind at No. 2 in the conference and No. 11 nationally, averaging 459.3 yards per contest. Penn State, however, averages 6.5 yards per play, nearly half a yard more than Purdue.

But while Purdue does most of its damage via the air (342.7 passing yards per game), its counterpart has relied on balance, averaging 235.1 yards passing and 224.1 yards on the ground.

In addition to Brees, Purdue's laundry list of receivers has helped lead the way. Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week Chris Daniels set conference records for receptions (21) and receiving yards (301) against the Spartans, and also scored three touchdowns.

But Brees and company will face Penn State's heralded defense, led by defensive end Courtney Brown, who had two sacks against Purdue last season.

During their 31-13 victory last year, the Lions chased Brees all game, intercepting him once and sacking him six times for negative-50 yards. So far this season, Penn State has tallied 66 tackles for loss. Brown has 15 for negative-81 yards and a team-high 7.5 sacks.

Nine starters from that same Penn State defense return for tomorrow's game with their sights

set on Brees. But the Boilermakers' veteran offensive line is hoping it will benefit from last year's experience and be able to protect their franchise player.

Five Purdue offensive linemen, who started in Happy Valley last season, return — center Jim Niedrach, tackles Brandon Gorin and Matt Light and guards Aaron Starnes and Chucky Okobi. Red-shirt freshman guard Gene Mruczkowski is the lone newcomer to crack the starting lineup.

Penn State comes into Ross-Ade Stadium riding a nine-game winning streak dating back to last year, the second-longest in Div. I-A.

"At this point, I'm trying to do whatever I can do to continue this winning streak that we have going," said Penn State wide receiver Chafie Fields.