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PSU protests span decades

This is the first in a three part series about how student issues have evolved through the years.

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The battlefield of the college-aged protester has changed drastically through the years as the issues for young activists have evolved from a focus on war and civil rights to concerns about such issues as workers' rights in an age of increasing globalization.

"The goal of any protest is to create change and awareness," said Robert O'Connor, associate professor of political science. However, the key to motivating students into action is fundamentally different than in the early days of student protests at Penn State in the 1960s.

"Issues are now more complicated and are not, by any means, slam dunks. They're much more difficult and less personal," O'Connor said.

In addition to being less personal, the issues today are much more globally oriented. At a time when the United States is enjoying unprecedented economic suc-

cess, some student activists are turning their sights to the human cost at which that success has come.

"People in the country are looking abroad," said Martin Austerhuhle, co-founder of Students for Accountability and Reform (STAR) and Undergraduate Student Government senator. "They're trying to understand the world better and are becoming more aware."

Carl Davidson, a 1965 Penn State grad-
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Coming next Tuesday: A look at how students have parted at Penn State through the years.

Server slowness to be re-routed

Penn State officials say a high volume of Internet users is responsible for the congestion and delays.

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Internet gridlock is causing delays and inconvenience for students using the Penn State computer networks, a problem the university is looking to fix by rerouting traffic on the Web.

Slowness on the university's Internet server is becoming a significant problem this semester, with the e-mail server even shutting down for a period of time last Wednesday. Attributing the slowness to a higher volume of users, university officials are currently working to alleviate the congestion, though no definite timeline has been established.

"It's too slow, 'cause you log on and wait 20 minutes before anything happens," said Jamie Murray (senior-business management). She's one of the lucky students, as some cannot even log on.

Steve Pierce, manager of the Center for Academic Computing help desk, knows all about these complaints.

"Anytime there's any system 'blurb,' our phones ring off the hook. When (the server is) down... we wait like everyone else," he said, adding it is the Office of Telecommunications that is in charge of the servers.

Bill Welch, manager of network systems for the OTC, however, pointed the finger for last week's server shutdown to CAC, stating that although the OTC office knew the server was down, it had no control over the situation. Welch said there is congestion on the Internet, which is the main cause of the recent problems involving surfing on the Web. Presently, OTC is waiting for the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center, which owns Pittsburgh GigaPoP, to finish re-engineering its system to reroute the online traffic away from the lives of students. Pittsburgh GigaPoP is the Internet provider for Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Pittsburgh and Penn State.

"We won't know how successful that is until later on in the week. It's not a simple task by any means to do that," Welch said of the project.

"It has happened before," Welch added about the server and speed problems. "I don't think it happened last year so much.



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Students make use of computers in Waring Commons, despite recent server delays.

There's probably a lot more users using the Internet. It's not the first time, and I'm sure it won't be the last. There's definitely a problem out there." Although Internet connection is slow, on campus computer labs remain the fastest places for some students to access Web sites.

Autumn Reed (senior-business management) can vouch for that. Because she is usually unable to access the Internet at home, she comes to the Penn State computer labs. Often she is forced to use a computer disk there to save any pieces of information she finds in her searches.

"(This) means my 110 pages (at the computer lab) have already been used, and it's only the third week of the semester. I'm having to save everything on disk and print everything out at home," Reed said.

Last Wednesday, the e-mail server was down for a period of hours, causing a backlog for the remainder of the day. Alan Williams, director for distributed systems for CAC, said last week. In a possibly related problem, systems were running slow again on Thursday, when Penn State experienced more delays on various Web sites and the e-mail server. The problems occurred with no particular pattern, Williams said.

Collegian staff writers Daryl Lang and Tracy Wilson contributed to this story.

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Emmys show crime doesn't pay

Weeks before the election of a new U.S. president, the Emmy Awards elbowed aside the mob-focused *The Sopranos* to shower honors on the White House drama *The West Wing*. The new series won a record-setting nine Emmys, including best drama. | NATIONAL, Page 5

Professor to lecture at Olympics

After finishing seventh in the 10,000 meter run in the 1952 Olympic trials and missing his chance to compete in the Olympics, retired Penn State professor John Lucas has found another way to attend the games. | LOCAL, Page 2

Reaction to Knight's firing felt

The fallout from Sunday's firing of Bob Knight's continued yesterday, when one of his players announced that he was considering transferring to another school. Plus, hear what Penn State President Graham Spanier and others had to say in regards to the Knight saga. | SPORTS, Page 10

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Leaders voice student issues

The State of the Student Body address reacted to Spanier's recent speech.

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In a joint speech to the student body, the Undergraduate Student Government and Council of Commonwealth Student Governments spoke to an audience of about 35 yesterday on issues they believed most affect Penn State students.

USG President Matt Roan and CCSG President Gabriel Bryant together addressed topics including the recent tuition increase, health service concerns, academic advising and voter registration at the State of the Student Body address, entitled "One University."

The address, the first of its kind at Penn State, was in response to Penn State President Graham Spanier's State of the University Address last Friday.



Bryant

Bryant and Roan both referred to the recent 6.23 percent increase in tuition as the top concern for students university-wide.

"When all is said and done, it will cost students \$384 more per year," Roan said. "For a student with work-study that means an additional three weeks of work."

Bryant added that many students at the Commonwealth Campuses are greatly affected by the tuition increase because they are older, have families and jobs, and only attend classes part-time.

"The majority of students at the Commonwealth Campuses live close to home and school is cheaper because they don't pay room and board," Bryant said. "Now, with the increase, students are paying more money per credit."

Both presidents emphasized the importance of encouraging students from all the Penn State campuses to vote in November's presidential election. The student govern-



Roan

ments will host voter registration drives at all campuses in October.

Getting more students to vote, Roan and Bryant said, is the only way to ensure the student body more input on the issues that affect them, like tuition.

In his part of the speech, Roan also discussed campus and community safety

in response to incidents including a rape at the golf courses this summer. Roan said USG would work to increase safety at locations on and off campus where students don't feel safe.

The summer riot at Beaver Avenue also reflected problems in the State College community, Roan said.

"At the root of the problem is a great disrespect for this community," he said.

Roan and Bryant also called student health services a "necessity overlooked." Bryant stated that though the health service offices at Abington College and Altoona Col-
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'It's Gonna Be ...' 'N Sync at Jordan Center

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They walked away with three MTV Video Music Awards, and on Nov. 5 they hope to walk away with your hearts.

Yes, it is true. 'N Sync is coming. Justin, J.C., Joey, Lance and Chris will all be here to sing and dance and put on the best show they can. The group is stopping in town on its "No Strings Attached" tour. The tour will kick off on Oct. 7 in Charlotte, N.C. and will continue across the country until it finishes on Dec. 1, in San Diego, Calif.

Recently at the MTV Video Music Awards the group lit up the stage with its medley of "This I Promise You," "Bye Bye Bye" and "It's Gonna Be Me." Its enterprising use of television monitors as a substitute for their heads served as a crowd pleaser, and their slick dance moves brought a new energy to the stage. Students have displayed mixed reviews about whether or not they are looking forward to the concert, but one sophomore definitely can't wait.

"I think they're better than the Backstreet Boys, no joking. They are energetic and fun," said Vince Mersich (sophomore-psychology). Mersich went on to say that Justin was his favorite because he is the one that he can relate to the most. "He has curly hair and an excellent voice."

Some students are not so excited about the prospects of the boy band coming to town. "I can't stand them. I feel they have no message. I'll probably try to stop people from going," said Anthony Evangelista (senior-hotel, restaurant and institutional management).

Ticket prices for the show are \$49.75 and \$39.75 for reserved seating and will go on sale at 1 p.m. Saturday at the center, Eisen-



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'NSYNC arrives for the MTV Music Awards at Radio City Music Hall.

hower Auditorium, selected Uni-Mart ticket outlets and Commonwealth Campus ticket outlets.

Tickets can also be charged by phone at (800) 863-3336, locally at (814) 865-5555 or online at www.bjc.psu.edu.

Wristbands will be made available for fans from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and also from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday.

Computers to aid in UHS care

By Amy Weinstein
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From refilling prescriptions over the phone to scheduling appointments with ease, University Health Services is doing its best to make life as a sick Penn State student a little easier.

On Aug. 30 University Health Services began to take the first steps in implementing an entirely new computer system in the Ritenour Building.

The installation of a new program called the Physician Computer Network will integrate appointments and scheduling. It is the first phase in updating all of health services' computer systems.

While the new system will eventually benefit students, right now minor glitches are frustrating staff members.

Despite the setbacks, employees remain positive.

"I'm excited about the prospect of having a new integrated system. I think it'll be fabulous once it's done," said Joanna Moyer, clinical manager of Women's Health Services. "We'll have access to data like we've never had before."

Just two weeks ago, before the new program went live, patient records and charts were kept on hard copy and delivered around the building in person.

The PCN will provide clinicians with lab results available on computers and with access to immediate test results and computerized patient records.

"The company's been great working with us. They've been very supportive," said Lorraine Hazel, head of information systems for UHS. "I can't make any complaints about the vendors."

The PCN system can be found in more than 1,000 medical practices, said David Lindstrom, associate director for administrative services for UHS. The program will provide students with improvements in billing, census taking and interfacing with other healthcare agencies.

Another phase of the new UHS services
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