

China's military pushes for investigation

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BEIJING — As a U.S. air crew entered their second week in detention, China's top military newspaper said yesterday that Beijing is entitled to "thoroughly investigate" them and their spy plane, and demanded an end to surveillance flights near the Chinese coast.

The article in the *Liberation Army Daily* added to indications that China's politically powerful military is pressing for a hard line with Washington, D.C. The U.S. crew has been held at military facilities since the April 1 collision of their EP-3E surveillance plane

with a Chinese fighter jet above the South China Sea.

American diplomats were allowed to meet the 24-member crew for a third time early yesterday morning on Hainan Island, where they made an emergency landing after the collision. The Chinese fighter pilot is missing.

"The air crew is well. ... (We're) hoping to get them out of here before too long," U.S. Ambassador Joseph Prueher told reporters as he walked into church yesterday.

Later in the day, Prueher went to a meeting at the Foreign Ministry. Embassy officials wouldn't say whom he met or what they discussed.

The *Liberation Army Daily* report suggested that the military wants to leverage their captivity to press Washington, D.C., to end spy flights near China. The U.S. Navy plane is believed to have been monitoring military radio, radar and other signals when it collided with one of two Chinese fighter jets sent to track it.

"China has the right to fully and thoroughly investigate this entire incident, including the American military aircraft and the people in charge of it," the newspaper said. It repeated Beijing's demand for an American apology and added its own requirement: "The U.S. government should ... immediately

stop all military surveillance activities off the Chinese coast."

The report came a day after Defense Minister Gen. Chi Haotian said the army wouldn't let Washington "shirk responsibility" for the incident. The White House has declined to apologize, saying it believes the collision was an accident.

Chinese authorities have confirmed they questioned the U.S. crew. They accuse the pilot of breaking the law by making an emergency landing at a Chinese air base without applying in advance for permission.

The stern military tone has been in contrast to assurances by civilian leaders that

Beijing wants an early settlement and doesn't want to hurt U.S.-Chinese relations.

It also adds to suspicions that military and security forces — the most hawkish segment of China's government — were obstructing a settlement.

Beijing and Washington, D.C., agree the collision took place in international airspace some 50 miles outside China's territorial waters. But China also claims an exclusive economic zone that extends 230 miles out to sea, and says the plane had no right to conduct surveillance there.

A diplomat who met with the U.S. crew See CHINA, Page 4.

Who the riots hurt. Part I: The police



Police officers confront Dennis Boyer Jr., 20, of State College during a small disturbance July 16 on Beaver Avenue. Last month marked the third riot in four years.

A lesson in cause and effect

For police, the riots can be a dangerous catch-22

The first of five parts.

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Pain was easy to find in State College the morning of March 25.

It was in the McAllister Street parking deck, where handcuffed students involved in the riot lay on cold concrete as police washed burning pepper spray out of their eyes.

It was in the police booking station where an arrested student head-butted an officer hard enough to break his nose.

It was along Beaver Avenue where a mob rounded a corner and pushed 53-year-old Herb Sharpe, who toppled onto a

wooden planter and ripped ligaments in both his knees.

In three hours, the riot had hurt police, businesses, Penn State, locals and students.

This week, a Daily Collegian series will survey the riot damage from a different angle each day.

Without question, the recent disturbance was not the worst riot the town has seen.

The 1998 riot during the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts caused more damage. Students lit piles of furniture on fire, dropped a beer keg from a high balcony and ripped down every street lamp in "Beaver Canyon."

After a year off in 1999, a milder sequel riot returned at the 2000 Arts Festival.

Then, last month, a post-basketball-

loss melee prompted police to unload pepper spray on the crowd as they endured a peppering of glass bottles.

The first two riots could have been flukes. The third riot seals a trend.

Now, the riot ritual has started drawing crowds of spectators to Beaver Avenue, most of whom seem more interested in watching the problem than causing it.

This has created a difficult challenge for police, who face a few troublemakers amid a swarm of others who just get in the way.

State College Police Department Lt. Diane Conrad and Sgt. John Wilson spoke about the frustrations the officers experienced that night and are still dealing with today.

During the night of the riot, about 60 to 80 officers were on duty. While the major-



A riot in the summer of 1998 caught police off guard. Now officers have equipment and special training to deal with similar events.

ity of the officers were members of the State College police force, officers from Penn State Police Services, Pennsylvania State Police and officers from surrounding municipalities assisted.

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Woods claims Masters

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AUGUSTA, Ga. — Slam or not, Tiger Woods was simply grand.

With a heart-stopper at Augusta National punctuated with a birdie at the end, Tiger Woods claimed the greatest feat in modern golf yesterday by winning the Masters, giving him a clean sweep of the four professional majors in a span of 294 days.

When that 18-foot birdie putt disappeared into the hole, Woods raised both arms in triumph as the massive gallery roared its approval. He doffed his cap to cover his tears as he left the green and walked into the arms of his father, Earl, who trained him to be a champion, and his mother, Kultida.

"I've never had that feeling before," Woods said. "I finally realized I had no more to play. I'm done."

Woods closed with a 68, steady down the haunting back nine of Augusta National as David Duval and Phil Mickelson failed to harness the magic that has carried Woods to five of the last six majors.

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Woods

Inside



Conference looks at solidarity

Penn State students, members of the local community and others who traveled to State College for the conference descended upon central campus this weekend to discuss ways to solve the social problems they perceive. Jello Biafra, keynote speaker, gave a speech as part of the conference. | LOCAL, Page 2

98 degrees sizzles at BJC

It was a sizzling 98 degrees inside the Bryce Jordan Center as the members of this boy band sang and gyrated to the delight of thousands of screaming fans. | LOCAL, Page 10

McNamara chooses the 'Cuse

Friday morning at Bishop Hannan High School in Scranton, 6-foot-1 junior guard Gerry McNamara chose Syracuse in favor of Penn State. | SPORTS, Page 11

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Judges select Movin' On picks in 'Battle'

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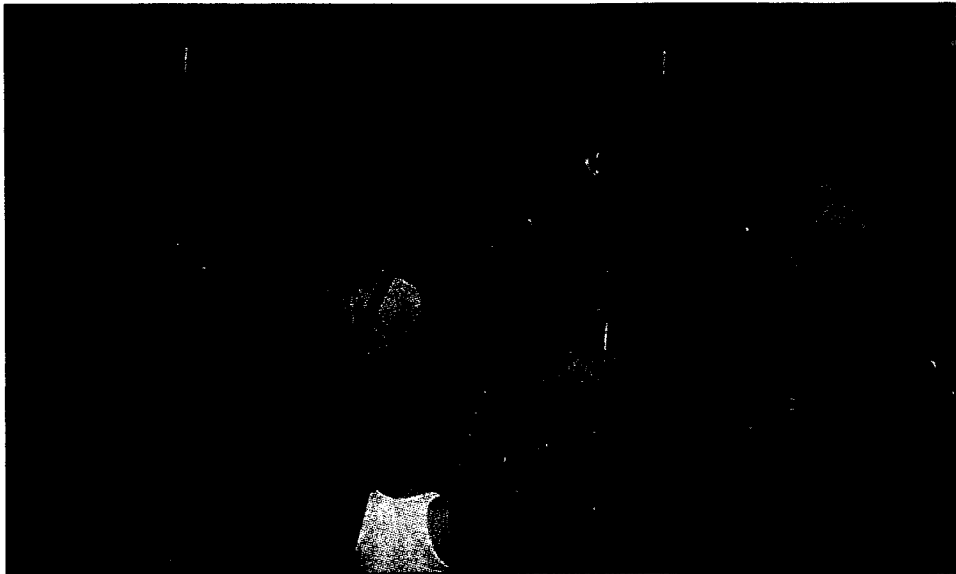
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Each band took the stage Saturday night with the objective of winning over the crowd and — more importantly — the judges. In the end however, the Battle of the Bands could choose only three for the Movin' On side stage. On The Brink, Slick Olde Bishops and Bare Soles will all be performing at the event on April 21.

In addition to announcing the winners for the local stage, some of the main stage acts were announced: American Hi-Fi, Our Lady Peace and Run DMC. These acts were not revealed until contracts had been finalized.

The concert Saturday night featured a wide variety of music. From punk to ska, from metal to blues — the audience got a taste of everything. The more energetic performances came from the ska groups of the night, specifically 8 oz. Joe and winners Slick Olde Bishops.

Slick Olde Bishops was the first band to get the crowd on its feet and dancing in their seats. The band truly enjoyed performing, with a set highlighted by onstage fighting, brandishing instruments and even synchro-



Slick Olde Bishops performs at the Battle of the Bands competition at the HUB.

nized jumps. The band was equally pleased when it was announced one of the winners.

"Movin' On is such a big thing with so many students," said bassist Clinton Van Gemert (sophomore-graphic design). "To get to play for that is a big bonus."

The other ska act, 8 oz. Joe, all dressed in shirts and ties, enticed the crowd's involvement by offering free CDs.

Metal also had a strong showing, with bands such as Metox, Mordecai and Uncle Traveling Matt unleashing loud guitars and aggressive vocals. Uncle Traveling Matt

showed a lively performance, with dedications to friends No Offense and Slick Olde Bishops, and the guitarist adorning a gas mask.

On The Brink provided the pop-punk music for the evening with quick, powerful songs. The set finished with a slower, more emotional tune that was received well by the audience.

Bare Soles had the strongest effect on the crowd, with about 50 people standing at the stage front enjoying the mix of acoustic jam-

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USG leaders cancel planned position cuts

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After about 35 students filled the chairs, desks and floor of the Undergraduate Student Government office yesterday to discuss proposed changes in next year's executive branch, President-elect Justin Zartman and Vice President-elect Amanda Hudnall decided not to make cuts in USG positions.

The meeting was held in response to a plan by Zartman and Hudnall to combine the Women's Affairs department with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Allies Affairs. The two also had proposed eliminating the Environmental Affairs department.

As a result of the meeting, Women's Affairs and LGBT Affairs will be separate and Environmental Affairs will remain a department in USG.

Zartman and Hudnall will also continue their plans for a new community education director, who will oversee a program to educate university students on diverse groups at Penn State.

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