

Riots teach students, local police valuable lessons

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A week before the Penn State men's basketball loss, another crowd formed in "Beaver Canyon." That one had been celebratory. The crowd on March 25, however, was more deviant and aggressive.

"This time, officers reported a lot more things coming off balconies," Wilson said. "I was out the weekend before and they were celebrating. When the police got there, they cheered and followed the rules."

"The next weekend, it was a different atmosphere altogether, and we responded the same both times."

Both weekends, the officers donned their uniforms and protective headgear, yet the crowd's response had completely changed.

At one point during the March 25 riot, Wilson said he and several officers were standing together on Locust Lane when someone threw a full beer bottle at them from a balcony.

Hitting one officer in the head, it shattered and sprayed the other officers' face shields with glass shards.

"It shook us up for a second. Imagine what it would have been like without protective headgear," Wilson said.

The constant threat of physical harm lasted throughout the night, but Conrad said officers likely overcame any emotional distress about personal risk and focused instead on controlling the crowd.

"I think that's in the back of their minds, but I think they're so busy thinking about what other things they're supposed to be doing that that sort of takes a back seat," Conrad said.

Instead, officers focus on what they have been trained to do — respond to and control different sized groups and reach those who are assaulting people or causing damage.

Since purchasing protective equipment after the 1998 riot, the State College Police Department has beefed up its crowd control training. Penn State police officers also train with them.

"Your aim is to get (bystanders) out of there as efficiently as possible so that then you can take care of the ones that need your full attention because of their more criminal behavior," Conrad said.

The majority of the crowd dispersed by 3 a.m. But with officers still deployed at 5 a.m., the riot had turned into an all-night affair.

And more than two weeks later it still hasn't ended.

Last week, police Chief Tom King spent most of his workdays in meetings discussing the riots.

Capl. Rick Ososkie lost a week out of his

schedule ordering replacement equipment.

Other officers have spent time watching more than 15 hours of videotape from the riots, gathering original and additional evidence and documenting where it is on the tape.

Still, another officer pulls pictures off the tapes to place on the department's Web site.

They have also been fielding telephone calls from community members, students and parents.

All of this contributes to the amount of time each officer spends at work, which translates into money.

"These things cost of a lot of money," said Borough Manager Peter Marshall. "We've probably spent between \$15,000 and \$20,000 just for one night."

Penn State Police Services is also feeling the riot's after effects.

They, too, are busy with cleaning and repairing equipment, filling out paperwork, attending court sessions and helping the State College police, said Penn State officer Carrie Gratzmiller.

The State College police has made an effort to include members of the Undergraduate Student Government to discuss riot prevention.

USG Director of Town Affairs Darren Robertson said he and USG President Matt Roan sat in on riot prevention committee meetings.

Students and police have continued to debate about some of the logistics of the riot, such as the order to disperse given on the night of the riot.

Students said the order wasn't given clearly enough and they didn't know they had to leave. Police officers said they gave plenty of warning.

"We were scratching our heads as to why people think they have a right to engage in this type of behavior and not obey an official police officer," Conrad said.

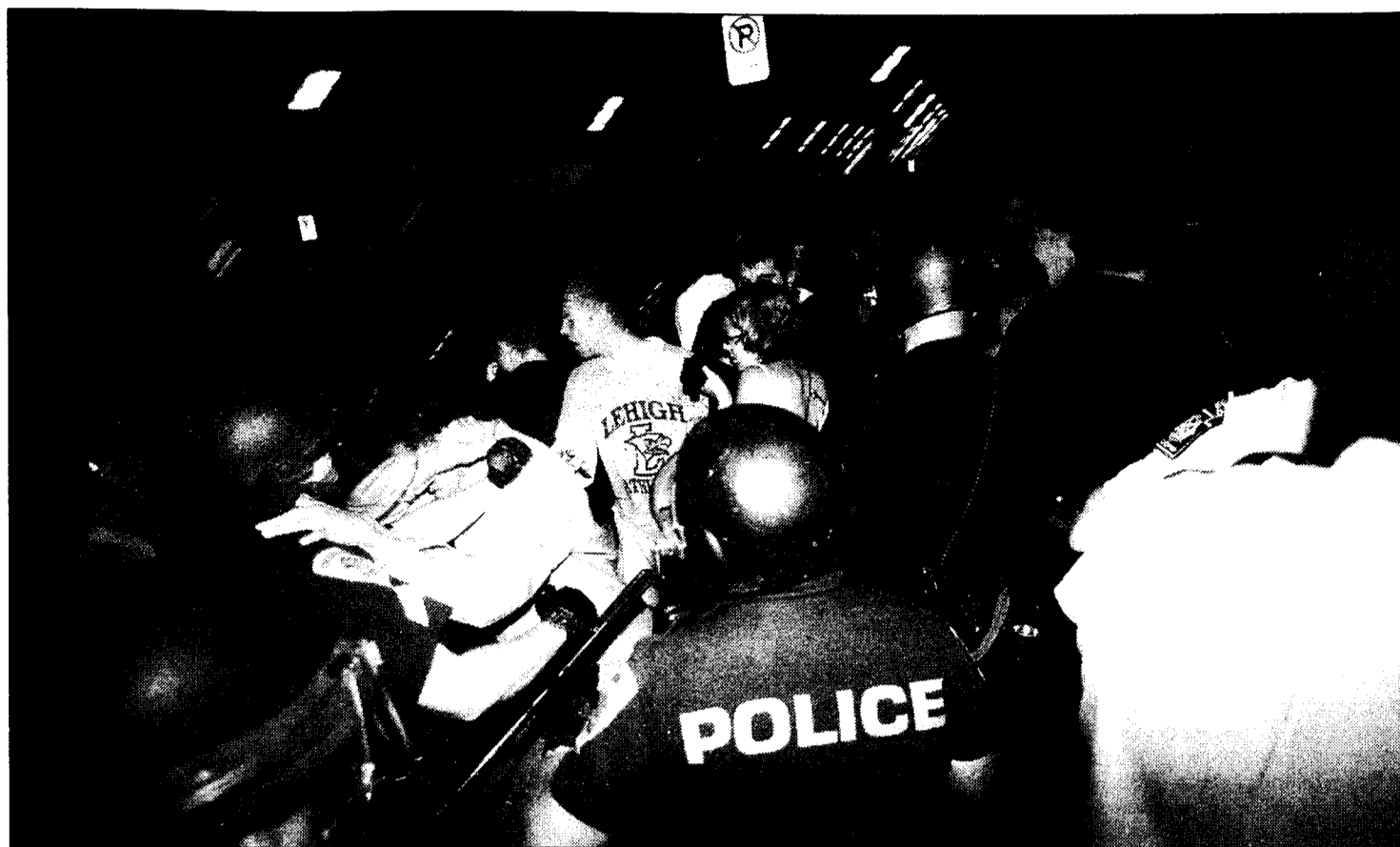
"I think we have a different perspective than they do. This is our job. We're professional about it."

At Penn State, the riot only escalated to the use of pepper spray.

In a riot last Monday at the University of Arizona, police used stun grenades, rubber bullets and tear gas to control students who reacted to their basketball team's championship defeat by taking to the streets and burning cars.

Conrad said there's a progressing use of force continuum used by police across the country.

"If our presence and our verbal warnings aren't working then we escalate to the next



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Police try to control the crowd after the 2000 Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts.

level and the next level is pepper spray," Conrad said.

Robertson wants police to have a better way to alert students that the order to disperse has been given.

"For our own safety, we have to come up with a clear way to make the order known," Robertson said.

He mentioned using some sort of signal, siren or announcement that everyone could agree on and recognize.

"Now we have to seriously come up with solutions. There needs to be a community-wide effort to come up with a solution."

"There needs to be a rebuilding of trust between the police, community members and students."

Conrad agreed.

"We ask people to think about this. This is the only way it's going to change. We don't have the ability to change people's minds. They have to become responsible."

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State College police officers look over a video tape of the March 24th riots.

Zartman, Hudnall reverse position plans

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"We processed everything we just heard," Zartman said about the decision, made in a private meeting with Hudnall after the town hall meeting. "I was happy that everyone had their voices heard. Everyone had a chance to speak."

Zartman and Hudnall began the meeting by insisting that they wanted to hear all the comments. They also explained why they had considered making the changes.

"We didn't want an executive branch that was too large," Zartman said.

Many students who attended the meeting, however, weren't satisfied with Zartman's explanation.

"If your concern is having an extra person coming to the table ... I don't think I agree with that," said Jennifer Solt, the current director of Women's Affairs.

Some of the students who attended the meeting were concerned that the groups in question would not be adequately represented by USG.

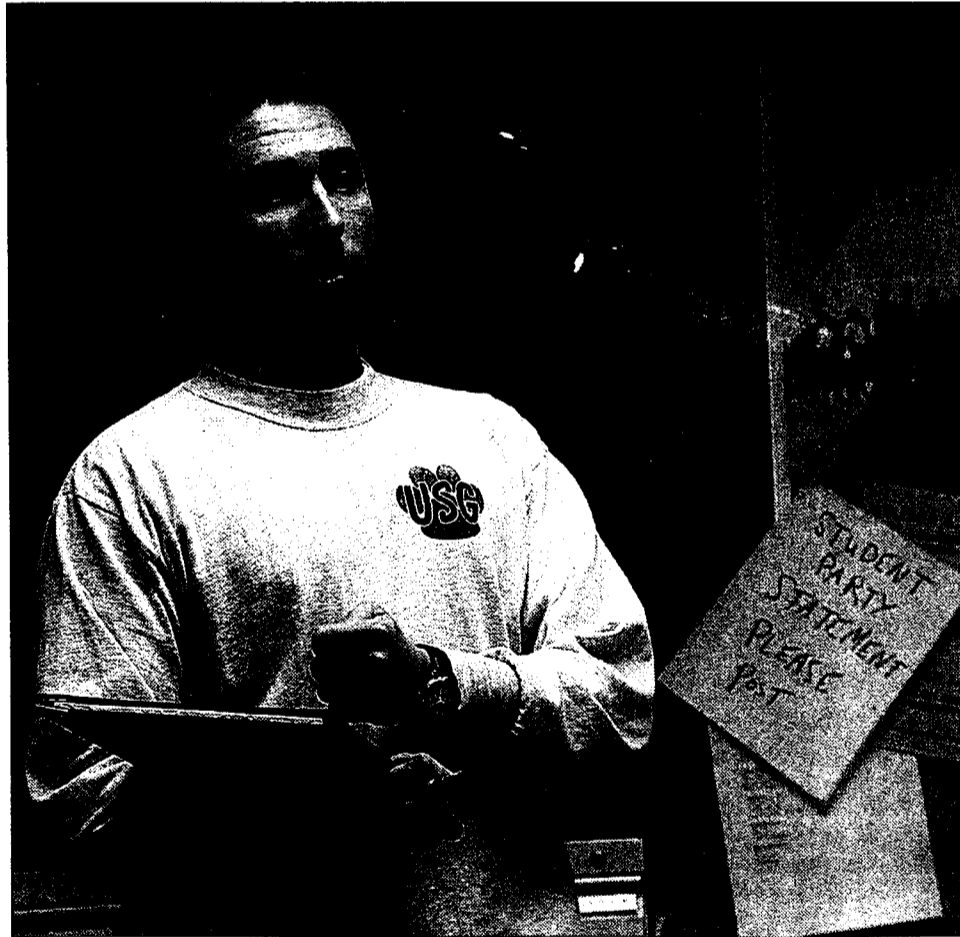
Jennifer Storm, social director of the Lambda Student Alliance, said she felt that by condensing the Women's Affairs and LGBT programs, USG would not listen to the voices represented in both groups.

"This position really needs an opportunity to grow," she said about the LGBT director. "This just feels to me like another thing that is going to fall through the cracks."

Another concern that came up repeatedly during the meeting was the issue of whether or not some people would feel qualified to head a department that dealt with two separate communities.

Mike Fazio, USG senate president, and Todd Ellis, Academic Assembly vice president, suggested that groups that needed help with programs or that were having problems in the community approach their elected senators.

Ellis said that liaisons, senators who attend meetings of various groups outside



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Justin Zartman, USG President-elect, addresses a town hall meeting about their proposed plan to combine the LGBT and Women's Affairs groups.

USG that apply for a liaison, could act in the place of the department heads.

"Why aren't you coming to USG Senate?" Ellis asked.

Michelle Yates (senior-women's studies) responded that in many cases students don't

feel comfortable approaching USG senators with their problems and that often members of USG are too busy with other issues to focus on a single group.

"You need a person whose sole job it is to focus on that issue," she said.

China claims right to investigate crew

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early yesterday said they were in "high spirits" after receiving e-mails from their families.

"They are looking forward to going home. They do offer that they very much appreciate the e-mails that they've been allowed to receive from home," said the U.S. Embassy military attaché, Army Brig. Gen. Neal Sealock.

In a positive sign, Sealock said U.S. diplomats had "unfettered access" to the crew yesterday. He said he updated the crew on efforts to win their release and on news and sports. Previous meetings were tightly controlled.

Sealock said he has asked to see the crew twice daily. Prueher said diplomats were waiting for a response from the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

In Washington, D.C., President Bush was "focused on continued diplomatic efforts" to free the crew, a White House spokeswoman said.

Bush has expressed regret over the loss of the Chinese pilot. But when asked Saturday whether an apology was possible, National Security Council spokeswoman Mary Ellen Countryman said Washington's position was "unchanged."

China's top foreign affairs official, Vice Premier Qian Qichen, told Secretary of State Colin Powell in a letter made public Saturday that stance was "still unacceptable." The United States, Qian said, must "apologize to the Chinese people."

And the defense minister stepped up pressure.

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Brig. Gen. Neal Sealock
U.S. Embassy military attaché

shirk responsibility," Chi told the missing pilot's wife, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. "The People's Liberation Army does not agree to it. The Chinese people don't agree to it."

Civilian leaders could be reluctant to oppose the military on such a nationalistic issue. They already are positioning themselves for leadership changes at a Communist Party congress next year, and none can afford to be accused of bending to Washington, D.C.

Beijing officials may fear that a compromise, with China's fighter pilot still missing, would inflame public anger. State media have praised the missing pilot, Wang Wei, for his patriotic sacrifice.

Xinhua said soldiers were channeling their grief into military strength to "protect the motherland's sovereignty and the people's dignity."

A search for the pilot was in its eighth day yesterday, though a rescue commander was quoted Saturday as saying that "the hope of Wang Wei surviving is getting slim."

Woods holds off Duval and Mickelson to collect fourth straight major

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The only thing left to debate is what to call this remarkable feat. Purists argue that a Grand Slam is accomplished in a calendar year. Woods, emotionally drained after a relentless battle from start to finish, stayed out of the argument.

"I won four," he said with a coy smile. Locked in a thrilling battle with his two chief rivals, Woods hit a daring approach from 149 yards into the perilous 11th hole. The ball grazed the cup for a tap-in birdie, giving Woods a lead that he never let go.

Duval, believing this might be his year after three close calls, made it through Amen Corner without a mistake but took bogey on the par-3 16th, firing his tee shot over the green and missing an 8-foot putt for par.

He had two chances to catch Woods, but looked on in shock as birdie putts from 12 feet on the 17th and 5 feet on the final hole failed to fall.

Mickelson, poised to claim his first major, also missed an 8-foot par putt on the 16th hole. He also failed to cash in on birdie putts on the final two holes.

Woods never faltered. His lead remained at one stroke when he

missed a 3-foot birdie putt on the 15th, but he traded spectacular golf for solid play with history on the line and delivered, as he has done from the time he turned pro five short years ago.

"I've succeeded in what I wanted to accomplish," Woods said as he sat in Butler's cabin waiting for last year's winner, Vijay Singh, to help him put on another green jacket. "I don't feel ecstatic yet. It hasn't sunk in." He later took a congratulatory call from President Bush.

The Grand Slam traditionally has meant winning four majors in a calendar year.

Woods can simply take out his trophies from the Masters, U.S. Open, British Open and PGA Championship — and claim a place in history that no professional has occupied.

Not Jack Nicklaus, his idol, who missed his chance to hold the titles of all four majors in 1972. Not Arnold Palmer, who dreamed up the idea of a Grand Slam in 1960 but only got halfway there.

The only Grand Slam in golf not up for debate is the one that belongs to Bobby Jones, who won the U.S. Open, U.S. Amateur, British Open and British Amateur in 1930.

Fittingly, Woods finished his historic run at

the tournament Jones created in 1934.

"A Grand Slam is something we've never seen before," said Butch Harmon, Woods' swing coach. "But we may see it before we're done."

Woods now has won six majors, as many as Nick Faldo and Lee Trevino and only one major behind the likes of Palmer, Sam Snead and Harry Vardon. And with his winning score of 16-under 272, Woods swept the majors with a combined score of 65-under par.

It started with a runaway at Pebble Beach in the U.S. Open last June, and concluded with the biggest thriller of them all.

The final leg at the Masters featured one dramatic moment after another involving three of the best players in the world. All of them had their chances. Every putt could have turned the tide. The crowds watched breathlessly as it all unfolded.

"He simply does what is required," Mickelson said.

Mickelson shared the lead twice early in the final round, but was undone by the mistakes that cost him earlier in the tournament — a missed 2-foot putt on No. 6, a drive into the trees on No. 11 that led to bogey and left

"I finally realized I had no more to play. I'm done."

Tiger Woods
2001 Masters champion

him trying to make up ground on Woods.

Still, he was only one stroke back with three holes to play when his approach into the 16th stayed on the top ridge. Mickelson aimed nearly sideways, but his ball rolled left down the slope and past the cup.

Bogey. Duval, who wasn't even sure he could play the Masters because of an injured right wrist, three-putted for par from about 60 feet on No. 13 and can only look back at missed birdie chances on three of the last five holes.

He finished with a 67, his fourth straight year in contention at Augusta, and the first time he has ever been runner-up to Woods.

Toshi Izawa had a 67 and tied for fourth at 278, the best finish ever by a Japanese player in the Masters. He was joined by Mark Calcavecchia, who had a 72.

It was Calcavecchia who called Woods the "chosen one" after Woods completed the career Grand Slam by winning the British

Open in St. Andrews last summer.

"He's not like anyone we've seen before in the game," Calcavecchia said. "It's pretty impressive."

Woods was all business from the time he arrived at Augusta National, eyes locked ahead as he walked past Nike chairman Phil Knight and an entourage of swoosh-clad executives. He and Mickelson never looked at each other on the practice green, even though they stood just 10 feet from each other.

A huge gallery that lined up outside the gates some eight hours before Woods teed off followed en masse, standing a dozen rows deep around the green as roars echoed from all corners of Augusta.

He now has won 27 times on the PGA Tour in just 98 tournaments, and six majors in only 17 starts as a professional.

What's next? Maybe a Grand Slam that no one can debate. Next stop, the U.S. Open.