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## **Arafat orders arrests**

**Bombings** against Israelis killed 25 people and wounded 200.

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JERUSALEM — A series of weekend suicide bombings against Israel killed 25 people and wounded nearly 200, prompting Yasser Arafat to order dozens of Islamic militants arrested and to promise harsh action. But Israel was deeply skeptical, with hard-liners calling for the removal of the Palestin-

cut short his U.S. trip to rush home after meeting with President Bush. who denounced the bombings as "horrific acts of murder."

Bush and other world leaders pressed Arafat to crack down on militants. The Palestinian leader "must do everything in his power to find those who murdered innocent Israelis and bring them to justice," Bush said.

Images of bodies lying on sidewalks and blood-smeared survivors crying out in agony filled TV screens, and Israelis had a growing sense that 14 months of Israeli-Palestinian fighting had reached a crossroads.

a turning point," said Cabinet Minister | INTERNATIONAL, Page 11

Season finale

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon Matan Vilnai. He did not say how Israel would retaliate but warned the Palestinian Authority was "endangering its existence" by not cracking down on mil-

The carnage began in Jerusalem just before midnight Saturday, when two suicide bombers set off their nail-filled bombs on Ben Yehuda street, an area of cafes and bars packed with young Israelis. Ten people, mostly teens, were killed. and 150 were wounded.

At noon yesterday, a third Palestinian blew himself up in a bus in the northern port city of Haifa.

"It must be understood that we are at President Bush condemns the attacks.



Sallors aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt signal to a pilot who is preparing to fly.

# **American bombs** pound Kandahar

By Kathy Gannon **ASSOCIATEÓ PRESS WRITER** 

KABUL, Afghanistan — American bombers pummeled Kandahar, the Taliban's last stronghold, to open the way for tribal fighters preparing to storm the nearby airport, as U.S. Marines yesterday patrolled the surrounding deserts.

Refugees who fled Kandahar for neighboring Pakistan said attacks by U.S. B-52 bombers and other warplanes were heavy and relentless.
Fighters from Pashtun tribes were

waiting out the heavy wave of bombardment before resuming an assault on the airport.

"We're not in any rush," said Mohammed Anwar, an ally of Gul Agha, the former governor of Kandahar whose fighters held positions on a strategic road between the city and Spinboldak, another Taliban outpost targeted by airstrikes.

Anti-Taliban forces claimed U.S. bombing raids had mistakenly destroyed one of their headquarters in Afghanistan's mountainous east early yesterday, killing at least eight people. There was no immediate comment from U.S. officials.

U.S. Groups might be monitored. I OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

### **Black leaders call for** Celestin to graduate

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With two weeks left until Jean M. Celestin is scheduled to receive his Penn State degree, black student leaders called on the university Friday not to prevent the graduation of the former

wrestler convicted of sexual assault. "It would be a terrible injustice to keep a student who has diligently ing a female Penn State student. The worked toward a college degree from charges included rape, involuntary graduating and receiving the fruits of his labor," said Teaunte Wilson, vice president of the Penn State chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Celestin did not appear at Friday's press conference in the Paul Robeson Cultural Center. He wishes to remain silent, student leaders said, as he is currently appealing his conviction.

In a letter to the university last week, national non-profit Security On Campus, Inc., questioned Celestin's graduation, after Judge Tom Kistler sentenced him to six to 12 months in county prison.

The judge's decision would allow Celestin to finish his political science degree in December before his imprisonment.

Celestin has not faced university sanctions yet because the victim, who has since withdrawn from Penn State, requested that Penn State delay its Office of Judicial Affairs process until the court proceedings concluded.

Last week, after the victim contacted the university, Judicial Affairs reopened its case against Celestin.

We'll follow U.S. law and university policy and move as swiftly as possible

now that the waiting period that the victim requested is over," said university spokesman Bill Mahon.

He said the university's decision could be reached within the next two weeks - before the December graduation ceremonies.

In October 1999, Celestin, 22, along with former teammate Nathan Parker, 21, was charged with sexually assaultdeviate sexual intercourse and inde-

cent assault. Celestin was convicted in October of sexual assault and cleared of all other charges while Parker was cleared of all of the charges brought against him.

At the sentencing, District Attorney Ray Gricar criticized the judge's ruling. The sentencing guidelines for Celestin's conviction recommend a three- to six-year detainment in state

prison. Gricar said he filed a motion for Kistler to modify Celestin's sentence in accordance with these guidelines and

is waiting for the judge's response. Kistler could not be reached for comment vesterday.

On Friday, student leaders at Penn State defended Kistler's sentence and supported Celestin's graduation.

David Davis, speaking on behalf of the Black Caucus, said: "It is our position that Judge Kistler's sentencing was fair based upon the incongruent circumstances of the three-day long trial."

The caucus hopes the university will respect Kistler's decision to allow Celestin to graduate, Davis said. He See LEADERS, Page 11.

Inside

#### Afghans face drawn-out talks

By Brian McDonald

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. - All

After winning five of their last six

contests, the majority of which came

in dramatic fashion, the Nittany

Lions arrived in the middle of the

scenic Virginia mountains for what

was supposed to be the final step-

hotel to Charlottesville's Scott Stadi-

um, the 72 degree, sunny weather

powers that be were sending them a

message that access to their covet-

ed destination was going to be

But alas, these Lions used up the

And when the Lions loaded up for didn't

their pregame bus ride from their appear

ping stone to the postseason.

signs pointed towards it. A trip to a

late December bowl game seemed

inevitable for Penn State.

U.N.-led talks on Afghanistan's future took an important step forward yesterday with four Afghan factions poring over a U.N. draft detailing terms for the northern alliance to transfer power in the capital, Kabul. **OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Page 6** 

#### Public opinion factor in war

Public opinion might play an important role in the United States' mission to eradicate terrorism, several Penn State professors say. "Public opinion has a strong influence on executive actions and is always a factor in the time of war," Robert LaPorte, professor of political science, said. | OPERA-TION ENDURING FREEDOM, Page 8

#### **Lesson to be learned in loss**

Despite their careers ending earlier than expected, the 18 seniors on the Penn State football team remain optimistic for the future. They hope this year will be the start of something special. | SPORTS, Page 13



Penn State coach Joe Paterno talks with his defense during the second quarter in a 20-14 loss to Virginia.

Hopes for a bowl game lost in Virginia

(5-6) off the postseason express, 20-

game," Paterno said. "They played

hard and they hustled and they

knew what they were doing and held

Football

Penn State

that way in the first half as the Lions

jumped out to the early lead when

around the right side of the Penn

State offensive line for a three-yard

score to make it 7-0 midway through

last of their nine lives as Virginia (5- the next series with a field goal but Super freshman Zack Mills finally

7) exacted a supreme second half the Lions notched their second appears human. | SPORTS, Page 13

The Cavaliers got on the board

14

University of Virginia

on to the

football.

They

deserved

to win the

But it

the first quarter.

game."

had to give them a feeling that the tailback Eric McCoo scampered

"Virginia played a great football

defensive effort to knock the Lions touchdown when fullback Mick

quarter.

on just one play.

Blosser hauled in a four-vard toss

from Zack Mills to make it 14-3 at

the halfway point of the second

field goal before the break to cut the

deficit to eight, but it was apparent

the Lions were in control of the

game even though both teams' half-

But the funny thing about game

The Lions found that out the hard

After stopping the Cavaliers on

their opening drive in the second

half, the Lions marched deep into

Virginia territory and appeared

headed for the knockout blow before

See HOPES, Page 11.

control is that it can change hands

time numbers were fairly similar.

Virginia would go on to tack on a

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### Degrees required for lounging at Hintz

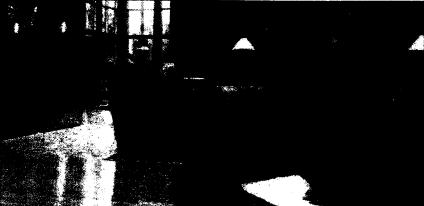
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As final exams approach this semester, many students are scrounging up slices of extra time and corners of quiet space to study around campus. But employees overseeing at least one cozy spot won't be welcoming too many roving students with open arms. That is, unless they have a Penn State degree.

The seven-month-old Hintz Family Alumni Center — besides housing the Penn State Alumni Association offices upstairs - features Robb Hall, a highceilinged centerpiece lounge, and a suite of three conference rooms with adjoining interview nooks.

After association director Diane Ryan and others discovered one too many students sleeping on the groundfloor couches, they decided to start asking non-alumni to find another place to nap, study or gather.

"It was never designed as a study area. It's not like the HUB," Ryan said. Robb Hall has been dubbed a "living room for alumni" visiting their alma lounge chairs scattered around the



Dave Slaugenhoup/Associated

RyAnne Petrof (sophomore-elementary education), on right, gets ready for final exams. Alumni Association employees have been asking students to study elsewhere.

mater, according to a virtual tour on the HUB-Robeson Center, she said, and the alumni association's Web site, but Ryan said she doesn't think the room can handle a huge influx of students looking

to make it a living room for themselves. As attractive as it is, the room's furniture isn't as durable as the kind of

alumni center does not have as large a maintenance staff, either.

"It was never designed for students. And that's why it was furnished the way it was," Ryan said.

Kate Dailey (senior-English and his-See DEGREES, Page 11.