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Interstate 99 spans East Park Avenue near the Route 322 interchange. Roads have been narrowed at points along Route 322.

Rt. 322 road work to delay drivers

Motorists should expect to be stopped for at least 15 minutes near Skytop.

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Motorists traveling State Route 322 should expect major delays as construction of US Route 26 and I-99 continues.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), many roadways leading to the State College area are now under heavy construction. Motorists will face single-lane traffic and should expect to

be stopped for no less than 15 minutes in certain areas of the roadway during blasting operations, including Port Matilda to Skytop and from Skytop to Scotia Road.

Additionally, traffic patterns along much of State Route 322 have been changed and roads have been narrowed to allow roadwork to continue. Motorists are advised to remain alert, use extreme caution and follow traffic signs, according to PennDOT.

Most construction will take place

between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. A majority of the construction will take place in the Skytop and Port Matilda areas and other outlying sections of the roadway.

The \$195 million project involves construction of a new eight-mile, four-lane highway that is planned to alleviate traffic congestion in the area. Continuing growth of the State College area created safety and traffic problems along the existing roadway. Construction began in early 1999.

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Bush: Saddam may attack U.S.

The president said Hussein and his 'holy warriors' could have a nuclear weapon in less than a year.

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CINCINNATI — President Bush, seeking support for war against Iraq, called Saddam Hussein a "murderous tyrant" last night and said he may be plotting to attack the United States with biological and chemical weapons.

Saddam and his "nuclear holy warriors" are also building a nuclear weapons program and could have a nuclear weapon in less than a year, Bush said in a prime-time address.

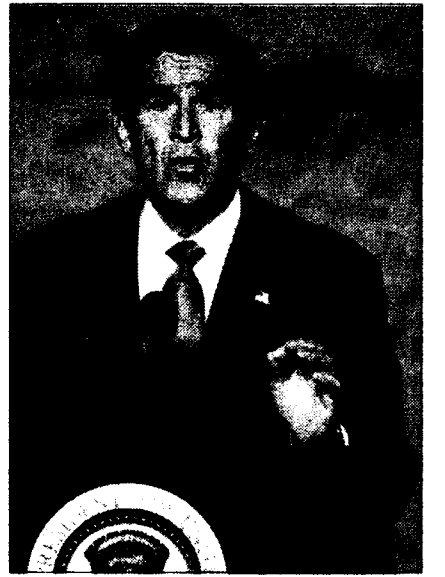
"If we allow that to happen, a terrible line would be crossed," the president told civic group leaders at the Cincinnati Museum Center. "Saddam Hussein would be in a position to blackmail anyone who opposes his aggression."

"I am not willing to stake one American life on trusting Saddam Hussein," Bush said.

His address opened a week of debate in Congress over resolutions giving the president authority to wage war against Iraq. The House and Senate planned votes for Thursday, and the Bush-backed resolution was expected to pass by wide margins.

Still, doubts remained at home and abroad about Bush's plans.

Even as he spoke, new polls revealed lingering unease among voters about going to war, particularly if casualties were high or fighting distracted attention from America's sagging economy. Democrats criticized Bush's insistence upon confronting



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President Bush addresses the nation on Iraq at the Cincinnati Museum Center. Bush traveled to Ohio as Congress plans a vote on a resolution on Iraq.

Iraq alone if the United Nations failed to act.

Bush hopes an overwhelming vote in Congress will persuade reluctant allies in the United Nations to adopt a tough new resolution forcing Saddam to disarm — by force, if necessary.

The president said U.S. intelligence shows Iraq to be building manned and unmanned aerial vehicles that could be used to target the United States with chemical or biological weapons.

Two armed men take \$3,000 from West College Uni-Mart

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Two men robbed Uni-Mart, 1301 W. College Ave., at gunpoint Sunday night, Ferguson Township Police said.

The men entered the convenience store at about 10:40 p.m., displayed a handgun and fled with about \$3,000, Ferguson Township Police Department Det. Brian Sprinkle said. The men remain at large, Sprinkle said.

The white men were wearing masks over their faces and fled the scene on foot to a nearby, dark-colored pickup truck, Sprinkle said.

Police received a lot of information regarding the description of

the suspects, and they are investigating the crime.

"We're following some leads," Sprinkle said.

He added that he does not believe this robbery is related to a similar incident that occurred last week when two men entered a Patton Township convenience store, stole \$120 and led police on a high-speed chase that caused an accident.

One suspect in that case, Steven A. Shawley, remains in prison, Sprinkle said.

However, the other suspect in the particular store robbery still remains at large.

Police are asking anyone with information regarding the case contact the Ferguson Township Police Department at 234-1172.

Assembly debates seminars

Senators discussed some ways to improve the required first-year courses.

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Members of Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Academic Assembly suggested ideas to improve first-year seminars at their meeting last night.

Freshman seminar revisions will be a major topic at University Faculty Senate's March meeting, where the assembly will report its ideas, said Academic Assembly President D. Josh Troxell.

"I know this is a very hot topic, which is why we're starting extremely early," Troxell said.

Dawn Rupp, senator for the Eberly College of Science, said the seminars should have an introduction to all majors within the college, not just focus on one topic throughout the semester. Mark Levin, senator for the College

of Earth and Mineral Sciences, agreed that this would be helpful for students.

"It would get people thinking about majors sooner rather than ending up in DUS [division of undergraduate studies] for years," he said.

This raised the question of who would teach the seminars if the professor must have knowledge of all the individual majors in a particular college.

Levin suggested professors should rotate through sections of the seminars, each providing their expertise in selected areas to a class of students.

Some assembly members suggested making the seminars uniform throughout all colleges to introduce students to university resources.

But Kelly Rossi, rep representative from the College of Health and Human Development, worried that seminar class sizes will inflate and effectiveness

will be lost if seminars are more like a general lecture.

"It's supposed to be an adjusting-type class," Rossi said. She added that she made a good friend in her freshman seminar because the class was small.

Lauren Applegate, senator for the College of Communications, said there should be a uniform time frame for all seminars. She said her seminar met for four hours each week for six weeks, while other seminars met for a shorter time every week.

"It was just painful," she said. The assembly will continue their seminar discussion at future meetings.

In other business last night, the assembly approved Dina Ross as an associate chief justice of the USG Supreme Court. Ross joins three other voting associate chief justices on the court.

Israeli students share their stories, experiences of life in the Middle East

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Twenty-five-year-old Sharon Tziivelli illustrated the difference between the lives of American and Israeli students through a simple comparison of the students' day.

"You get on the bus, and let's say there's a test you didn't study for," she said. "You wouldn't be able to have your head in your book. You wouldn't be able to look out the window at the scenery. You're always looking at who's coming on and getting off the bus. You're always looking to see if there is a bag anyone left."

Tziivelli visited Penn State Sunday and yesterday with two other Israeli students on behalf of a program called Israel@Heart. The program, brought to the university with the help of Penn State Hillel — an organization that works to promote religious, traditional and cultural awareness in Judaism on college campuses — sends small groups of Israeli students to different campuses to share their personal stories. It is part of an effort to help dispel

negative connotations about the country and its people. Through sending these groups, the project is able to bring together individuals who would otherwise be separated by thousands of miles.

The students are halfway through their two-week program, with Penn State as the 11th school on their list of destinations. They are preparing to visit at least that many more in the upcoming week.

Through telling personal stories and sharing experiences, each of the students expressed a desire to dispel the perception that all Israeli citizens are politically and militarily aggressive.

Yishai Goldflam, 26, was at a concert one night when he received notice he was called to military duty. He then spent a month fighting in the West Bank. When he returned, the criticism he encountered for Israel's excessive use of force frustrated him.

"I hate using a gun," he said. "I hate being a soldier. It's the last thing I wanted to do. Most of the Israeli soldiers are exactly like myself; they're just regular people. I'm not happy when anybody

dies. I wish to God we could stop this."

Tali Lesser, 23, identified a major turning point in her life as the death of a classmate's parents and grandparents in a bombing last April.

"Until that point I saw [the violence] on TV and I read it in the newspaper, but I could turn the TV off," she said, adding that knowing victims made it more of a reality. "Yesterday my friend had a family and today she doesn't."

Each student emphasized that Israel is a diverse country, both geographically and demographically.

"We're all very different people," Goldflam said of the group. "We represent a microcosm of Israeli society."

All three students also expressed their desires for peace in the region.

"We're very optimistic that the world will change and there will be peace," Goldflam said. "Israel and Jerusalem are very important to us, but life is even more important."

Lesser summarized the group's main hope in traveling to the different campuses.

"The message is that we're all just regular people," she said.



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Visiting Israeli students share their experiences and thoughts during their stay at Penn State. From left to right: Yishai Goldflam, Sharon Tziivelli, Tali Lesser.

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Japanese collection arrives

Massachusetts businessman Carl A. Weyerhaeuser amassed more than 300 ceramic pieces from leading Japanese potters during the early '70s, and 118 pieces of his collection will be exhibited at the Palmer Museum of Art Museum. It will run from tomorrow through Dec. 1. | ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT, Page 7.

Pill doesn't cause weight gain

A long-term study done at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center has shown that using oral contraceptives (OCs) does not cause weight gain or increased body fat in young women, dispelling one misperception about the use of the pill. This story is part of a series on women's health. | SCIENCE & HEALTH, Page 11.

W. soccer takes on Maryland

No. 13 Penn State women's soccer team (8-2-1, 4-1 Big Ten) and Maryland (7-4, 1-2 ACC) will play for the first time since Aug. 29, 2000 at 7 tonight at Jeffrey Field. The Nittany Lions will play their third game in five days against strong competition. | SPORTS, Page 8.

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