

Three Lady Lions may leave team

Paper reports that guards were asked to leave following loss to Liberty on Sunday

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Sophomore guard Jen Harris was informed Sunday that she and two other players would not be part of the 2005-06 Penn State women's basketball team. Coach Rene Portland told her team following its loss to Liberty in the first round of the NCAA tournament Sunday that three players would not be return-

ing to the team, according to Pearl Harris, who was informed of the situation by her daughter Jen Harris. Portland could not be reached for comment last night. The three guards met with Portland individually in the team's hotel and were then told they would be dismissed, Pearl Harris said. The Patriot-News (Harrisburg) is reporting in today's editions that the

other two players were Lisa Etienne and Amber Bland, and that Etienne confirmed the sequence of events. Etienne also told The Patriot-News that she is not currently exploring a transfer and plans to meet with Penn State coaches to discuss her future with the program. Penn State Assistant Sports Information Director Erin Whiteside told The Patriot-News that the status of the three players had not officially changed. Whiteside could not be reached by The Daily Collegian late last night for comment. Etienne told the Collegian last night that she could not comment on the situation.

Amber Bland could not be reached for comment yesterday. Jen Harris said that she would not comment on her dismissal until she received permission from the Penn State athletics department to speak to coaches of other Division I women's basketball programs, should she decide to pursue a transfer. Pearl Harris said her daughter was not seeking a transfer or a release for a transfer. "She is not requesting to be released," Pearl Harris said. "And she is not requesting to transfer at this time." Harris would be the team's returning

leading scorer next season, averaging 10.4 points per game this year. Harris started the first 22 games of her sophomore season with the Lady Lions and provided a viable third scoring option with Tanisha Wright and Jess Strom this year. Against Illinois on Jan. 13 at the Bryce Jordan Center, Harris turned in a career-high 26 points. Portland removed Harris from the starting lineup before the Feb. 10 game against Indiana and her production waned coming off the bench.

Collegian staff writer Justin Kunkel contributed to this report.

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Rachel Ginsberg (sophomore-marketing) and Kellen Bell (sophomore-actuarial science) catch some rays and chat in West Halls quad. The sunshine and warmer temperatures brought students outdoors yesterday. However, today's weather is expected to return to more winter-like conditions, with a high of 36 degrees predicted with possible rain and snow showers. Temperatures are not expected to rise past 50 degrees for the rest of this week.

Court hears family appeal

Terri Schiavo's parents begged a federal appellate court to reconnect her feeding tube yesterday.

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TAMPA, Fla. — Warning that Terri Schiavo was "fading quickly" and might die at any moment, her parents begged a federal appeals court yesterday to order the severely brain-damaged woman's feeding tube to be reinserted.

David Gibbs III, attorney for parents Bob and Mary Schindler, told the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta that the 41-year-old woman might die before they could get a chance to fully argue their case that her rights are being violated. The appeal came after a federal judge in Tampa rejected the parents' emergency request.

"Where, as here, death is imminent, it is hard to imagine more critical and exigent circumstances," Gibbs said in the appeal filed electronically with the court. "Terri is fading quickly and her parents reasonably fear that her death is imminent."

There was no immediate indication of when the appeals court might rule.

Even before the parents' appeal was filed, the woman's husband urged the 11th Circuit not to grant an emergency request to restore nutrition.

"That would be a horrific intrusion upon Mrs. Schiavo's personal liberty," said the filing by Michael Schiavo's attorney, George Felos. He filed

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Friends grieve over accident victims

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Family and friends bid farewell in a tearful memorial service dedicated to four international Penn State students who died in two separate car accidents during spring break.

Graduate students Djung Yune Tchoi, 33, Hyeonhwa Lee, 30, and Joo-Ook Kim, 27, died in a car accident on March 5 on Interstate 80, near Danville.

The students were travelling to New York, when the car Tchoi was driving crossed into traffic.

Chen-Ying Chien, 20, died March 7 in a car accident along the Florida Turnpike.

Chien was on vacation in Florida with friends, and she was traveling to Miami when her car struck a concrete barrier. More than 150 family and friends gathered at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center to remember the students through speeches and slideshow presentations of each of the students.

Yeonsoo Kim, a friend of Tchoi, tearfully remembered how she enjoyed struggling with difficult problems as a doctoral student in mass communications.

"I still can't grasp the reality of her absence. I don't know how to say goodbye to her," she said.

"I love my friend and I really miss her," Kim added.

Tchoi's co-adviser, Ronald Bettig, read a letter of recommendation that he would have written for her, if given the opportunity.

"She is a brilliant scholar as well as a kind and committed citizen," he said. "She wanted to help create a world where everyone had a chance to succeed."

Sook-Young Park said she remembered meeting Lee through the church services on campus.

"She used to sing so passionately, which left an impression on me," Park said.

"She was like an angel sent by God," she added.

Lee was always gentle and helpful to

other students, said her co-adviser, Suet-Ling Pong.

"Hyeonhwa was reliable, conscientious and hard working," she said.

"She was the kind of student every teacher adores ... we love her so very much," Pong said.

Yoo-Bok Kim, Joo-Ook Kim's father, choked up as he spoke through a translator and asked the audience to keep his daughter in their memories.

"When you live in happiness, Joo-Ook will be there with you," he said.

Soyeon Cho, a friend of Joo-Ook Kim, said she was optimistic and had a great sense of humor. "Joo-Ook had the heart of an angel," she said.

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Students petition to keep Creamery scooping at historic Borland locale

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If you ask Matt Ritsko, the sweetest part of Penn State tradition is in danger.

"The Creamery is an intrinsic part of Penn State," Ritsko (senior-economics) said. "Moving it is a change of tradition, and these days there are less and less traditions in the Penn State community."

Next fall, the University Creamery will become the Berkey Creamery when it moves to the new Food Sciences Building at Bigler and Curtin roads. Its current location in Borland Lab at Shortlidge and Curtin roads will be closed for building renovations.

Ritsko, an Undergraduate Student Government (USG) East Halls senator, said he has prepared a three-step approach to defend the Creamery's current location on his own, not as a representative for USG.

Ritsko and co-organizer Chris Miller (graduate-mechanical engineering) are gathering the necessary information to apply the current Creamery location for landmark status from the National Register of Historic Places.

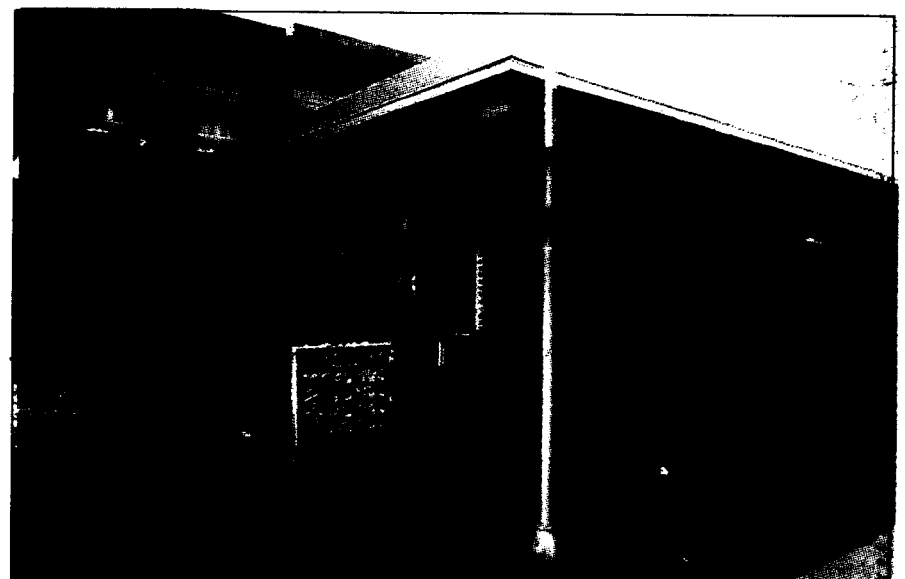
They are also surveying students to determine their thoughts on the effects of the Creamery's relocation. According to the pair's Web site, www.savethecreamery.com, 49 of 127 students surveyed said

they go to the Creamery at least once a week. Twenty-nine students said they would visit the new location as often — statistics Ritsko and Miller say show the move may affect student accessibility.

"Right now the students say that location is really convenient," Miller said. "[After the move], it will be convenient only to the students who live in East Halls."

The Web site also includes a petition for students and alumni to sign, which will eventually be sent to Penn State administrators and trustees. Since the creation of the Web site in February, 230

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Two students are trying to block the University Creamery's Borland Lab location from moving to the new Food Sciences Building. Officials say it might be too late.



Israeli consul general speaks on Middle East

Uri Palti painted a positive view for the future of Israel at a Hillel-sponsored event last night. | LOCAL, Page 3.



Tables turn on lacrosse

After knocking off two No. 1 teams in two weeks for a high ranking of its own, the women's lacrosse team was upset yesterday by unranked Temple, 6-5, at home. | SPORTS, Page 8.

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