

## WEEKEND WEATHER

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
		
T-storms High: 72° Low: 55°	Showers High: 72° Low: 52°	Partly Cloudy High: 72° Low: 52°

## BEHREND BRIEFS

### Spanier focuses on students

During his State of the University address last Friday, Penn State President Graham B. Spanier made the point that although the University's national reputation is substantially based on the research productivity and stature of its faculty, it must not forget that the University exists first and foremost to provide an advanced education to its students.

"I truly believe students must be our top priority, and this is why Penn State must be a model of a student-centered university," said Spanier. "As a learning community, we must put our students and their development at the heart of all we do."

### Penn State streamlines administration

As part of Penn State's efforts to further streamline its administrative operations, the University plans to eliminate two senior positions.

The Dean of International Programs position will be eliminated and will be merged with the position of Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education to form the position of Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and International Programs. Jan Jacobs, professor of human development and family studies and psychology, who currently serves as vice president for administration, will begin service on Oct. 1, in her new role as vice provost.

In addition, Vice President for Administration position will be eliminated and will merge with the position of Vice President for University Relations. The new position, which will be titled Vice President for University Relations, will include all of the responsibilities of each of the two current vice presidential areas except for the Office of Affirmative Action. Steve MacCarthy, currently Vice President for University Relations, will assume this increased scope of responsibility, effective Oct. 1.

### Enrollment verifications available online

Students are now able to request enrollment verifications online at [eLion.psu.edu](http://eLion.psu.edu).

The enrollment verification available at that site permits students to request an official enrollment verification letter to be mailed to him or her or to a third party.

Students are permitted to make only one enrollment verification request (sent to up to two different recipients) per day. There is no cost for this service.

### Campus ministry services open to all

Faculty, staff, students, and members of the community are invited to the Sunday worship services in the Smith Chapel at the following times:

- 10 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Service
- 6 p.m. Interdenominational Protestant Service
- 7:30 p.m. Catholic Mass

A time for fellowship will follow each service. Protestant worship services will be led by a variety of clergy. Mass will be celebrated by Father Mike Allison, campus chaplain.

For more information, please contact Lynn McNeil at x7139 or Sister Mary Drexler at x6245.

### Passport photos available on campus

The studio at the Media and Instructional Support Center has a camera available to take passport photos for faculty and students. The cost is \$6 for the first two photos and \$4 for two additional photos.

If you need a passport photo, please call MISC at x6121 to arrange an appointment.

## POLICE AND SAFETY

9/7/02	00:50	People were reported vomiting and urinating in the exterior stairwell of Lawrence Hall. An underage female was found.
9/7/02	12:50	A complainant reported that someone removed the passenger-side side view mirror from his car.
9/8/02	17:00	A complainant reported the theft of 20 DVDs.
9/9/02	14:30	A complainant reported vandalism near the golf green.
9/10/02	14:07	An officer found a vehicle with a manufactured permit.
9/13/02	14:25	A complainant reported damage to her vehicle while it was parked on campus.
9/14/02	00:55	A resident assistant reported the aroma of marijuana coming from a room.

## CLASSIFIED

### Primal Fear

Who: United We Stand Theatre Troupe  
What: Stage adaptation of "Primal Fear"  
When: Thurs. 9/26 to Sun. 9/29  
Thurs. 10/3 to Sat. 10/5

Performances at 8 p.m., Sun. at 5 p.m.

Where: Blasco Library - H. O. Hirt Auditorium  
160 East Front St. Erie, PA

Price: \$6 students (mature audiences only) and seniors  
\$8 adults

Why: Proceeds benefit 9/11 Charities

How: Tickets available at Borders Bookstore, at the door, or by calling  
Rob Kocur @ 814-459-5084

Sponsored by: Voices for Independence  
Produced by: Rob Kocur  
Directed by: David W. Mitchell

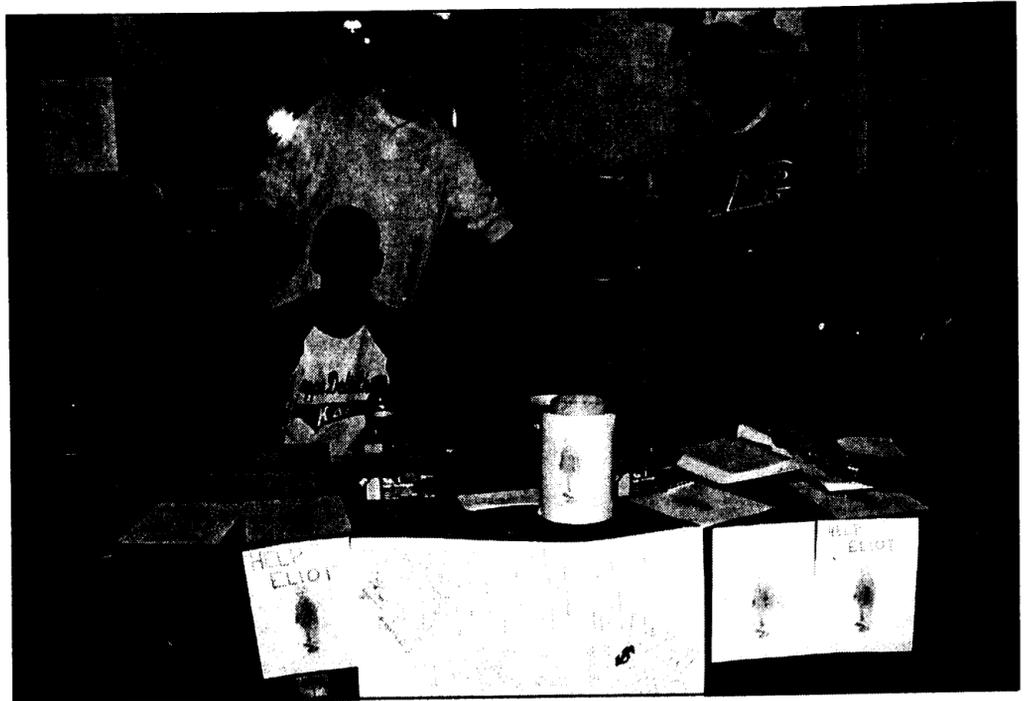
"If you've had a kindness shown, pass it on."  
- Anonymous

Janet Neff Sample Center  
for Manners & Civility



## FOCAL POINT

# Kappa Delta Rho lends a helping hand



Members of Kappa Delta Rho raise money for a good cause outside Bruno's Thursday.

## FROM FRONT PAGE

### UCN

class so they could meet the author of some of the work they were reading.

"He agreed to read student manuscripts and was very generous with his time," said Connerty.

Miskis, meanwhile, had a chance meeting with Prince Charles when she was in Northampton's town centre.

"It was pure coincidence, and I took pictures and talked to him and he shook my hand," said Miskis, Secondary Education, 03. "Very cool."

The weekends provided yet another chance for students to see more of Europe, though it was up to the students to make arrangements. These journeys were not a part of the school's program.

"I also went... to places like Warwick Castle, one of the highlights. It's everything you want from a medieval castle. Windsor Castle, Blenheim Palace and the giant hedge maze, and Oxford. I visited Christ Church College where Harry Potter was filmed and where Lewis Carroll worked," said Miskis. "I also spent a weekend in Sheffield, and the surrounding moors and dales."

Although most students who took this time to travel did so purely for enjoyment, there was an element of study involved as they had to manage their money and become experts at reading maps and train schedules.

"One drawback is that you need twice the amount of money you'd think you'd need to really take advantage of your time there because everything is so expensive, especially transportation to get everywhere, which can be difficult because everything runs North-South, and never East-West," Miskis said.

"Also, the security at the Northampton campus is not what we're accustomed to here at Penn State so I'd advise never leaving anything in your room you couldn't live without. You need to cart your passport and tickets everywhere with you!"

Money is certainly an important consideration for students interested in the program. The cost of the program ranges from \$2,550 for one class to \$3,550 for three classes. This excludes the cost of airfare, extra travel and accommodations, food, and souvenirs. Prudent students should have a bare minimum of \$1,000 to last the five-plus weeks, and \$2,000 is preferable. England tends to be more expensive than



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From left: Mitzi Johnson and Stephanie Pander, both from South Carolina, and Alicia Adameck, David Doyle, Mary Connerty, Lasette Miskis, Ian Rosthauser, Katie Spyker, and Ari Connerty share a smile at Althorpe.

America, and who wants to come back from Europe without souvenirs? Students also need to remain mindful that the English pound is worth about \$1.50.

Luckily, students don't have to spend any extra money to get a taste of the culture of other countries right on campus. In addition to meeting people from diverse backgrounds, including UCN staff and students at Northampton to study English as a Second Language, students had plenty of opportunity to immerse themselves in English culture in Northampton.

"The International Office people were so fabulous and nice, and we had a lot of interaction with the ESL students," said Connerty.

"One of my favorite places was Boughton, a sleepy village not far from our campus," said Miskis. "The little pub called the Whyte Melville was perfectly lovely and I met a woman who lives in the thatched roof just down the street from the pub who invited me for tea on her rooftop garden."

"The town of Northampton is really quite nice as is the town of Kingsthorpe (where UCN is located)," said Rosthauser. "There are several pubs within a 10 minute walking time from the college, and we totally took

advantage of that!"

"The value of the trip is great," said Connerty.

"In the end, the price that I paid for the whole trip I would never be able to do again because it was so cheap," said Rosthauser.

Trip attendance was hampered by a lack of organization, as well as the poor economy and post-9/11 travel concerns. Organizers are giving the program one more year to improve, assisting the effort by getting the catalog of courses out before Thanksgiving and sending more UCN staff to colleges around the United States.

"It would be such a shame if they had to close the program," Connerty said.

"It was a magical summer that I didn't want to end," Miskis said. "Friends of a lifetime, experiences that shaped my life!"

Students interested in this or other study abroad opportunities should contact Ruth Pflueger in the Learning Resource Center at [rcp1@psu.edu](mailto:rcp1@psu.edu).

## Second Spirit Day winner



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Kathy Mauro (left), pictured with Sandra Taccone, is the second Pizza Hut Spirit Day contest winner. She received a Pizza Hut pizza for wearing Penn State colors on Sept. 13.

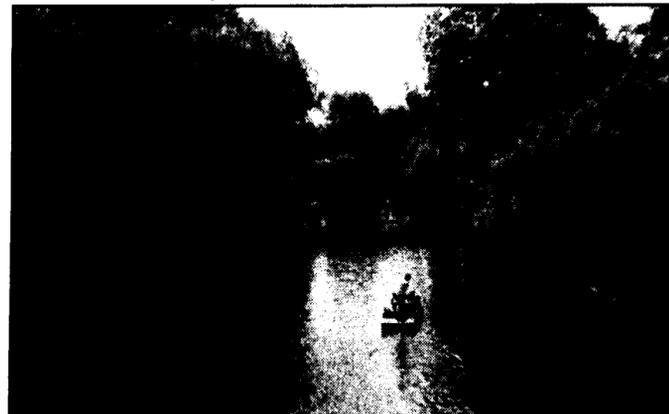


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A "punter" navigates his boat towards a bridge in Cambridge, one of several sites students in the summer program visited.