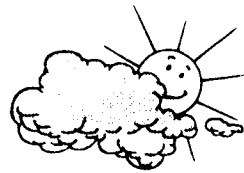


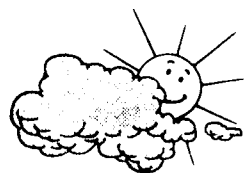
WEEKEND WEATHER

SATURDAY



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Low: 36°

SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy
High: 46°
Low: 36°

MONDAY



Showers
High: 46°
Low: 36°

PENN STATE NEWS

courtesy of the Penn State NewsWire for the week of Nov. 10

Death of small-town America is greatly exaggerated

Amid the onslaught of urban and suburban sprawl, the death of small-town America has been greatly exaggerated, according to a Penn State researcher. "When people care about each other and their community, the community persists in the face of enormous social, demographic and economic changes," says A. E. Luloff, professor of rural sociology and agricultural economics. "Places don't go away; the sense of community goes away." Basing his conclusions on a study of six rural towns going back to the 1940s, Luloff notes that a sense of collective pride can be engendered by a variety of community events and celebrations. The towns are Landaff, N.H.; El Cerrito, N.M.; Sublette, Kansas; Lancaster; Irwin, Iowa; and Harmony, Ga. Read the full story at <http://live.psu.edu/story/4630>.

Student becomes part of McKeesport campus history

As the ribbon-cutting ceremony members assembled to officially open the new Student Community Center at Penn State McKeesport last month, an unfamiliar person moved into place between Penn State President Graham Spanier and Curtiss E. Porter, campus executive officer. Poised with the oversized, gold-plated scissors in one hand and part of the ceremonial ribbon in the other hand, the young man proceeded to make history on campus by functioning as the "official ribbon cutter" to the newest building at Penn State McKeesport. His name is Charles Bisel, and he's the winner of a student essay contest that asked the question, "What is your vision for the new Student Community Center?" Read the full story at http://www.mk.psu.edu/current/newreleases/11_05_03studentessaycontest.htm. For photos of the ceremony, visit <http://www.mk.psu.edu/campusscenes/ribboncutting/ribboncutting.htm>.

Racial-ethnic pride and academic achievement linked

African-American fourth-graders with higher levels of racial-ethnic pride were found in a recent study also to have higher academic achievement as measured by reading and math grades in school and standardized tests, says a Penn State researcher. Emilie Phillips Smith, associate professor of human development and family studies, says, "The study contradicts the notion that 'racelessness' in school children is necessary for success. We found that family, school and community are all important factors related to children's healthy racial-ethnic attitudes and that these attitudes are correlated with their academic achievement." Smith's and her co-authors' findings appear in a recent issue of the American Journal of Community Psychology. Read the full story at <http://live.psu.edu/story/4394>.

CORRECTION

The article "Rockin' the vote Behrend style" that appeared in the Nov. 7 issue misstated the event's name. "Rock the Vote" should have been referred to as "Rock'n the Vote."

POLICE AND SAFETY

- 11/6/2003 2:00 p.m. Complainant reported that someone struck her car while it was parked in the Erie Hall lot.
- 11/7/2003 8:30 p.m. Complainant reported that a vehicle had driven on grass in S-Lot. Vehicle was located.
- 11/8/2003 2:45 p.m. Broken window reported in Perry Hall.

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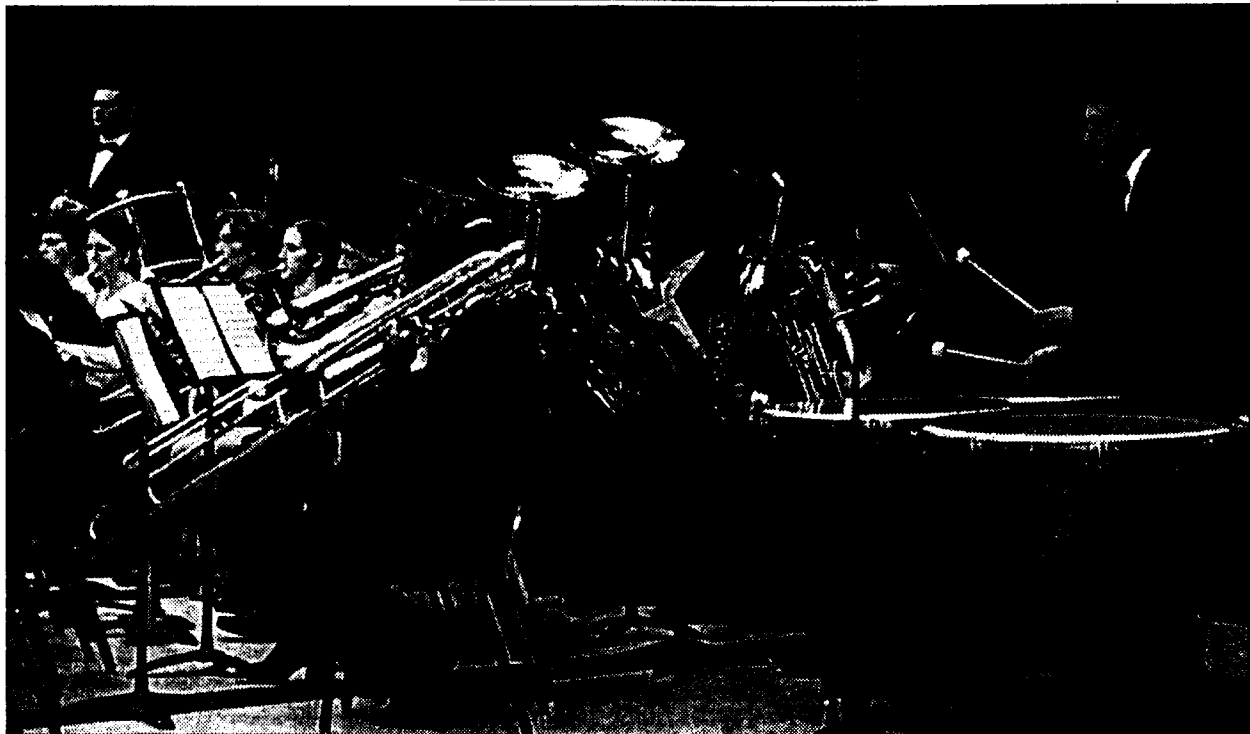


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The Concert Band performs "Masterworks for Winds" in the McGarvey Commons last evening.



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Steven Kellogg and the Sixers perform last Saturday evening at the Lion Entertainment Boards's Coffeehouse series.

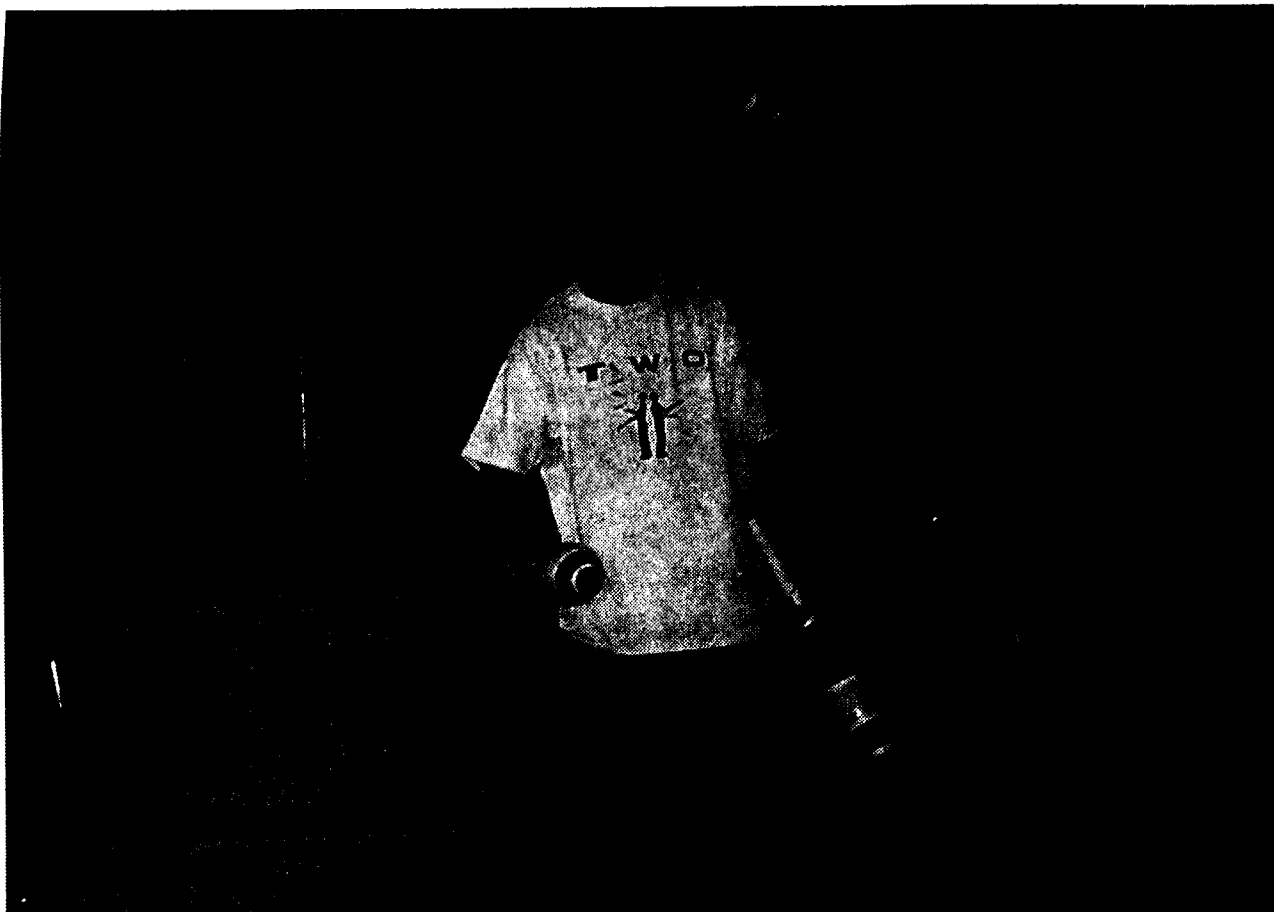


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T.J. Ross, a senior at nearby Harbor Creek High School, practices his juggling techniques in the McGarvey Commons.



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Freshman students, from left, Matt Duda, Dan Mitchell, Gabe Stevenson, Cody Filges and Andy Rose participate in the first annual Niagara Hall pool tournament.