



photo by Jody L. Jacobs

Provost Bruhn officially opened the CUB's new game room at a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday, September 12. The game room offers students a variety of recreational activities including a pool table, table soccer, air hockey and darts. It will be open Monday - Thursday 5:00 - 9:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 - 5:30 p.m.

## XGI's place second in state softball championship

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It has been almost 30 years since Penn State Harrisburg's XGI fraternity did what they did last month and it had little to do with the military. We're talking about softball.

On August 27, the XGI's or Chi Gamma Iota fraternity placed second in a statewide softball championship held at State College. The second place finish came after a loss to Edinboro State University, but a reprieve came when Harrisburg's XGI's beat them in the second round of double-elimination finals.

Gordon Moon, president of Chi Gamma Iota (XGI) says they never expected to win, especially after they "lost badly" to Edinboro in the first game.

Edinboro, says Moon, consists of former Edinboro students and they have been one of the toughest contenders in the past.

Attending the championship were other XGI representatives from 25 schools across the state, including: two teams from University Park, Edinboro, Slippery Rock and others.

The purpose of the event was to bring XGI clubs and fraternities together from across the state. Membership in XGI has declined over the years, says Moon, adding that the clubs first began after Vietnam, by veterans looking for "some kind of connection" after the war.

He says that with changing memberships comes a changing purpose for XGI's. Now many of the 240 members in Chi Gamma Iota at Capital Campus are ROTC students, with only two or three students from the Gulf War and fewer still from the Vietnam War. The focus of Chi Gamma Iota today is more toward community service.

One recent change in Chi Gamma Iota is the inclusion of nonmilitary members says Moon. He says the fraternity has created two kinds of membership, regular members and social members.

Regular members must be either in ROTC, reserve or active military duty, this includes the National Guard and all four branches of the military.

The new social member category, says Moon, will open the fraternity to anyone interested in the fraternity's service activities. The only stipulation is that social members cannot hold offices or vote.

There are currently about 20 active and 15 social members Moon says.

Among the many community service activities the fraternity performs is a blood drive in conjunction with Central Pennsylvania Blood Banks. Moon says the fraternity goes beyond just soliciting blood twice per year, they are

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## First annual arts and crafts festival to be held at PSH next month

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Explore your world through music, food and art at the first annual Community Arts & Crafts Fall Festival on Sat., Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the area adjacent to the Olmsted Building. Parking and admission are free.

In conjunction with the community, Penn State Harrisburg (PSH) will host on-going concerts and demonstrations for people of all ages to enjoy.

"Entertainment is varied and extensive. There's something for everyone; a collection for all," said Steve Hefner, college manager of public relations. In order to accommodate these interest, volunteers and vendors will be available in

four tents.

Inside the main tent, spectators may enjoy watching the Curlique Square Dancers, the Hershey Community Chorus Ensemble and the Middletown Area High School Marching Band. Adding to the festivities will be bluegrass group, Sweet Water Reunion and ethnic band, the Polka Quads.

Beginning with Make and Take Crafts, the Children's tent will provide endless fun for children to enjoy by Mellon Bank. John Hancock Insurance Co. will be sponsoring Lil'Printz ID Cards and safety prints for kids.

Parents also have the option of enrolling their children, ages five to 12, in the soccer tour-

namment located behind the C.U.B. Charlie Stokes, president of Olmsted Regional Soccer will oversee the games.

Amusing guests in the Artists' tent will be Clawhammer Banjo Folk Music with John Anderson, Ruth Runion-Slear's Craft Painting Demonstration, the Olmsted Players and Open Readings of original works.

Following the Zembo Temple Chanters, Cygnet Studios will present a Dolce Duo Instrumental. In addition, the tent will feature student soloist Felicia Brown-Haywood.

This festival will also feature Class Act Rita. This concert will be held in the gymnasium of the C.U. B. from noon to 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$5.

Sponsoring this event is the Middletown Rotary Club. Proceeds will benefit the Rotary Lead Paint project. For more information about the concert, please call (717) 949-9940.

Attention sports fans! The Penn State vs Ohio football game will be televised in the Olmsted lobby at 3:30 p.m.

Currently, James Malm, alumni and special event coordinator is seeking 36 volunteers willing to help set-up on Friday and work 2-7 hour shifts on Saturday from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"The Community and Arts & Crafts Fall Festival wouldn't have been possible without the help we've had from students, faculty, staff and

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## Spanier announces his vision for Penn State University's future

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In his second-annual State of the University Address Friday, University President Graham Spanier touched on most facets of the University's mission and outlined his own plan on how to improve the University.

One of the biggest changes Spanier proposed is requiring students entering the University directly from high school to have studied a foreign language for at least two, but preferably three years.

This requirement would start with high school graduates from the class of 2000.

"Penn State must assume some responsibility for setting standards that will elevate the intellectual preparation of Pennsylvania's high school graduates," Spanier said to a half-filled Eisenhower Auditorium.

"I have visited with dozens of employers around the state, and over and over, the CEO's of these companies tell me that their growth markets are in the international area," Spanier said. "They are eager to hire graduates who speak a foreign language, and who understand world geography, international politics, global economies and have an appreciation for cultural

understanding," he said.

Responding to the feedback, Spanier said he wants the University's curriculum to be more international. Spanier also wants to increase the opportunities for students to study abroad.

Spanier also recommended the University suggest that prospective students take four years of math in high school to prepare themselves for university-level work.

Another topic in his speech was cutting down on the excessive use of alcohol by students.

"Surveys have adequately demonstrated that excessive alcohol consumption has become normative among University students," Spanier said. "There are unmistakable consequences of such behavior for our communities, for our learning environment, and of course, for our students."

Spanier said about half of the 8,000 people arrested each year in State College are students. Of those 4,000 arrests, about half are for alcohol-related reasons.

Spanier stressed the enhancement of drug and alcohol education programs. He also discussed increasing alternatives to drinking and encouraging businesses to stop promotions that encourage excessive drinking.

"Our specific goal is to see the elimination of stu-

University President Graham Spanier delivered his annual State of the University address Sept. 6, 1996, in Eisenhower Auditorium at University Park.



dents organization-sponsored events occurring on Wednesday and Thursday nights that involve alcohol. There is such little doubt that such social events affect the academic climate in our classrooms. Is this too much to ask?" Spanier said.

While these changes will affect students, others will more directly affect faculty.

Spanier plans to revise the University's system for distributing research funds.

When a professor receives a grant, the college or department sometimes has to pay for indirect costs such as electricity or using lab equipment.

During a news conference, however, Spanier said that if the number of grants a college receives increases by 20 percent, its budget for indirect costs would increase by 20 percent.

As a reward for receiving more research

grants, Spanier wants to increase the budget for indirect costs by more than 20 percent.

"We will institute a new, incentive-based system that will provide enhanced rewards to colleges that are successful in their funded research programs," he said.

Spanier also talked about increasing the collaboration between colleges and departments conducting research, as well as expanding distance education. "In order to respond to citizens' needs in the information age, I have convened a group with the purpose of exploring the potential for a 'world campus' of Penn State..."

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