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#### Weather

Hit a friend with a snowball Today, accumulating snows end, but leftover flakes hang around high 35. Tonight, mostly cloudy, low 28. Tomorrow, mostly cloudy with lingering snow flurries, high





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# Area adapts to onslaught of snowfall

Students, OPP and PennDOT prepare for the first major snowfall of the

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Chris Malone knows that he's not in Oklahoma anymore.

The snowfall yesterday and the forecast for last night have taken Malone (graduate-English), a former resident of the Sooner State, by surprise

While other State College residents were stocking up on supplies, Malone went about his daily busi-

"What are they talking about?" Malone said, referring to people who were preparing for the winter siege. "I don't think I've been taking this seriously enough."

Although the snow continued to fall yesterday, Bill Syrett, weather station coordinator for the Campus Weather Service, said a little snow is expected this morning, but it should taper off later in the day.

"The best bet is six to 12 inches on the ground in the morning," Syrett said.

pressure system and began moving near the intersection were without north from the Virginia coastline power for less than an hour, a early yesterday. Strong easterly spokesperson for West Penn Power winds carried moisture inland said across Pennsylvania.

emergency situations. Heavy snows are brought down numerous trees in the borough, causing haz- out in force throughout last night. ardous situations for pedestrians and vehicles. Residents were

**Blood donor** 

Michigan State -

Penn State Blood

Donor Challenge

MSU-1,200 pints PSU-1,000 pints

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As of 4:30 p.m. yesti

numbers

being struck by falling trees.

The amount of snow may not have prompted Malone into action, but for other students the threat of a major snowfall was enough.

Tammy Etris (senior-recreation and park management) said she bought a hat in preparation for the storm and does not plan to go out for the next few days unless it is

Jason Binder (sophomore-biology) has also taken precautions.

In addition to buying new gloves, Binder said he left work early yesterday in anticipation of bad sidewalk conditions.

On campus, the Office of Physical Plant plans to have workers clearing sidewalks starting at 5 a.m. today, said Larry Mayes, custodial supervisor for OPP.

He also said OPP would be work-

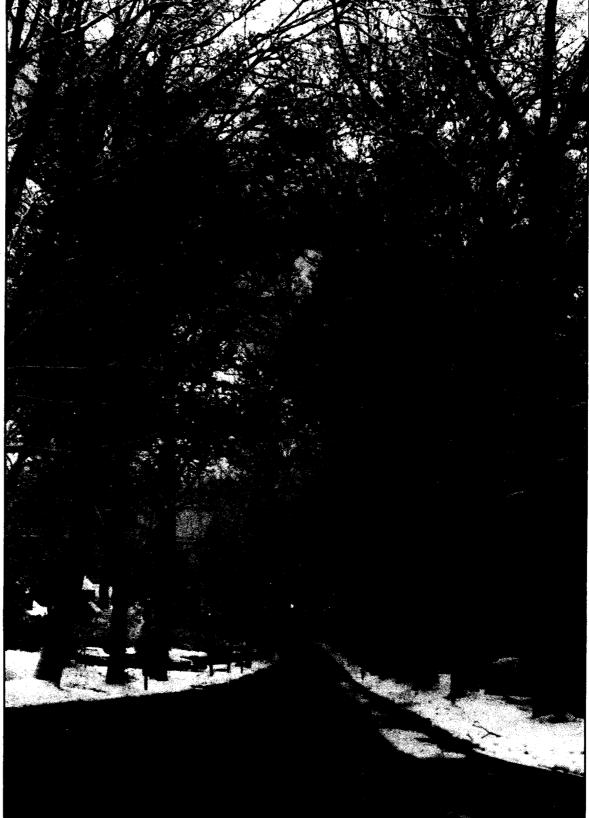
ing on campus roads through the night. Many custodians will be working 12-hour shifts in an effort to combat the storm. The first storm of the season

caused some community colleges and some of the Commonwealth Campuses throughout the region to cancel evening classes.

Also, heavy snow yesterday knocked out power yesterday afternoon along College Avenue The storm developed as a low and Atherton Street. Residents

While the University does its The State College Police Depart- part to maintain safety, local govment requested late last night that ernments have been working to citizens restrict their travel to prevent the early taste of winter from inhibiting residents' travel.

> Area road crews planned to be State College Borough plows, Please see WEATHER, Page 18.



Collegian Photo/Kristin Costello

A white laver of snow covers trees and lawns at the corner of South Pugh Street and Irving Avenue yesterday. Roadcrews from PennDOT and OPP will be working to keep the streets clear of the snow.

# Regatta plans altered

and JAKE STUIVER Collegian Staff Writers

The 22nd Annual Beta Sigma Beta Sy Barash Regatta may not exist in its conventional form in the spring.

Mike Steinberg, Beta Sigma Beta fraternity brotherhood adviser, said yesterday the philanthropy's agenda has been altered for the coming year.

"For the 1996 regatta, there has been a change of events, plans and venue. The Sy Barash Regatta as a philanthropy has not been canceled," Steinberg said.

Stan Kanevsky, president of Beta Sigma Beta fraternity, 255 E. Fairmount Ave., said the regatta will be placed on hiatus and a new philanthropic program will take its place. "The status is that it is officially

canceled for the year. There will be a new philanthropy, just for this year so far," Kanevsky said. "It will be co-sponsored by another sorority," he added.

Laura DeGange (senior-psychology) said she did not like the choice of performers last year. Although she has never attended the regatta, she said she would go if she liked the featured bands.

"The bands never excited me too much, especially Eddie Money,' she said.

Regatta co-chairman Ryan Fink said the event will be replaced indefinitely by a program working with the Basketball Coaches Alliance and Coaches Vs. Cancer. The philanthropy, which includes assistance from coaches Rene Portland and Jerry Dunn, will be called The Sy Barash Three Point Attack, Fink said.

"We will not have a regatta this year. That does not mean there won't be a regatta forever. It was not in the best interest of our house or the American Cancer Society to

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# Court decision on WAMs affects local groups

and MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN Collegian Staff Writers

The State College Little League planned on using a \$35,000 grant to help defer the cost of building the new Stonebridge Fields. But a decision by the Commonwealth Court Monday may mean the league will have to foot the whole bill.

Tom McElhaney, president of the State College Little League, said hat although they may not get the grant, they still hope to have the lields ready for opening day.

"We'll find a way, we always have," he said.

The appropriations that the Little known as WAM grants - walking given to local governments and non-profit organizations by individual legislators were ruled unconstitutional by the court.

government watchdog organization, challenged the legality of the grants earlier this fall. The group

said the grants were unconstitu- struction when we got the word we than other projects that will feel mon Cause held that the grants were unconstitutional because they provided state funds to local government and religious organizations, along with concern about the sewer and gas lines — is different nothing we can cancel." he said. budget process.

The State College Little League is not alone in trying to make up for the loss funds.

The Penn Eagle Industrial Park was already under construction when it received a \$100,000 appropriation from the state legislature. And after the \$2 million project was approved, the project was expanded.

Chuck Mong, Chamber of Busi-League will have to make up are ness and Industry of Centre County president, said the project was around money. These allocations already under construction when it received a \$100,000 WAM.

Mong said the project, just off state Route 150 outside Bellefonte, was approved as a line-item within Common Cause/Pennsylvania, a the budget bill. After the funding was approved the project was expanded.

"We were already under con-

tional. Among its concerns, Com- were going to receive that grant. In the effects of the court's decision our case the work is already done," Mong said.

The infrastructure project —

because it is finished, not proposed. "The job is done. We don't have

which built roads and laid water, anything we can pull back. There's fallout will be felt by Centre Coun-

will face \$10,000 interest fees each year for the loans it will have to take out in order to make up for the lost state funding. Meanwhile, the

Please see WAMS, Page 18.

### University funding not touched by decision

Collegian Staff Writer

Although the Commonwealth Court ruled earlier this week to block the state from spending throughout the state, the University's appropriation will not be

Nothing in the ruling will affect state appropriation for the University, said Alan Janesch, a spokesman for the University's Department of Public Informa-

spending about \$20 million for individual programs — such as the Port Matilda Fire Company, York County Youth Justice Facilabout \$20 million for programs ity, Washington County Redevelopment Authority, United Way of Berks County and the Council for State Governments — when it ruled the legislature violated the state constitution with procedures it used to enact the 1995-96 state budget.

> But the court did not block \$36 million in funding for the Penn-

Pennsylvania Commonwealth sylvania Higher Education Assis-Court blocked the state from tance Agency and spending for other state-related commissions in its decision.

"It is my understanding that there was an appropriation of local organizations and entities that receive state funding that will be blocked," said Richard Boyajian, analyst on the Senate Appropriations Committee staff. 'It should not affect Penn State's appropriation in any way.'

Tim Reeves, Gov. Tom Ridge's press secretary, said the amount Please see PSU, Page 18.

## Disney's The Four Diamonds premiers at Schwab, tells story behind 'Thon

By AMY GEYER Collegian Staff Writer

Medieval royalty and trumpets greeted students passing by the doors of Schwab Auditorium last night.

The medieval entourage was there to herald the premier of Disney's The Four Diamonds. The movie introduced and explained the story behind The Four Diathe 1996 Interfraternity Council/Panhel-

lenic Council Dance Marathon. The technique seemed to work. Debby drawn into the show. She was very impressed by what she saw.

"I think it was a really good motivation for 'Thon. The movie was really touching," she said.

Marty Dell, Four Diamonds Advisory Board chair, said that was the reaction the

fund was hoping for. monds Fund to prospective participants in the story behind the story that Chris

wrote," he said. The dance marathon has been put on

be the nation's largest student philanthropy

The Four Diamonds Fund was founded by the parents of Christopher Millard the boy who wrote the story that the movie was based on.

Millard, a 14-year-old who struggled with cancer for three years wrote the "It helps to inspire the students. It tells story "The Four Diamonds." It symbolized his fight against cancer.

The event began with Allan Anderson, chief operating officer of the University's every year since 1973 to benefit the fund Hershey Medical Center, Deborah Saline, Waltemyer (junior-material science and which raises money to help children with head of public relations for the medical

engineering) was walking by and was cancer and their families. It has grown to center and Jason Cartwright, chairperson of the 1996 Dance Marathon, introducing themselves.

With a small introduction to the story behind the movie, the three exclaimed, "Lights, camera, action," and Chris Millard and his story about Squire Millard and his quest for the four diamonds that represented his courage, wisdom, honesty and

strength began. with childhood cancer and his short story about Squire Millard.

In the beginning, after Chris' parents had his stuffy nose checked, a doctor dis-

covered he had a tumor in the muscle

behind his nose. Throughout the movie, the audience saw

his treatments and how he dealt with them. As the scenes were played, the striking connection between the squire's fight for his freedom from the evil sorceress Raptenahad and Chris' fight with cancer could be seen.

Each time he had a recurrence, he The movie blended scenes of Chris' fight retreated into his story. The people in his story were played by the people who also played his family and friends.

Squire Millard had been trapped by Please see 'THON, Page 18.