## USG, CCSG presidents speak to the student body

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lege are fully staffed, those at the Delaware County, New Kensington and Fayette Campuses don't have registered

USG is also planning to work with officials in the Ritenour Building to expand the health services already offered at University Park.

The address also touched on the dissatisfaction of many students with the university's advising system.

In the 1998-1999 school year, 1,000 students across the Commonwealth Campuses were asked about their experiences with academic advising. Less than 70 percent of those polled said they were completely satisfied.

Despite the low attendance, USG Senate President Mike Fazio said simply having the address was a big step.

'It's the first year we've done this," he said. "The fact that we had it and were able to address student issues is great."

State Representative Lynn Herman said he also was impressed with the

"Both did an outstanding job in presenting what is foremost on minds of students university-wide," he said.

# Activism nothing new at university

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1965 Penn State graduate

muhle that students today are looking abroad. "Their view of the world is much more global, back then (in the '60s) we had to ber of the ROTC at Penn State. overcome underlying assump-According to Davidson, all men tions about American patrioentering the university at the time were required to enlist in Like the early activism David-ROTC, and the war in Vietnam son was involved in at Penn stoked the fires of student radi-State, the STAR protest last calism and protest on the Penn semester against the use of State campus like no other issue

> "The first demonstration I was involved in was organized by SENSE in reaction to the Cuban Missile Crisis. There were about 10 of us there and we had members of ROTC throwing rocks at us. We were met with universal hostility," Davidson said.

> A few years later, when the Vietnam War had taken a place in the forefront of American public discourse, the situation changed drastically. "Five years later we had 3,000 to 10,000 people protesting (against the war)." Davidson said.

Elwood Williams Jr., retired State College Police chief, shared characteristics of the remembered the marches and protests that raged across campus during the '60s and '70s.

"There were about 10,000 stu-

down Route 322. (State College Police Department) just had to direct traffic around them," Williams said.

Penn State student protesters were successful in altering government plans, causing a foreclosure on Penn State's military defense research.

A protest march was held on April 15, 1970, in response to the Ordnance Lab's experimenta-tion with torpedo guidance systems. Students and faculty marched from Old Main to the Ordnance Research Lab with a model of a missile to provide a tangible reminder of their cause. Though demands were not limited to, but included, severing university ties to the U.S. military, specifically ROTC and ORL, the protestor's chief demand was to end torpedo research.

Through picketing, marching, and long sit-ins, Penn State students helped to put an end to torpedo guidance research at Penn State.

While torpedo guidance research is a thing of the past for Davidson was the first conscidents sitting on Atherton Street Penn State protesters, one issue entious objector to being a mem- causing a blockade and shutting of the 1960s activism that is a

carryover for protesters of the 21st century is the civil rights movement, O'Connor said.

Though Penn State lacked diversity even during the mid-'60s, Davidson said, the civil rights movement was central for many student activists. Davidson and some of his friends raised money to support the legendary "Freedom Riders" who rode through the Deep South in an attempt to integrate transportation there.

The Freedom Rides have long since ended, but Penn State's Black Caucus is now facing new challenges. The group organized a march last spring in response to the non-guilty verdict of New York City Police Department officers who shot and killed unarmed West African immigrant Amadou Diallo, is an example of the new generation of civil rights activism, O'Connor

And even though the nature of the protests has changed over the past forty years, the goal to educate people and to rekindle activism in students has not.

"Everyone, regardless of who they are, knows there are fundamental problems ... and people can't ignore them, whether they're active or not," Austermuhle said.

Collegian staff writer Lily Henning con-

### **Council** initiates recycling bins, debates priority parking spaces

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being of the State College community. As the bins are an attempt to encourage community concern about the environment among visitors, council also may soon act out of its concern for downtown employees who remain frustrated with the parking shortage.

Borough Manager Peter Marshall presented a memorandum about the parking

Proposed changes include giving priority for the purchase of monthly parking. permits to any individuals who are employed full-time in the State Collegedowntown area.

Other changes include allotting a certain number of guaranteed parking spaces, addressing the 'meter feeding' problem and re-energizing the park-andride program.

While organizing the draft to change parking regulations, Marshall said the focus was to "buck-up the park-and-ride; that has been almost dormant."

Marshall also said another one of his main goals in the alterations toward park ing includes making the park-and-ride. program more attractive so more people 4

He also wants to cut down on State College congestion and provide more parking spaces for employees of the downtown

However, other council members questioned the plan.

Because the guaranteed parking permits would go first to full-time employees. students would be low on the list to obtain

Council member Catherine Dauler said that to apply for guaranteed parking, a person would have to pay \$20 to have his ... name on a list.

However, if a spot for parking was open and the businessperson did not want the?" parking space at that particular time, he ya could come back for it anytime and still ben. high on the proposed waiting list for a

A student would pay the \$20 charge as " well.

However, if the student did not want it the spot at that time, the student would not only lose their spot on the guaranteed parking list, but they would also lose their In a town where students are a signifi-

cant portion of the population. Dauler called attention to the plan and said it would be "cumbersome for students to be... a part of (this) system." The council decided on revising and

altering the parking changes to include them in a review for a proposed policy for

This policy would focus on transporta-

The transportation policy discussed a philosophy toward transportation and parking and will be reconstituted and pri**oritized with specifics during the next few** 

## **Special North Korean envoy** begins four-day visit to South

By Paul Shin ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SEOUL, South Korea — A special envoy of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il began a four-day visit to South Korea yesterday, saying he hoped his visit would further thaw relations on the world's last Cold War fron-

Kim Yong Sun brought a truckload of mushrooms for South Korean government, business and media officials as a gift from North Korean leader Kim Jong Il. The mushrooms were to celebrate Chusok, or Korean thanksgiving day, today.

"At last, our people took a vigorous step toward reconciliation and unification. We should not stop even for a moment, to say nothing of turning back," Kim Yong Sun said at a dinner hosted by South Korea's Unification Minister Park Jae-kyu.

Kim Yong Sun, heading a delegation of eight, flew to Seoul directly from the North's capital, Pyongyang, and was met at the air-port by Vice Unification Minister Yang Kim Yong Sun's visit further warms ties

June. South Korean officials attach great Kim Jong II.

importance to Kim Yong Sun's visit. He heads the semiofficial Asia-Pacific Peace Committee, which handles policy with South Korea and other countries with no formal ties with the communist country.

From PROTESTERS, Page 1. uate who was active in organiz-

ing campus protests against the

Vietnam War and in support of

civil rights, agrees with Auster-

sweatshop labor to make prod-

ucts used and sold by the univer-

sity drew a relatively small num-

ber of activists, with only about

40 students camping out in front

The efforts of the protesters

paid off however, at least in part

when the university formed a

shared-governance committee,

in which students are consid-

ered voting members. The com-

mittee is discussing joining the

Worker Rights Consortium, an

anti-sweatshop organization,

Humble beginnings and some-

times frustrating results are

protests of the '60s and '70s and

the more recent student

and is expected to reach a deci-

sion late this month.

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of Old Main.

A close adviser to Kim Jong II, Kim Yong Sun was the only North Korean official who sat in on the June summit.

Kim Yong Sun was expected to pay a courtesy call on President Kim Dae-jung and visit Cheju, a southern resort island, and Kyongju, an ancient capital, according to Seoul officials

A major topic of his talks is expected to be the promised visit to South Korea of the North Korean leader.

Kim Jong II has said he is obligated to visit Seoul in what would be another milestone in relations between the Koreas. divided since 1945 into the Communist North and democratic south.

The Koreas never signed a peace treaty to end the 1950-53 Korean War, and they share the world's most heavily armed border, with nearly 2 million troops deployed on

The North Korean delegation included a between the two Korean states after the four-star army general and member of the unprecedented summit of their leaders in North's powerful National Defense Commission, a party organization headed by

# **UHS** computer system to update patient care

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is the installation of HealthMatics, a computerized patient medical records program. The system stores computerized patient records in a relational database format located within the walls of Ritenour.

"We have a lot more control in the build-

The data security and data management is much easier done in a system closely guarded and managed," Lindstrom said. "Security is our number one priority. We can't put student information into a computer that's not rock solid secure."

HealthMatics should prove to be more flexible, and provide better reporting and better scanning to clinicians. The previous product used at UHS was at the end of its life span, Lindstrom said.

A new voice response system for the pharmacy went live yesterday, enabling students to refill their prescriptions over the phone. A laboratory system that will fill lab requests has also been available to clinicians for the past two weeks, Hazel said.

Funds for the project have been being gathered for the past few years. They will continue to accumulate for several years to

"It's going to have an impact on our ongoing expenses, but eventually it will save us money," Lindstrom said.

During the installation of the new system, students can expect some minor inconve-

The UHS staff has taken every precaution to assure that patient services and clinical needs will not be disrupted.

"We hope, in the long run, to improve systems throughout the house, otherwise we wouldn't be doing it," Moyer said. "In the short term, it could result in students being inconvenienced."

Regardless of the minor glitches in the system, students requiring urgent care are being seen by clinicians.

"We don't want students to be deterred from coming in who need urgent care they will get their care," Moyer said. "Students needing routine care, for a short time, may be inconvenienced."

Faculty at UHS recognize the potential for problems and simply ask that students be patient until all the bumps can be

"It was kind of like the Y2K problem, no one really knew what would happen until it happened," Moyer said.

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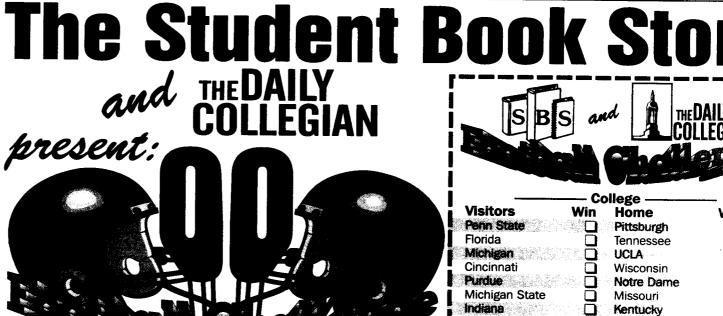
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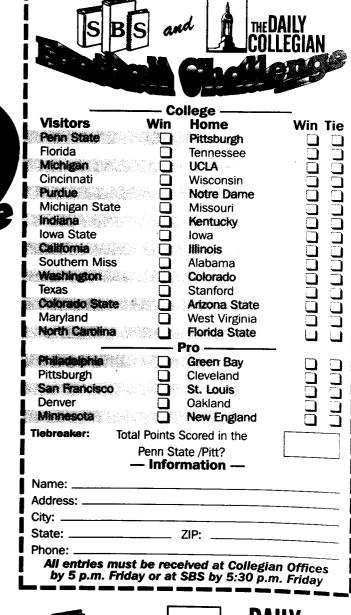


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