

# THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

30¢ off campus

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003

Published Independently by students at Penn State

Vol. 104 No. 64



Natalie Traneli/Collegian

**LEAVES ARE A BLOWIN':** Leaf removal has begun on and off campus. See page 4 for full story.

## Senior class gift voting begins today

By Jessica Golden

COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER | jmg431@psu.edu

Starting today, seniors will begin the process of leaving a class gift to mark their time at University Park campus.

Voting to determine the gift begins at 8 a.m. online today and will continue through Friday at 5 p.m. with the winning gift announced a week from today.

The Senior Class Gift Ballot Selection Committee chose three proposals for this year's ballot, including replacing deteriorating benches donated by the Class of 1900. The benches are found in the area of the Pattee and Henderson Malls.

A second choice is to fund the improvement of Willard Plaza in coordination with the current Pollock Road reconstruction. The plaza would include outdoor seating, brick paving, plantings, and bicycle parking.

Or, seniors may choose to create an obelisk garden in the northeast corner of the Hintz Family Alumni Center gardens. The area will be turned into an open lawn with seating along the perimeter.

Students can go to the Web site for additional information about the gifts and to see pictures of the proposals.

Amber Krieg, senior class gift advisor, said the choices were narrowed down from more than 40 proposals submitted from students, faculty, alumni and members of the Office of Physical Plant (OPP).

"We wanted three choices that would generate excitement for students but would be feasible for the amount of money we have," Krieg said. "Also, that it would go with the tradition of Penn State."

Janet Moccia, the advertising and public relations chair for the committee, said having members of OPP as a part of the decision-making process was vital to discover if the proposal could be completed in a reasonable time frame within its budget.

Moccia estimates raising \$100,000 from the senior class, and OPP expects to be able to complete the project from start to finish in two years.

The theme of this year's senior class gift is "Honoring Tradition, Leaving a Legacy," and all the three choices fit into this idea, Krieg said.

The ballot selection committee was made up of about 15 members including the six members of the overall senior class gift committee, senior students, faculty members and OPP.

Scott Upright, a senior student chosen to be on the committee, said while it was hard narrowing down to three options, he believes the committee did a good job.

To vote, students need to have seventh-semester standing. Students in their fourth year may not necessarily meet this qualification.

Voting will take place online at [www.seniorclassgift.psu.edu](http://www.seniorclassgift.psu.edu). See **VOTING**, Page 2.

### When and where to go to cast a ballot

- **Online:** from 8 a.m. today until 5 p.m. Friday at [www.seniorclassgift.psu.edu](http://www.seniorclassgift.psu.edu).
- **Today:** 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., HUB-Robeson Center and Allen Street Gates.
- **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the HUB and the Student Book store, 330 E. College Ave.
- **Thursday:** 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the HUB and the Student Book Store.
- **Friday:** 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the HUB and Student Book Store.

## CDs offer special features

Bands have started to add bonus material to their discs to help those people who are willing to spend their money on the music get the most out of it. | **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**, Page 7.

## 'Under God' debate silent

A national controversy sparked by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in classrooms has not yet worked its way through State College public schools. | **LOCAL**, Page 4.

## Council discusses infill issue

State College Borough Council conducted a hearing last night in order to get input from residents before voting on the elimination of infill in the Urban Village. | **LOCAL**, Page 2.

## Muhammad to represent self

Sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad won the right to serve as his own lawyer in a surprise request at his murder trial yesterday. He faces the death penalty. | **NATIONAL**, Page 5.

<b>TABLE OF CONTENTS</b>	
Arts..... 7	Horoscope..... 14
Briefs..... 2	Opinions..... 6
Calendar..... 3	Scoreboard..... 9
Classifieds..... 14	Sports..... 8-11
Comics..... 15	The Scene..... 7
Crossword..... 14	Weather..... 2

**CONTACT US**  
 Newsroom: 865-1828  
 Ads/Business: 865-2531

**ON THE WEB**  
[www.collegian.psu.edu](http://www.collegian.psu.edu)

©2003 Collegian Inc.

## Johnson to face alcohol charges

By Nicole Charsar and Robert Spruck

COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITERS  
 nmc152@psu.edu, rjs336@psu.edu

Penn State football player Tony Johnson was arrested early Friday morning for driving under the influence.

Johnson, 21, faces one count of driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance, two counts of driving on roadways laned for traffic and one count of obedience to traffic control devices.

Johnson is the starting wide receiver for the Nittany Lions. He is the brother of former Heisman Trophy candidate Larry Johnson Jr. and son of Larry Johnson Sr., Penn State defensive line coach.

A preliminary hearing date is set for Nov. 26.

The following occurred according to police reports:

The charges stem from a 3:03 a.m. Friday incident in which Penn State Police Services Officer Brian Rose observed a black Mercedes Benz traveling north on Bigler Road in front of his patrol vehicle.

The car is registered to his father, Larry Johnson Sr.

The Mercedes turned right onto Park Avenue and, while traveling westbound, both driver's side tires crossed

over the center yellow line on two occasions.

Rose initiated a traffic stop, approached the vehicle and identified Johnson by his Pennsylvania driver's license. He said he detected the strong odor of alcohol throughout the car.

A series of standardized field sobriety tests were given to Johnson, all of which he failed. Rose placed Johnson under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol and transported him to Centre Community Hospital.

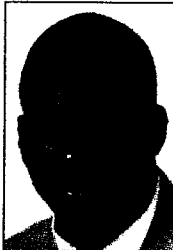
Johnson was informed about the implied consent rule. The rule states that when a person signs for a driver's license, the person is also giving consent to give breath, blood or urine samples if picked up for a DUI, Penn State Police Services Supervisor Bill Moerschbacher said.

A blood test was performed at the hospital, and it was later determined that Johnson's blood alcohol concentration was 0.136 percent, which is more than the state's 0.08 legal limit.

Jeff Nelson, Penn State sports information director, said Johnson would not be made available for comment yesterday.

He added that head football coach Joe Paterno would not comment until today.

Several phone calls to Larry Johnson Sr. went unreturned yesterday.



Johnson

## Spanier addresses file-sharing program

By Kristen Neufeld and Daniel Bal

COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITERS  
 kmn133@psu.edu, drb226@psu.edu

Penn State President Graham Spanier spoke about the university's efforts to adopt a new file-sharing program, among other concerns, at last night's Undergraduate Student Government Academic Assembly meeting.

Currently co-chair of the Joint Committee of the Higher Education and Entertainment Communities, Spanier said the university hopes to have a free file-sharing service available to all students by next fall semester.

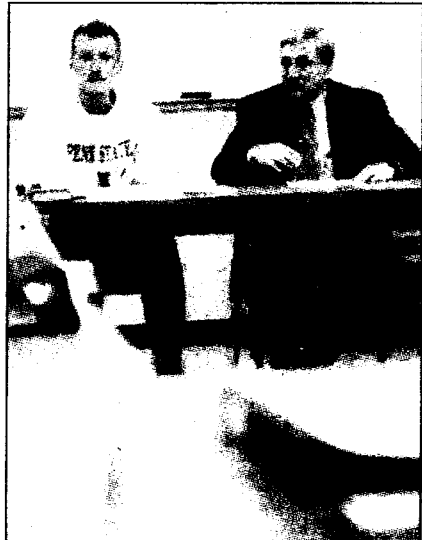
"We want to get a system in place before our students get in trouble," he said. "It's going to get pretty serious if we don't deal with it."

The program will allow students on and off-campus to access approximately 500,000 of the most frequently downloaded songs at no additional fee, Spanier said.

"I have a good feeling about this falling into place," he said. "What we end up with could be quite wonderful if we pull it off."

However, Council of Commonwealth Student Governments academic affairs director Kyle Templin said the program will only offer streaming access, not ownership, of files.

"The services are just 'tethered' downloading," he said. "It can transfer



Prince Frederick Spells/Collegian

Graham Spanier and D. Josh Troxell discuss file sharing.

to an MP3 player on your computer, but can't be burnt onto a CD."

John Ten Hoeve, representative for the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, said quality is sacrificed with streaming.

"Students won't be happy and the recording industry won't care as much," he said. "The whole system [Spanier] is proposing is going to have a lot of bugs."

See **SPANIER**, Page 2.

## Cho uses political comedy to send message

By Meghan Gaffney

COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER | meg226@psu.edu

Margaret Cho, the second speaker in this season's Distinguished Speaker Series, "rocked the house" in Eisenhower Auditorium last night just as she promised she would.

"I feel kinda weird," said Cho to the sold out crowd of 2,500 people. "I'm supposed to be a distinguished speaker? Wow. What do I do?"

Cho was at Penn State last night as part of her tour, CHO Revolution. Her work is known for its political foundation, and she did not stray from her biting political comedy last night.

"I am staying away from California," she shouted to the crowd. "We already had a governor! No take-backs!" Cho said Schwarzenegger referred to Hitler while campaigning, which should have kept him from winning the position.

"The one person you cannot give a shout-out to is Hitler," she said. "You cannot say that Hitler is a homie. Maybe Mussolini, maybe."

Cho said voters were misinformed, which is why people voted for



Michela E. Smith/Collegian

Margaret Cho shares laughs with a crowd of 2,500 in Eisenhower Auditorium.

Schwarzenegger at all. "People are so stupid and voted for him because they actually think he is a robot from the future."

Cho received the greatest reaction when she turned her comedy towards Bush.

"If we were gonna have a recall election, why don't we recall the presidential election?" she shouted above roaring laughter and applause.

Cho's ultimate message was that everyone should unite against inequalities. "We should have a million minority march," she said. "That would include everybody."

Cho criticized the government's action to ban same-sex marriages under the premise that "marriage is sacred." She said the government should look at marriage before they make such a statement.

"Carmen Electra and Dennis Rodman got married," Cho said. "Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley, Liza Minelli and David Gest—now that is my idea of marriage."

She took on a more serious tone as she reminded the audience members to "de-colonize" their minds. Cho spoke about how 1,049 federal rights are denied when lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people are not recognized as married couples.

"This can mean so many things, from

See **CHO**, Page 2.