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**YUMMY:** Hal Hallock, who plays the Big Bad Wolfe in the play "Twisted Fairy Tales" at Lemont's Granary, chews on Grandma's hand. There are other Halloween-related events going on in the State College area this weekend. See **LOCAL**, Page 4.

## SEA postpones USG recall

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Three weeks after beginning a recall of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG), the group orchestrating the effort has decided to indefinitely postpone it.

The Student Empowerment Alliance (SEA) made the recall announcement on Oct. 1, citing dissatisfaction with USG President Ian Rosenberger, Vice President Takkeem Morgan and the USG Senate.

Now, the group says it has seen "significant progress" in USG in recent weeks, and — while SEA members say they have collected the 1,000 signatures needed — will not submit the referendum to Rosenberger or the USG Supreme Court.

Town Sen. Brian Battaglia, a member of the SEA, attributed some of USG's recent productivity to the recall effort.

"It pushed people into action, and really, that was the ultimate goal — to get USG working, whether through a recall or by somehow getting the current people to start. It didn't matter who the people were, it just mattered that USG started working for the students," he said.

Among its list of complaints was the group's dissatisfaction with the Senate's policy of appointing, rather than letting students elect, senators to fill vacancies during the year.

"There's really no way to move toward having a more democratic senatorial appointment process. You either have one or you don't, and we just don't

right now," said South Halls Sen. Andy Banducci, a member of the SEA.

The SEA also said it was concerned about Morgan's Sept. 24 court appearance on bicycle theft charges.

SEA member Jason Covener, a former senator whose own legal problems led to his resignation from USG in 1998, said the charges were a personal matter.

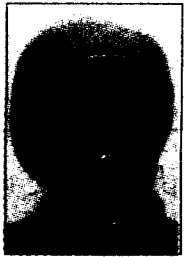
However, he also said he thinks Morgan needs to think about the effect any legal proceedings might have on his job as vice president.

"I would question whether one could function in that capacity with charges pending. He has to decide whether it's having an effect on his job and make the appropriate decision," he said.

While some grievances have been resolved, Banducci said there are a few the group is not satisfied with.

"All the [USG projects] about student

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Morgan

## Owner brings State College unique beat

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The patches of blue poking through the mostly gray midday sky are barely visible to Greg Gabbard as he sits at his desk eating a salad. The brisk wind of the cool October afternoon sneaks through the open door of his office, blowing in the leaves fallen from the College Avenue trees.

Gabbard sits at his seat — where all that is visible to him is a glimpse of the sky and the feet of passers-by — silently eating his lunch, listening to one of his thousands of records, and barely notices any of this. Instead, he occasionally looks up and names one of his 10 favorite records — of the moment.

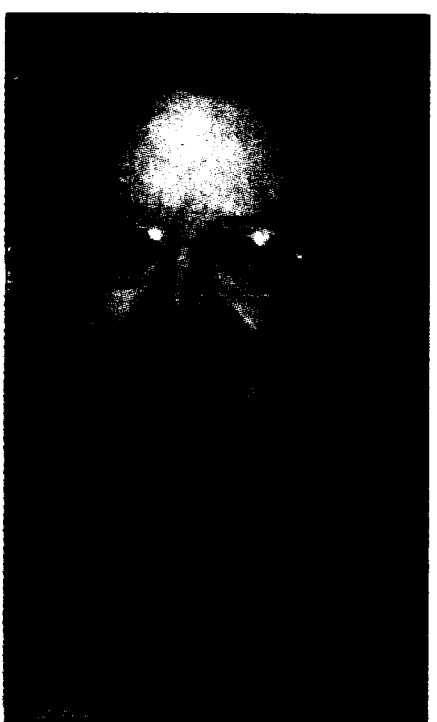
"There are too many," he says, frustrated by the task, before getting up and looking through an enormous pile of compact disks sitting on next to him. "Death Cab for Cutie, have you heard them?" he says, with a level of excitement.

Gabbard's nearly 39 years worth of records — and the fact he owns an independent record store — complicate the decision.

A short, friendly, unassuming 49-year-old, Gabbard is the owner of City Lights Records, 316 E. College Ave., a small record store located below Metro in downtown State College. The store, which used to be one of seven competing for sales in the area, is now one of only two.

"Everyone thought it was the business to be in," he said.

But things have changed. Sales are



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**Greg Gabbard** owns City Lights Records, a 20-year-old downtown music store.

down. Record companies are struggling. Vibes Music has closed. Mike's Music on College Avenue, which replaced it, has closed, too.

City Lights has not.

"Mike's realized one-third of not very much money is not very much money," Gabbard says cautiously. The record industry is changing, and Gabbard knows it. Now he's trying to find a way to keep his dream alive.

### 'Round Town

Despite the decline in business, Gabbard is still relaxed.

"He's like the most laid-back person in the world," said Ken Kubala, the store's manager. "It's both good and bad."

City Lights is like a scene from a movie, yet it's uniquely State College. Warm with the sound of music, conversation and posters of albums past, it reminds customers of a hipster, big city record store in a small, central Pennsylvania town. Flyers for upcoming events line the door, posters for local bands line the walls behind the shelves that hold their CDs. T-shirts made by a local artist hang on a door hinge.

Yet, Gavin Rosedale and his band Bush have visited the store. Alt-country star Ryan Adams has also visited three times — twice with his band Whiskeytown and once on his own before playing a gig at Zeno's. Yo La Tengo has swung by twice, once finding a record in State College they said was impossible to locate in New York City record stores. LL Cool J came in about 10 years ago, and so did all of the bands on the recent *Drive-Thru Invasion Tour*.

"This is it," Gabbard says. "Underground. A place where you can get not just the hits."

Customers seem to recognize this, as most comment on the store's aura while making a purchase.

"It's like the only good record store in

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## Johnson out Paterno apologizes to fans

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On his weekly radio show last night, Penn State football coach Joe Paterno apologized for remarks he made at his weekly press conference Tuesday and said that Tony Johnson would not play against Iowa tomorrow.

Paterno started his Thursday night radio show, the Nittany Lion Hotline Show on WMAJ-AM (1450), with an apology for comments he made concerning the severity of Johnson's drunken driving charges. He said the senior wideout would be suspended for the Nittany Lions' game against Iowa tomorrow and, while he didn't specifically set out Johnson's punishment, Paterno said the consequences would be "very severe."

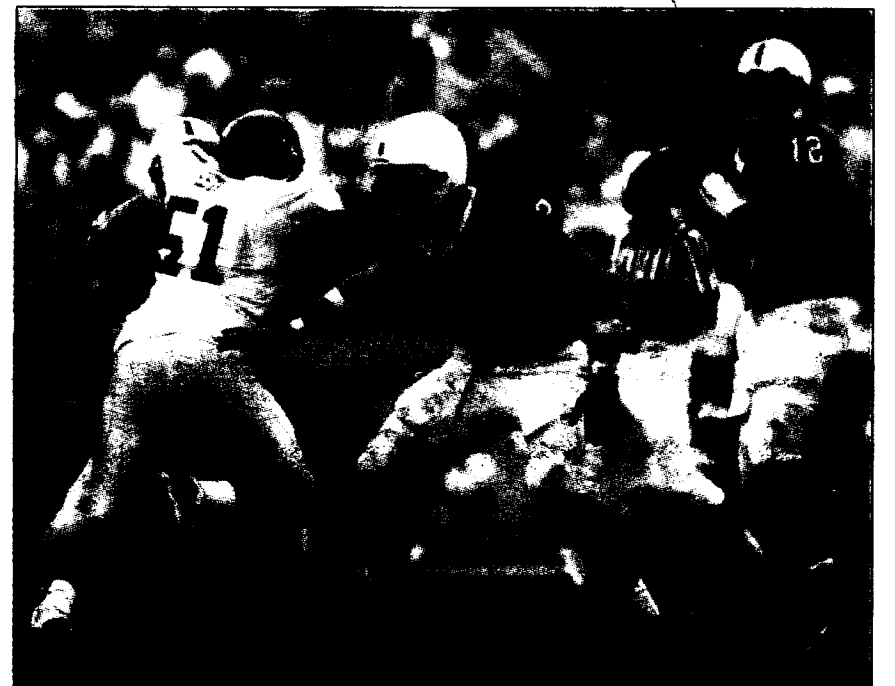
"I want to make it very clear that those actions were wrong," Paterno said. "Having said that, I probably made a mistake in addressing the incident in the way I did."

He also said Johnson has been practicing with the scout team instead of the varsity team this week in an effort by Paterno to send a message to his players. Paterno said last night he told the team Monday of his decision to suspend Johnson for this week's game.

"Being a friend of the family, I probably rationalized a little bit about Tony's actions, but not in the sense that I felt that he was not guilty of what he did," Paterno said. "I made that decision on Monday that he would not play. The press tried to pressure me to say some things. I've tried to be evasive with the press as best I can when I think it's in the best interest of the player."

At his weekly Tuesday press conference, Paterno initially said Johnson faced a possible suspension after being charged with driving under the influence and several other traffic offenses. The charges stem from an incident on Friday morning in which Johnson was allegedly weaving on the road and was then pulled over by a police officer. A blood test performed at Centre Community Hospital showed Johnson's blood alcohol concentration to be 0.136 percent, above the state's legal limit of 0.08 percent.

"Obviously, it will all get blown out of proportion because he is a football player, but he didn't do anything to anybody," Paterno said Tuesday. "I am probably going to have to suspend him from a game or so just because I have to send a message to the squad that it is inappropriate to be out in the middle of the week having a couple of drinks."



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Quarterback Michael Robinson looks to make a pass during the Minnesota game.

## Lions seek 1st conference win

■ Quarterback Zack Mills might return to the field during tomorrow's game.

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Of the all the things that have happened this season, it's a dubious achievement has never happened before.

Penn State has never gone 0-4 in the Big Ten in its 11-year tenure in the conference.

Faced with the daunting task of heading to Iowa City, Penn State (2-5, 0-3) is set to face No. 16 Iowa (5-2, 1-2) in the midst of a three-game Big Ten losing streak tomorrow at noon on ABC. The Hawkeyes are the fourth consecutive ranked team the Lions have matched up against in just as many contests.

That's not the only thing looming as Penn State heads into the weekend.

The Lions are coming off a bye-week with seemingly more questions than answers, the biggest of which is how quarterback Zack Mills' possible return to action will affect the chemistry of an offense that has yet to come full circle, despite already passing the halfway mark of the season.

Early this week, Penn State football

coach Joe Paterno was not sure who the starter at quarterback would be against the Hawkeyes, but did name Michael Robinson as the starting play caller in his weekly radio show, the Nittany Lion Hotline broadcast on WMAJ-AM (1450) last night.

However, Paterno said Mills, who is officially listed as "possible" for tomorrow's game, is ready to play.

"I think I should be pain-free, but I can't speak on if I get hit," Mills said. "Maybe that will cause some pain, but I'll play through that. I have done everything on my knee so far except take a hit."

In Mills' absence, Robinson threw for 477 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions as a starter. Despite his limited playing time this season, Robinson's statistics are superior to Mills', who has thrown for only one touchdown. More importantly, Robinson appeared to be the catalyst for a struggling Penn State offense in his time under center.

"Like I said, I'm more concerned with winning," Robinson said. "We haven't been winning here lately. If Zack is the best guy for the job, then I'm OK with that. As long as we win, I'm happy."

The possibility that Paterno could use a quarterback rotation against the

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#### Blue Band pumps up crowds

At each football game, the Penn State Blue Band has the important mission of rousing fans to support the team as the group provides the appropriate soundtrack for the game. The band goes through extensive planning to prepare for each halftime game day performance. | **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**, Page 6.

#### Day encourages stress relief

If you forget the last time you sat down to eat a full meal or you're frustrated with your hectic schedule, today's Take Back Your Time Day may provide a chance for you to take a breather. The day was designated to alert the public of the stressful effects of working too much. | **LOCAL**, Page 4.

#### More on-campus jobs open

Although most on-campus jobs are filled at the beginning of the semester, a mid-semester turnover is leaving positions open for those students on the hunt. The trend, when students quit their jobs or cut back their hours, may be due to a pileup of coursework or stress from midterms. | **LOCAL**, Page 5.

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