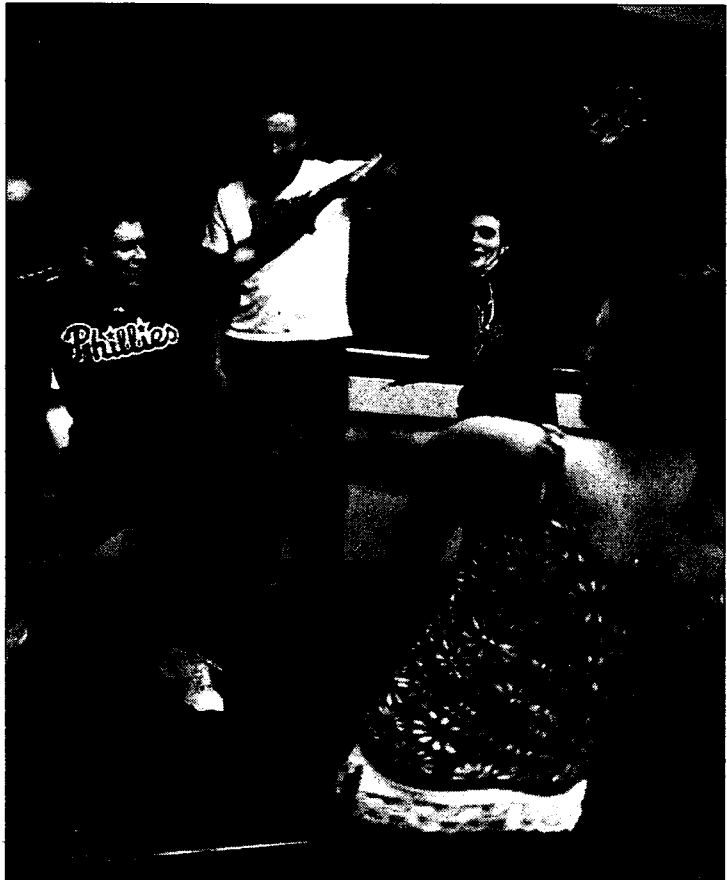


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Members of "Improv Incubator" participate in a self-introduction game. The new group focuses on a laid back approach to improv instead of performing.

Brewery to host metal night

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The dawn of a metalocalypse will set itself upon State College at 9 tonight at The Brewery.

Monstruo, The Chaos Method and Helios Eternus, will kick off the first metal night of the semester for Cherry Darling Productions. Tickets for the over-21 show are \$3.

Cherry Darling promoter Meredith Rebar said metal-themed shows "have been some of the best nights we've had" and have compensated for the dearth of other sufficient metal-related events in the area.

"There are metalheads in State College that have no other place to go," Rebar said. "They're really excited about it."

The Brewery, 233 E. Beaver Ave, will typically hold metal nights every third Tuesday of the month, excluding this show.

The themed Cherry Darling concerts will continue in two weeks with '80s Night, while the other music themes include folk-acoustic, garage rock and punk.

"The bands I work with the most play in these different genres, so it worked out well," Rebar said.

Rebar worked with local metal band Monstruo several times this summer and developed a strong bond with them, crowning them permanent headliners of the metal season. She

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decided each metal show would feature Monstruo, in addition to two local bands, one selected by her and another selected by the members of Monstruo.

"We've been playing shows for her for a while and finally she got us a full-time show," said Mike Potter, guitarist and vocalist for Monstruo. "She gets us in whenever we want, basically."

The Monstruo band members jump around and comes offstage to meet and greet the audience, Rebar said.

The crowd involvement has even extended to unusual habits, such as when audience members run on stage and do push-ups.

"We'll try to do push-ups with them while we're playing our instruments if we're not playing something too hard, or we'll stand on their back," Potter said. "Little quirky things."

Additionally, the opening act chosen by Rebar, The Chaos Method, is on the brink of resurgence.

The State College-based band will be playing one of its first shows this

If you go

What: Cherry Darling Metal Night featuring Monstruo, The Chaos Method and Helios Eternus

When: Tuesday at 9 p.m.

Where: The Brewery, 233 E. Beaver Ave.

Details: Over 21, tickets are \$3

year. The band took time off after its original singer died in summer 2006, but they are now getting back into the swing.

Josh Zong (junior-kinesiology) of The Chaos Method said the band will be playing two new songs and restructuring certain older tracks.

Zong said his band wants to hone in on its writing and composing of music to avoid sounding like prototypical shouting head-bangers.

"The more material we write, the better our composition skills," Zong said. "The songs are sounding a lot better to us, but we're still playing hard."

Potter hopes his band's new headlining gig will help resuscitate the ailing rock metal scene in State College.

He said he hopes it will potentially prompt bigger bands to perform and giving die-hard metal fans a wider menu to choose from.

"Pretty much we're the only ones doing it right now," Potter said.

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