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A student rides his bike on Pollock Road Tuesday afternoon in the snow. Students were shocked to wake up to snow flurries as they went to class. Temperatures will remain chilly throughout the region with highs in the mid-40s and flurries possible today, according to weather.com.

Weather springs unseasonable snow

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Three days ago, students wandered campus in flip-flops and shorts, donning their sunglasses and soaking in the sun — but the warm weather was short-lived.

Monday and Tuesday's snow flurries and whipping winds brought students back to the reality of spring in State College.

"It's a big tease," said Erin Harp (senior-marketing).

"One day you're laying out on the HUB lawn, and the next day you're freezing."

The constant change in conditions

is causing Harp to feel under the weather.

"When the temperature changes every few days, I usually get sick," Harp said. "I kind of just wish State College had more consistency with its weather."

AccuWeather meteorologist Shawn Smith said the back and forth may be slowing down, although the area is in for at least a few more days of cool weather.

Smith said this month's 30-degree temperatures are slightly below normal for this time of year — all because of a cold front blowing down from central Canada.

"The winds from the storm are

coming from the northwest toward our area," Smith said.

But not everyone seems to be bothered by the cold weather.

Alan Sam, an arborist for State College, said the cold weather isn't really hurting any of the plants — it's actually helping them.

"This kind of weather ... it's coming at the right time where it slows the plants down a little and prevents them from budding too soon," Sam said.

As long as the cold doesn't hang around for too long, Sam said plants around town should be fine. It would take a prolonged freeze to damage the hearty vegetation, he said, and

the weather hasn't interrupted any planting either.

"We don't really start planting until the beginning of May," he said. "That's when we really worry about having frost."

Smith said temperatures should be up in the 50s by Friday or Saturday when a warm front from California should blow in.

Some students are holding out for the warm and pulling out all the stops to help make it happen.

Sporting a pair of flip-flops, Amanda Salazar (junior-economics) said, "If I'm wearing sandals, I'm hoping they will bring the warm weather."

Keirans fosters amnesty

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If approved, a student leader's proposed good samaritan policy could help students who may be forced to choose between their intoxicated friends' safety and a Judicial Affairs record.

Gavin Keirans, University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) president, said he plans to meet with borough officials and Penn State administrators next week. In the meeting, he'll discuss the proposed policy, which he said would ideally implement on- and off-campus medical amnesty for both intoxicated

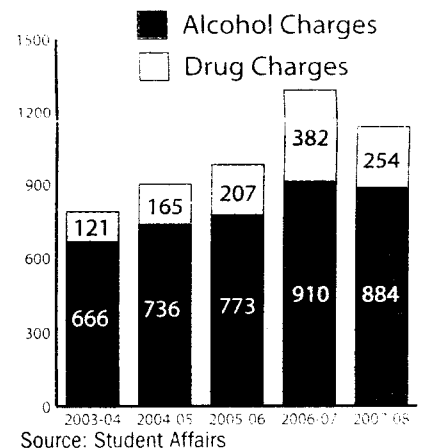


Keirans

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Number of Charges

Last year, Judicial Affairs processed fewer violations than the year before.



Source: Student Affairs

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Portland film debuts in Philly

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Two years after Rene Portland resigned as the Penn State women's basketball coach, a film documenting the controversy premiered at the Philadelphia Film Festival Saturday.

The film, titled *Training Rules*, chronicles the 2005 dismissal of Jen Harris from the Lady Lions and the controversy that resulted. It also used testimonies from other athletes who claimed Portland had discriminated against them.

The documentary will show at Penn State April 16 as part of the One in Ten Film Festival.

Dee Mosbacher and Fawn Yacker co-produced the film, which used the tagline on its Web site that Portland's three rules were: "No drinking, no drugs, no lesbians."

Mosbacher is the founder and president of "Woman Vision," an organization that creates films about social injustice among women, and Yacker has been the cinematographer for multiple Academy Award-winning documentaries.

"I was working on a generic film about LGBT issues and this case came up," Mosbacher said. "I had heard about Coach Portland's what I thought were homophobic tactics earlier in the '90s. When Jen Harris

decided to take on Penn State and such an iconic coach, it wasn't just about the case at PSU, but it was about similar cases all over the country."

Harris, who with the National Center for Lesbian Rights sued Portland, Athletic Director Tim Curley and the university under allegations of discrimination, was not allowed to be interviewed for the film because of the settlement that resulted.

Kris Petersen, sports information director for the Lady Lions, did not return multiple calls for comment.

Mosbacher said Harris and several

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Nathan A. Smith/Collegian

Training Rules will play at Penn State on April 16. The documentary is about the controversy surrounding former women's basketball coach Rene Portland.

Dinosaurs roar at Lulu's

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Dinosaur Jr., reunited after years of band infighting, has lost none of its fire.

The band, a pioneer of '90s alternative rock and key influence for bands such as Nirvana, tore into its old and new material alike on Tuesday night at Lulu's Nightspot, 129 1/2 S. Pugh St. Opening bands Awesome Color and Illinois played about 45-minute sets before Dinosaur Jr. took the stage.

Dinosaur Jr.'s stop in State College was part of a tour that finds the band playing a number of college towns.

"We grew up in college towns, so we know what it's like," bassist Lou Barlow said. "We love college towns!"

That was the extent of the night's banter. The members of the band appeared completely focused on the music, barely glancing up to look at the crowd. Guitarist J Mascis and Barlow stood with their faces obscured by their hair, with Barlow

often turning his back to the audience entirely and facing his amp.

Dinosaur Jr. is known for its volume, and the band delivered.

Though the band has only three members, the sheer force of the music shook the venue. Mascis stood ensconced in three full amplifier stacks, feedback humming from the speakers between songs, while drummer Murph pounded away with ferocious intensity.

Chris Archibald, lead singer for opening band Illinois, commented on Dinosaur Jr.'s massive amount of equipment, which was already onstage during the openers' sets. He pointed to the tiny Peavey amplifier he had borrowed for the show, which was dwarfed by Mascis's amps.

Though the band released an album, *Beyond*, following its reunion in 2005, shouted song requests from the crowd focused mostly on older material. Each song featured at least one extended guitar solo, including a rendition of "Pick Me Up" that lasted more than 10 minutes.



Liliwalla Acosta/Collegian

J Mascis, of Dinosaur Jr., a college rock band, plays at Lulu's Nightspot Tuesday night.

GSA re-elects leader with record turnout

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For a second term, Alfonso Mendoza will serve as the Graduate Student Association's (GSA) president, winning in the highest voter turnout ever for the organization.

Mendoza (graduate-materials science and engineering) ran unopposed and won with 233 votes.

"I'm definitely excited to be president again," Mendoza said. "This past year we had a strong executive board but the learning curve was kind of steep ... moving forward there will be some consistency."

Mendoza, who before being president served as a GSA delegate since 2006, said he has many goals for the 2009-10 aca-

demie year. The bulk of the efforts for GSA last year included receiving funding for the

organization. Mendoza said, adding next year will be focused on developing programs and "meaningful services to impact grad students in a positive way."

Mendoza's efforts for next year will include creating a more comprehensive orientation program for incoming graduate students, inclusive with workshops on how to be a better teaching assistant and how to choose an adviser, he said.

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Mendoza

Weather:

Today: High 47



Tonight: Low 32



Tomorrow: High 54



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