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Council decides to keep parking

In a work session Monday night, State College Borough Council voted to modify a proposal for a bikeway on Sparks Street.

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Bicyclists will have to try again for a designated bike lane in town — State College Borough Council will vote on a modified north-south bikeway proposal after discussion at the council's work session Monday night.

In a 6-1 vote, council members voted to decide during the council's April 20 meeting on a plan that scraps a previously proposed bike lane and removal of parking along Sparks Street. The exception was council member Sivi Lawrence, who voted to reject the plan all together.

Lawrence, who used to live on Sparks Street, does not believe that a bike lane belongs there, she said. However, she said she is in favor of various awareness campaigns and other steps to promote sharing the road.

After every council member had a chance to comment on the north-south bikeway, council suggested that staff schedule a vote on the bikeway with only "share the road" signs along South Sparks Street, eliminating the bike lane.

"I agree with the people that own homes there," council member Theresa Lafer said. "People need to be able to get to and have their friends park near where they live."

Council member Peter Morris said he was particularly struck by the lack of cyclists speaking in behalf of the proposal at the public hearing.

The north-south bikeway was proposed last year and has gone through continuous modifications since its original proposal. At the meeting on April 20, council members will vote on the new proposition based on the discussion at the work session Monday night.

The council held a public hearing on the plan at its April 4 meeting, which at the time included eliminating parking along Sparks Street. Several citizens spoke out against the bike lane for various reasons, including the elimination of parking, the speed on the street and an abundance of signs.

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Legendary Philadelphia announcer Harry Kalas died hours before Monday's Phillies game.

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Well after the final out at Veterans Stadium was in the books — sometimes at 1 or 2 a.m. — Harry Kalas was throwing fastballs and curveballs to his kids in a backyard version of the game synonymous with his voice.

"He would come back home and he had this soft sponge ball that he'd throw and we would hit it with our hands," Kalas' son, Brad, said Monday night.

Memories like the sponge whiffle ball-like game stand out most to Brad hours after his father and the longtime Phillies Hall of Fame broadcaster's death Monday — just two weeks into his 39th year as the team's play-by-play announcer.

The 73-year-old's passing left family and fans shocked and saddened. Kalas collapsed in the press box at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C., hours before the Phillies' afternoon game against the Nationals.

When Kevin McCaffrey (junior-management information

sciences) finds his seat at Citizens Bank Park in two weeks, the sights and smells of freshly cut grass and hot, juicy franks and typical Philadelphia fan antics will fill his nose and ears.

But when McCaffrey, who grew up in Philadelphia, looks up at the press box, the man whose voice has been a staple in his and millions of others' Phillies fandom will be absent.

Chris Morell (sophomore-energy, business and finance) lives outside Philadelphia in nearby Flourtown and will never forget Kalas' voice when he said the Phillies were the 2008 World Series champions.

"My favorite quote is after Chase Utley hit a home run, he said, 'Chase Utley, you are the man,'" Morell, dressed in a Phillies jacket, said in his best Kalas impression.

Malcolm Moran, Penn State's Knight Chair in Sports Journalism and Society, said when the loss of someone of Kalas' stature happens, it's difficult for fans to get over.

"Because of his talent, See KALAS, Page 2.



Phillies infielders Ryan Howard, left, and Chase Utley, right, bow their heads in remembrance of Harry Kalas on Monday.

Life of a Legend

1959 - Graduated from University of Iowa with a degree in speech, radio and television

1965 - Member of the Houston Astros broadcast team

1971 - Joined the Phillies

2002 - Inducted into Hall of Fame

April 13, 2009 - Passed away

Fans will miss voice of Phillies

By Terry Casey

THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE lost its voice yesterday.

As it had 162 times a year for almost four decades, Philadelphia stopped to listen yesterday. But for the first time, Harry Kalas wasn't there.

The reigning world champions of baseball still played the game he loved. But it wasn't the same, nor will it ever be.

Harry the K was, by profession, the man who called Phillies games for TV and radio. But to the city he called home, he was its soul.

From his coarse, deep calls of See FANS, Page 2.



MY OPINION

'Idol' stars bring musical to campus

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It may not be the Kodak Theatre, but Eisenhower Auditorium will be filled with American Idol stars tonight as the Broadway touring company of *Ain't Misbehavin'* hits University Park.

Featuring three contestants from the show's second season — including winner Ruben Studdard — the show is quickly approaching selling out for its one-night-only performance.

Ain't Misbehavin' — a show that performs the compiled musical compositions of jazz personality Fats Waller — is a completely sung performance, said Trenyce Cobbins, an *Idol* finalist.

"Basically it's a review of Fats Waller as a musical composer," Cobbins said.

Though the show takes place in the 1930s during the Harlem Renaissance, all the characters

If you go

What: *Ain't Misbehavin'*

When: 7:30 tonight

Where: Eisenhower Auditorium

Details: Tickets are \$40, \$34 for students

play themselves and take on aspects of Waller's personality.

"From the get-go, the show has very high energy just like he did," she said. "Each of the songs we take on a different characteristic of him to portray."

Cobbins said the fact that she, Ruben Studdard and Frenchie Davis — all three second season *Idol* contestants — are in the show together is a complete coincidence, but she had to work for her role.

"They wanted Ruben, and Frenchie was coming off of See MUSICAL, Page 2.



Courtesy of townnews.com

Trenyce Cobbins stars with fellow *American Idol* contestants Ruben Studdard and Frenchie Davis in a musical performance that celebrates Fats Waller.

Loved ones recall student's kindness

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Niki Piano remembers sitting in Erik Nistad's living room last Friday, laughing and eating Oreos cookies with the Penn State student and talking with his mother.

"I would eat the inside of it and he would eat the cookie," said Piano, Nistad's longtime friend and neighbor.

It was the day before Nistad's 21st birthday, and he made plans with his mother to have a big dinner and go shopping Saturday, Piano said.

But Nistad, a Milford resident, was killed early Saturday morning when his car hit a tree while he was driving on a road near his home, his sister Kathleen Nistad said.

Police could not release any information about the crash as of press time Monday. Penn State spokesman Bill Mahon wrote in an e-mail Monday that he didn't have more details on Nistad's death.

A junior at Penn State's University Park campus, Nistad had aspired to become a police officer and eventually join the FBI, his sister said.

"He would do anything for anyone, no matter what," Kathleen Nistad said. "He wanted to help everybody."

It's a quality many mentioned after his funeral Monday, and a role he embraced last year when his sister's son was born, Kathleen Nistad said.

He helped take care of his nephew for about six weeks after the birth, and he always insisted on helping his own mother, she said.

"I think it made him feel good to take care of her," Kathleen Nistad said.

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Nistad

Weather: Today: High 43

Tonight: Low 36

Tomorrow: High 54

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