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Students gather in crowds waiting for a CATA bus. Despite increased buses to off-campus routes, not all students can catch a ride.

## **CATA** riders left on the curb

Students commuting via CATA buses have been reporting heavy delays at certain locations.

> By Jacquie Tylka COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Brittany O'Shea had been waiting for a bus for 10 minutes Monday morning when one flew past her stop.

She and nearly 35 other residents of Nittany Crossing, 601 Vairo Blvd., shook their heads in frustration - it's only been a

week since classes started, but the extended wait for a ride to campus is already getting

"The first day we didn't even get on a bus ... They were all full,

Mose O'Shea (sophomore-recreation, park and tourism management)

Transportation Authority (CATA) V bus chugged along Vairo Boulevard without stopping. They need more buses to go

down Vairo Boulevard," she continued as other riders nodded. "I know they already call in buses, but they need to have them backto-back for like an hour in the

CATA has heard complaints in high doses from patrons recently, General Manager Hugh A. Mose

route," Mose said. "For the morning commute period, we have buses leaving every 16 minutes, and we run more buses if needed to provide enough capacity for moving back... those out there waiting.

His statement was validated Monday morning: There was another V picking up students at the stop at The Pointe, 501 Vairo Blvd. But O'Shea and other riders still had their doubts. A lot of Nittany Crossing residents walk to that stop, filling up available buses and leaving no room for other riders, O'Shea said.

Mose said CATA tries to accommodate those riders through the use of "trippers," or extra buses that will make an extra trip with a regularly scheduled bus.

Trippers, and the similar oncall "floater" buses, are made available for the first few weeks of the semester when CATA, like students, is trying to fine-tune routines.

"We do the best we can with matching up capacity with demand," Mose said. "It's not like we just ignore the fact that we have large groups of people

After gathering information from trippers and floaters, CATA will figure out riding patterns, allowing the authority to schedsaid as another Centre Area ule extra buses during the

busiest times. Mose said this is proof that CATA is constantly working to ensure buses get to groups left behind, but he understands there

is still irritation.
"Be patient," he said. "It's always more difficult the first week, but it does get better.'

As the tripper bus that stopped down the road came to a halt at O'Shea's stop, students flooded the opening doors.

"Everyone move back as much as possible." the bus driver said, sounding much like an amusement park employee. "If you are wearing a backpack, please put it in between your legs. Just keep

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## Faculty body aims to cut energy costs

**By Caitlin Sellers** COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

In response to a \$1.5 million reduction permanent University Park's utilities budget, the University Faculty Senate will discuss cutting energy costs at its meeting today.

The permanent budget cut was approved in response to reductions in state funding, according to a report that will be presented at the meeting. The university's budget this year includes \$50 million in cuts and savings, according to a statement on Penn State Live.

Paul Ruskin, spokesperson for Office of Physical Plant (OPP), said the new recommendations

- Energy Conservation Policy AD-64 -- were approved by the If you go

What: University Faculty Senate meeting

When: 1:30 p.m.

Where: 112 Kern Graduate Building

Details: The Senate will discuss a new energy policy and H1N1 guidelines, among other items

university over the summer, amid skyrocketing electricity costs that also provided an incentive to conserve more energy. He said the university's cost of energy doubled in January 2009 as a result of a rate change with a power provider.

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### **Concern to conserve**

The University Faculty Senate will discuss the new Energy Conservation Policy being enacted this semester.

According to the policy, all Penn State owned or leased facilities, except the Hershey Medical Center and Pennsylvania College of Technology, will adopt the following initiatives:

- Use energy-efficient Energy Star computers
- · Maximize use of natural daylight
- · Minimize use of air conditioning and portable heaters
- New thermostat standards: 75 degrees in summer, 70 degrees in winter

"Part of the motivation for the Source: Faculty Senate agenda report Megan Yanchitis/Collegian



Penn State men's golf coach

Greg Nye said he's both "con-

cerned and disappointed" about the situation and that he had a

conversation with Foley on

"We will be handling it internally." Nye said. "We had a good

Nye said he personally will be

working through this with him"

and did not comment on whether

opportunity to talk it through.

Monday about it.

From left, Scott Lesak, Tony Berrens of State College, and Donald Floyd, of Philadelphia stand and observe as Alpha Fire Company volunteers train outside of the Life Sciences Building, Monday.

Fair-goers attend the annual Grange Fair held in Centre Hall Saturday evening.

### Penn State Grange triump

By Paige Minemyer

**COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER** 

In the Grange Building at the County Grange Encampment and Fair in Centre Hall, Pa., a selection of agricultural exhibits lined up to battle it out last Wednesday.

But when it came down to competition between four exhibits presented by National Grange chapters, the new kids in town Marion Grange, Penns Valley

reigned supreme.

Penn State Grange, a new student organization officially established this past spring, defeated three other — and older — Grange chapters to take first place for their exhibit, which featured a showcase of community service and rural improvement with a backdrop of Penn State blue and white.

The organization beat out

Grange and Bald Eagle Grange to

take the \$200 prize. The National Grange is an agricultural organization dedicated to the betterment of rural America, and Penn State's group is the first Grange organization based on a college campus, said Scott Barbara. the club's adviser.

Group president Jennifer Nauss (junior-communication sciences and disorders) said winning See GRANGE. Page 2.

vear-old senior was released to a friend. police said.

## PSU golfer cited, coach 'concerned

Golfer declines to speak after cited with public drunkenness Monday.

> By Kevin Cirilli COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

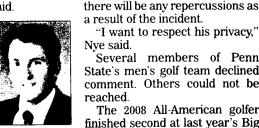
A Penn State golfer was cited with public drunkenness early Monday morning, Penn State University Police said.

Kevin T. Foley, Somerville, drank enough alcohol that he could no longer care for himself and was apprehended by

police at about 3 a.m. near the Foley Atherton Hall

bus stop on East College Avenue, police said. Foley did not respond to repeated calls for comment.

After police cited him, the 22-



"I want to respect his privacy," Nve said. Several members of Penn State's men's golf team declined

comment. Others could not be reached. The 2008 All-American golfer

finished second at last year's Big Ten Men's Golf Championship and first in both the Boilermaker Invitational and Invitational last season. He was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2007.

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