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## Scholar money returned

By Caitlin Sellers  
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Last year, as families of Schreyer Scholars faced more than \$1 million in unmet financial need despite an annual \$3,500 merit scholarship, parents decided to take initiative.

Parents who were able to afford their child's education without aid asked others to donate their student's merit scholarship back to the university, so that other Schreyer Honors College (SHC) students with a high amount of need could continue their education.

Last year, the campaign raised more than \$220,000.

Now, they're doing it again. SHC

## Parents giving back

Last semester, the mother of a Schreyer Honors College student asked other parents to return the college's \$3,500-per-semester merit scholarship in order to raise money for other Schreyer students with financial need.

**Last Semester**  
\$1,000,000 in financial need  
\$220,000 given back\*  
\$100,000 given to students  
34 students received aid

**This Semester**  
as of 09/08/09  
\$1,500,000+ in financial need  
\$13,000 given back  
11 students received aid

\*\$100,000 placed in endowment

Source: Schreyer Honors College

Amanda Keller/Collegian

parent Kristin Hayes wrote the letter that was sent out to parents this year.

"We wanted to ask people to look at their personal situation," she said. "If they don't need all or some of it, to give it back, because there

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## UHS plans for flu

PSU will install towel dispensers and hand dryers in response to the H1N1 virus.

By Allison Jackovitz  
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With incidents of swine flu-like symptoms already popping up around campus, Penn State's Department of Housing and Food Services plans to install paper towel dispensers and electric dryers in dormitory bathrooms.

Stan Latta, UHS assistant vice president of Housing and Food Services, said there have been requests for paper towels in the

dorms for years, but the H1N1 virus — commonly known as the swine flu — has moved the issue to the top of the department's to-do list.

Beginning this week, paper towels will be provided in residence halls, a standby measure until staff begins installing electric hand dryers within the next six weeks. The model of electric dryer is still up for debate, Latta said.

"I don't know if it's going to reduce the transfer of H1N1, but certainly, in my non-medical opinion, it'll help," he said.

According to a statement posted Tuesday on Penn State Live, University Health Services (UHS) has asked more than 30 students to self-isolate, with more than half of the cases occurring since Saturday. In the first week of the semester, two individuals tested positive for H1N1, and last week UHS diag-

nosed another four cases, UHS Director Dr. Margaret Spear said.

Spear said hand-washing and proper respiratory etiquette — like covering your mouth or nose when sneezing or coughing — are important public health strategies to reduce the spread of any infection.

H1N1 aside, students are excited about the new luxury. East Halls resident Nicholas Pasqua (freshman-computer science) said he's looking forward to seeing paper towels in his dorm bathroom.

"It's kind of obvious to have paper towels next to where you wash your hands," he said. "It's just a basic sanitary measure."

But despite currently lacking paper towels in the dorms,

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Lynn McGowan/Collegian

Mendel Meretsky, 7, of State College, prepares challah next to the 9-foot-long loaf baked by Tony Sapia as a part of the Jewish Life Festival on Tuesday. Sapia baked the large loaf and submitted an application to the Guinness Book of World Records in hopes of having baked the largest challah ever.

## Jewish event showcases 9-foot challah

By Lexi Belcuffine  
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Situated on a table in the center of a white tent was a 9-foot-long challah, or braided bread.

Baked in a 10-foot-long oven at Gemelli's Bakery, 129 S. Pugh St., by Tony Sapia, the challah is in contention for a record in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Students and community members balanced challah, kosher hot dogs and personally made a shofar as they came together at the Jewish Life Festival on Tuesday night in front of the HUB-Robeson Center.

"We want to give an experience

to Jewish and non-Jewish students of Jewish-life," said Rabbi Nossan Meretsky, director of Chabad at Penn State.

An online application was submitted to Guinness to determine if Sapia had baked the largest challah ever, Meretsky said.

"Tony and I both did research," Meretsky said. "They have the largest hamburger bun and largest pita. So we're hoping they can add this as the largest challah."

While the application takes four to six weeks to be processed, Sapia — owner of Gemelli's Bakery and Tony's Big Easy — is prepared to bake a longer challah

for the actual review if needed, Meretsky added.

At other tables, attendees could participate in four hands-on activities.

Attendees braided challah, which was baked in a convection oven powered by a nearby generator. Once it was baked, people took the challah with them.

Making a four-braid challah for the first time, Randee Sedaka (freshman-forensic science) said she was proud her bread "didn't look horrible."

Stationed next to the right of the challah station, attendees could also make a shofar, a hollowed ram's horn used like a



To see video of the event:  
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trumpet in Rosh Hashanah ceremonies.

"I'm trying to make it really smooth, though it looks pretty either way," Sedaka said, sanding her shofar.

Behind the shofar workshop sat the potential world-record challah.

At the table beyond the 9-foot long challah, a Jewish scribe wrote attendees' names in Hebrew and offered explanations of his craft.

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## WPSU pleads for its funding

By Evan Trowbridge  
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Public broadcasters in Pennsylvania are urging supporters to let their voices be heard in Harrisburg, as legislators consider completely cutting funding to Pennsylvania's branches of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

PBS stations, including Central Pennsylvania's WPSU-TV, are teaming up with other organizations that support libraries, museums and the arts across the state to advocate for the programs' spot in the budget.

The coalition has petitioned state legislators who have proposed the \$7.9 million cut in financial assistance, and Gov. Ed Rendell. The petition has already gathered the support of 15,000 Pennsylvanians, said Greg Petersen, director of programming services for WPSU-TV.

"We understand it's a tough budget, but to go from something to zero, it seems unjust and unfair," Petersen said. "One hundred-percent cut is not our fair share."

The station will likely take the hit hardest when it comes to local programming, Petersen said. It's already eliminated eight jobs and canceled two local programs over the summer, said Bianca Barr, senior promotions associate at WPSU-TV, and the station stands to lose approximately \$850,000 in the proposed budget.

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Courtesy of Word Press

Third Eye Blind will perform in State College on Monday, Oct. 12. They will be bringing their show to the State Theatre.

## Third Eye Blind to 'charm' PSU

By Kristen Karas  
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Popular '90s rock band Third Eye Blind will add State College to its list of stops on the band's fall tour, according to Mike Negra, executive director of the State Theatre.

"They are very interested in coming," said Negra. "They are very aware of State College and the inquiry came from them."

The band, which formed in 1997, will play the State Theatre, 130 W. College Ave. on Monday, Oct. 12.

Tickets go on sale at 11 a.m. Friday and can be purchased at the State Theatre box office or online.

Negra said the possibility of

## If you go

**What:** Third Eye Blind  
**Where:** The State Theatre, 130 W. College Ave.  
**When:** Monday, Oct. 12; show-time is TBA  
**Details:** General admission tickets are \$35; tickets go on sale at 11 a.m. on Sept. 11.

tickets selling out may be likely.

"I'd be surprised if it didn't," he said. "We've never sold out in a day. I think that would be very exciting."

General admission tickets are \$35, but it is not yet known what the student price will be.

Negra also said the San Francisco band will have an opening act.

However, it is not yet known who the performer will be, adding that the reaction so far to the announcement has been "great."

"I'm super excited by the show and the new album," he said.

He also said that the theater's small space will add to the show's appeal.

"What an intimate place to see a big band like this," he said.

Third Eye Blind's most recent album, *Ursa Major*, was released Aug. 18, according to the band's Web site. The album is also its first studio collection in five years.

Other October locations for the  
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