

**Alley ollie**  
Skate Penn completed its move to a second-floor location on Calder Way on Thursday. | LOCAL, Page 3

**Basic training**  
After serving seven months in the Marines, senior Emily Thompson is returning to athletics with the crew team. SPORTS, Page 8

**Double winners**  
WPSU took two Emmys at the Mid-Atlantic awards. A&E, Page 7

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## Simmons to close, students unhappy

After this semester, Simmons Dining Hall will close to create more dorm space.

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Simmons Dining Hall will close at the end of the spring semester, marking the loss of another dining hall in South Halls and a farewell to exclusively healthy dining facilities on campus.

The dining hall will close after the end of the 2009-10 academic year to make space for more on-campus residences. Director of Housing Conal Carr said. A year ago, McElwain Dining Hall was closed for the same reason.

Some students said they were disappointed to see the haven of healthy eating choices close.

"It's a shame because it's the only place on campus you can get nutritional food," Christine Simcox (sophomore-nutrition) said. "Everywhere else is greasy and not as good quality."

Other students said they will miss the convenience of living in South Halls and having the option of healthy eating so close to their dorm.

"I eat here every single day -- I love the food and all the choices," Susie Della Rocca (junior-hotel, restaurant and institutional management) said. "I'm hoping they can relocate it. I'll be really sad if they don't."

Carr said Simmons is currently the only totally healthy eating option on campus.

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Steve LaRosa serves omelettes in Simmons Dining Hall last summer. The dining hall will be the second closed in South, leaving only Redifer.



Dahiana Tejada, (junior-geography) and Adriana Félix-Salgado (junior-environmental systems engineering) debate with Frank Diorio, 74, Lake Hopatcong, N.J., about their stances on abortion. Diorio has traveled to college campuses for the past eight years to talk about this issue. For more coverage on the protest | LOCAL, Page 3.

## Search for answers continues

Police continue to investigate Joe Dado's actions on Sept. 20.

By Kevin Cirilli  
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Authorities are still investigating the events leading up to Penn State freshman Joseph Dado's death, as officers re-interview witnesses and prepare for a complete autopsy report.

Police plan to return to the witness who saw Penn State freshman Joseph Dado alone in the area outside of the on-campus fraternity where he was last seen alive Sept. 20.

Workers found Dado, 18, dead in an exterior stairwell near the Steidle Building at about 6 p.m. Sept. 21. He was last seen at about 3 a.m. Sept. 20 leaving the Alpha Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity house, 319 N. Burrowes Road.

Though details are still foggy, authorities say Dado appears to have been alone on the roof of a maintenance building.

"They do have some indication from different points that Mr. Dado was a one on the roof," Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers said. "They are looking into everything they are hearing. If anybody has information, they're asking them to please come forward."

Police believe footprints found on the roof of a



Dado

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## IFC: frat recruits average

Despite a new registration fee and a recruit's death, fraternity recruitment did not suffer.

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Despite the potential deterrents of a new registration fee and the death of recruitment-registered freshman Joseph "Joe" Dado, the Interfraternity Council is experiencing recruitment numbers comparable to last year. Fraternities extended bids to students registered for Interfraternity Council (IFC) formal recruitment Monday night. Students who received bids have until Oct. 1 to accept or reject the invitations to join a fraternity.

IFC reported 1,481 students registered for formal recruitment this year, compared to 1,612 registrants in Fall 2008, said IFC Vice President of Communications Zach Meli.

## Recruitment

2009 IFC recruitment registration: 1,481  
2009 invitations to join: 1,199  
2008 IFC recruitment registration: 1,612  
2008 invitations to join: about 800

Forty fraternity chapters extended 1,199 bids to 896 students Monday night, and eight chapters were yet to report as of press time. Meli (senior-economics) said. Last year a total of 899 students were extended bids, he said.

IFC unanimously passed a new policy this September that established a \$10 registration fee for all students planning to participate in fraternity recruitment.

In return for the \$10 fee, each student received a recruitment T-shirt and a silicone wristband that allowed them to attend specific recruitment events.

When the fee was proposed and later passed, it remained to be seen whether the fee would affect recruitment numbers.

Meli said the fee may have disinterested some students, but those students were already unlikely to have ultimately joined a fraternity.

Max Wendkos, president of

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## UPUA seeks legal director

Keirans hopes the legal services program will be functional by November.

By Laura Nichols  
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Student government and the Division of Student Affairs are searching for a Director of Legal Services, bringing closer the fulfillment of a presidential campaign promise.

University Park Undergraduate Association President Gavin Keirans said he is glad to see a legal services pro-

gram come to fruition during his time at Penn State and hopes it will be fully functional by November.

The director will be in charge of the entire program, which will provide students with free legal advice and representation.

"This is the biggest part of the process," Keirans (senior-business management) said. "Once we have a director, we have a service."

Keirans campaigned for the legal services program during both his initial and re-election presidential campaign. Two dollars from each student's fee goes toward the program in order to

provide students with free legal advice and representation on a variety of issues, including tenant-landlord disputes and traffic violations.

"We're glad to provide students with a much-needed and meaningful service," Keirans said.

Keirans will co-chair the search committee with Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Philip Burlingame. The committee will screen applicants and decide who will be brought in for an interview, Burlingame said.

Selected candidates for the position will then meet with the committee, who will assign each

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## Housing monitors flu-like cases

By Laura Nichols  
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Students fighting influenza-like illnesses will have more than their mothers calling them daily — University Health Services (UHS) may now check in on them, too.

Director Dr. Margaret Spear said whenever UHS sees or talks to a student who exhibits flu-like symptoms, staff have made the effort to keep up daily communi-

cation with students to check on their status.

Now, in conjunction with Housing and Food Services, students who haven't made the trip to the Student Health Center can also opt to be contacted by university staff to ensure their condition doesn't get any worse.

An online form asking students to record if they are recovering or still experiencing flu-like symptoms will soon be available on [eliv.ing.psu.edu](http://eliv.ing.psu.edu).

University staff members will call students who have filled out the online form to ask them a series of questions regarding their health.

Based on the student's answers, the staff will be able to suggest the appropriate actions the student should take.

"If we in some way know who those students are, whether they're on or off campus, someone can make contact with them

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