

Old McDonald

More and more Americans are buying their food from local farmers markets
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Linebacker Sean Lee will not play in Saturday's game
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Flu cases on rise, hit 900

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University Health Services (UHS) has diagnosed more than 900 Penn State students with an influenza-like illness, and two have been hospitalized since the start of classes, director Dr. Margaret Spear said Tuesday.

In general, Spear said the presence of the H1N1 virus — commonly known as swine flu — has been steady. Spear estimated that between 50 and 60 stu-

dents are seen at UHS each day for flu-like symptoms.

Although UHS saw the most students with symptoms during the week of Sept. 14, the average number of cases is still on the rise, Spear said.

"If a lot of students get vaccinated, hopefully that'll keep it so we're not seeing 250 a week for the rest of the year," Spear said. "I'm not sure my staff can keep doing that."

The two students requiring hospitalization were referred by

UHS to Mount Nittany Medical Center at the end of last week. The students spent 24 and 48 hours in the hospital respectively and have since been discharged. Neither student was critically ill.

While 900 students out of the entire student body aren't too many in her mind, Spear said the figure is likely an underestimate, as many students are treating themselves without seeking medical attention. In general, only students in high-risk groups need to visit UHS if they're

exhibiting influenza-like symptoms, which include fever, body aches and fatigue.

"We assume that there are some students who are coming down with symptoms of the flu that have read about it and figured out that they have it so they just lay low and take care of themselves," she said.

But the university's new flu form on eliving.psu.edu may help to provide more accurate figures as to how many students are

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Campus connections

The common areas in some parts of campus have total wireless coverage, while others should by next semester.

Nittany Comm. Center.....	100%
North.....	100%
West.....	50%
Pollock.....	28.57%
South.....	27.27%
Eastview.....	14.28%
East.....	13.3%

Source: Penn State Housing and Food Services
Justine King/Collegian

Wi-Fi coming to some dorms

Some students are upset that not all residence halls will receive wireless internet.

By Allison Jackovitz
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Wireless Internet is finally coming to some campus residence halls — but the service isn't as inclusive as some might have hoped.

Housing and Residence Life is focusing on providing wireless access in common areas but because of the cost of installation, there are no plans to provide service to dorm rooms, said Joel Weidner, director of information systems for Housing and Food Services.

Although common areas in many residence halls already feature wireless Internet, Penn State officials hope to have the service in 12 dorms in South and Pollock Halls by next semester for around \$85,000.

Putting wireless in the remaining residence halls at University Park will cost about \$140,000 and should be completed by spring 2011, Weidner said.

However, wireless Internet will not be installed in the tower buildings in East Halls. Organizers said the residence halls have lost lounges to supplemental housing and are already close to Findlay and Johnston Commons.

Even so, room and board fees from all on-campus students go toward installing wireless Internet, something Ryan Becker (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said is unfair.

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Chloe Elmer/Collegian

Members of the cast of the Broadway musical *Avenue Q* perform Tuesday night in Eisenhower Auditorium. Although it's a puppet show, the production advertises itself as unsuitable for children because of its adult content.

Racy puppet show entertains

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Audience members were educated through songs about topics ranging from racism and porn to life purpose and schadenfreude Tuesday night in Eisenhower Auditorium.

The Broadway musical *Avenue Q* took the stage at Eisenhower for the first time to an audience of 1,550. The production will show again at 7:30 tonight.

"It exceeded my expectations," Brian Maynard (sopho-

more-interdisciplinary studio) said. "And I expected hilarity."

Maynard said this was the first time he and his friends had seen the show live. When they found out it was coming to campus they needed to see it, he said.

"It kind of has a reputation for being really funny," Ford DeCastro (sophomore-bioengineering) said. "It preceded itself."

He had listened to several *Avenue Q* songs before, including "The Internet is for Porn." Those songs made him want to see the show. He added that

while watching the show, it's easy to forget that many of the characters are puppets.

The musical tells the story of recent college graduate Princeton as he moves into a cheap apartment on Avenue Q in a nameless borough outside of New York City. Princeton finds things become difficult when he realizes he has not yet found his life purpose.

The performance opened with a song about how much life sucks as Princeton meets his new neighbors. The cast eventually agrees that it sucks most to be

the Avenue Q superintendent, who happens to be Gary Coleman, who is played by one of three live actors in the show.

As Princeton begins interacting with his neighbors, the songs elicited more laughs from the audience.

"Everyone's a little bit racist sometimes," Princeton's love interest, Kate Monster sings at one point. "Maybe it's a fact we all should face."

It was this straightforwardness that Lindsey Goodlow enjoyed most about the show.

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Gardens take place of tailgates

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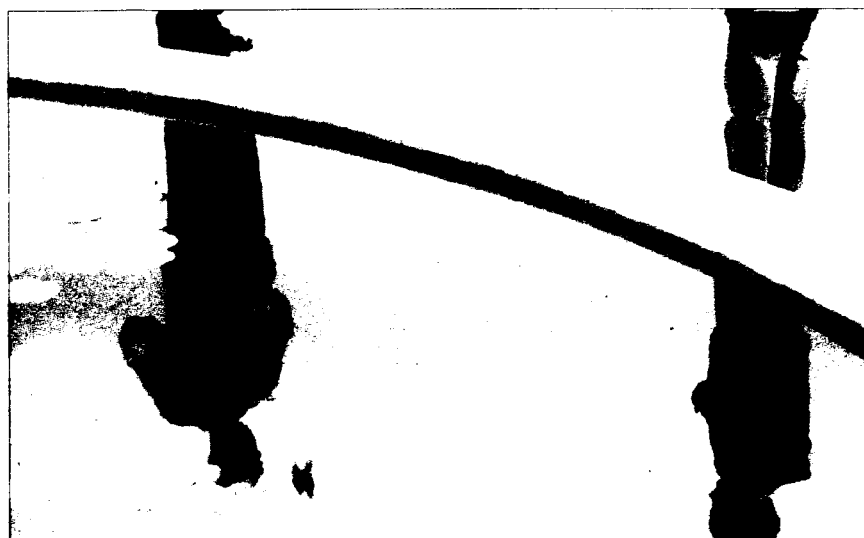
The sounds of bottles clinking, grills sizzling and tailgaters partying in Parking Lot 80 have been replaced by an unusual quiet at Penn State, as the former tailgating fields north of Park Avenue transform into the H.C. Smith Botanic Gardens.

The gardens are part of the first phase of an initiative to redevelop the area into a 377-acre arboretum, extending from Park Avenue to the Mt. Nittany Expressway.

From Overlook Pavilion temporary lights and portable toilets can be seen in the distance, reminders of how far the Arboretum at Penn State still has to go.

"This is one of the most visible, most exciting new initiatives at Penn State," said Kate Reeder, arboretum event and marketing coordinator.

As a part of the Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence's Educating for Sustainability Conference, two groups of



Michael Felnetter/Collegian

The reflection on the right belongs to Jacob Bader, 6, of State College. The lily pad-filled pond is part of Penn State's arboretum, which is still under construction. Bader listened to a tour guide during a tour of the gardens Tuesday night.

about ten people toured the Botanic Gardens on Tuesday afternoon.

"People tend to enjoy tours the most and hearing the inside story," Reeder said. She has been working on the arboretum for nine years.

"Our mission in one word is stewardship," she said to a tour group. "We want people to understand and reconnect with nature."

The botanic garden boasts 700 species

of plants and 1,700 individual plants. Equipped with Wi-Fi, the gardens feature a fountain that runs from morning to midnight — as per the wishes of Penn State President Graham Spanier, who lives nearby.

As the arboretum is currently very

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Coverage of a climate change forum
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Student tells Congress of college costs

By Laura Nichols
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Penn State student DJ Ryan stood before a congressional committee Monday to share his federal aid story, emphasizing the program's importance to many students in the face of rising higher education costs.

The Senate Committee on Health, Education Labor and Pensions held a field hearing in Philadelphia on Monday, questioning students, parents and employees in higher education on the importance grants hold in facilitating higher education.

Ryan (junior-communication arts and sciences), who is the Campus of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) governmental

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Ryan



To read Ryan's testimony:
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