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Snow shuts camp down

Paternoville campers had to disperse after temperatures dropped and snow began to fall.

> By Ashley Gold COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

In the face of an unexpected snowstorm, the population in the tent city at Beaver Stadium's Gate A has been reduced to zero.

Paternoville campers packed up their tents and went home Thursday afternoon after the decision was made to shut down Paternoville because of inclement weather.

Paternoville Coordination Committee (PCC) President Alex Cohen said the move was a joint decision between the PCC, the See SNOW. Page 2.



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A student treks through the slush on Pollock Road on Thursday afternoon. Penn State saw a record-breaking snowfall Thursday. Last year the first day of accumulated snowfall was Oct. 30.

Rain won't deter parade

Scheduled Homecoming festivities will go on despite wet weather.

> By Somer Wiggins COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

In the midst of a record-breaking snowfall, Homecoming officials assure the parade will go on tonight — rain, snow or shine.

But the weather has affected some aspects of the Homecoming celebration. The pep rally has been moved from its traditional setting on Old Main lawn to HUB Alumni Hall and will begin immediately after the parade.

'We've taken all the precautions, and we're ready and excited," said Anna Sofio, 2009 Homecoming public relations chairwoman.

Bill Syrett. manager of Penn State's weather observatory, said See OFFICIALS, Page 2.

Specter presents energy

By Evan Trowbridge COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, D-Pa.. will officially announce Penn State University as the recipient of two grants

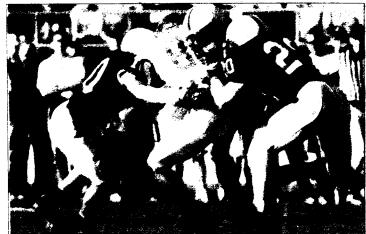
from the U.S. Depart-ment of Energy today during his visit to campus.

"The two grants will place the University at the center of the



nation's efforts to become energy independent and develop clean energy sources," according to a press release from the senator's

The announcement will be made at the MorningStar Solar Home on the corner of Porter Road and Park Avenue across See SPECTER. Page 2.



Calvin Lowry, 10, Alan Zemaitis, and Tim Shaw, 20, team tackle Minnesota's Ernie Wheelwright after a short gain over the middle. For a preview of the Homecoming game. | SPORTS, Page 9.

Golden Gophers to visit Penn State

By Wayne Staats COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Joe Paterno would like to happen

this weekend. First, he hopes he has time to spend with former players who are coming up for Homecoming

this weekend. "Even when the '59 team was honored here, 50 years ago they took us to the Liberty Bowl. I saw some of them," the head coach

said earlier this week. "I wanted to go over Friday night when they were sitting around shooting the There are at least two things bull, telling a lot of lies about how good they were. I wanted to straighten them all out — I didn't have time.

> The second one is a little more obvious — a victory.

No. 14 Penn State (5-1, 1-1 Big Ten) gets a chance to stay in the Big Ten race when the Nittany Lions play Minnesota at 3:30 p.m. See GOPHERS. Page 2.

Penn State officials refute Scott lawsuit

By Peter Panepinto COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Penn State University, Penn State Police and Centre County are defending their actions after former running back Austin Scott filed a lawsuit alleging that a dropped rape case derailed his

NFL career. Scott's attorney John Karoly Scott "was slated filed a lawsuit demanding \$300,000 in total compensation fourth-round from Penn State, the woman who draft pick for the said he raped her, Centre County National Football League."

Michael Attorney District Madeira, former District Attorney Lance Marshall

and Penn State Chief of Police Stephen Shelow, according

court documents. In the lawsuit, Karoly wrote that to be a third- or

While Scott believes the fallout career, those named in the lawsuit say the allegations are unfounded.

Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers said the university is well aware of the lawsuit and maintains that Scott's claims are false.

Employees of Penn State took required period of time. appropriate action in following up on a report of an alleged crime." Powers said. "We plan to vigorously defend the university nary against these charges.

Centre County Board Assistant from the rape case ended his Commissioners Chairman Jon Eich said he had just received a copy of the lawsuit Thursday and couldn't comment on the matter.

Joseph Green, the attorney for Centre County said he's studying the lawsuit documents and will respond to the lawsuit within the

We have to look over it carefully and we'll be responding accordingly," Green said. "My prelimianalysis is that there

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By Caitlin Sellers COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

images of brothers throwing a football on a grassy lawn outside of a stately house, but some fraternities have no house to call their own — and some houses sit empty, home to no one.

Fraternities without houses hop between residences, living in unofficial houses or actively seeking a home of their own. Houses without fraternities stand vacant

fraternities are reestablished.

Each situation has a unique history - evictions, renovations, bor-Fraternities tend to conjure ough zoning, disbandments and reestablishments all have played a part in the experiences of these fraternities.

A look at the fraternities that do not wake up between ancient stone walls each morning:

Not an Ideal Situation

Kappa Alpha Order has found itself jumping from fraternity to as renovations are completed or fraternity had been leasing the recruitment. Chatlos

its lease when Phi Kappa Sigma recruiting new members. moved back into the house.

Alpha Order has resided in the houses of Phi Delta Theta, 240 N. Burrowes Road; Tau Epsilon Phi, 328 E. Foster Ave.; and Sigma Tau Gamma, 500 S. Allen St., said Sean make a name for ourselves. Chatlos, Kappa Alpha Order pres-

The fraternity has struggled with recruitment since losing its lease, gaining only two new memfraternity since spring 2008. The bers this fall during formal

"It's definitely harder than what Since losing its lease, Kappa most fraternities have," he said. You have to make clear to your potential new members that the situation is not ideal. We're striving to make things different and

Chatlos said the fraternity still hopes to find a permanent house.

The thing is, the supply for fraternity houses is so small, it's really hard for anything like that to

happen," he said. Borough zoning ordinances do

Phi Kappa Sigma house but lost finance) said. The fraternity is still not allow the construction of new fraternities in the R-2 zone, which includes Fraternity Row, said Herman Slaybaugh, a borough zoning officer.

Buildings previously not designated as fraternities also cannot be converted into fraternities in

the area. Fraternities that exist there predate the current zoning ordinance, which was passed in 1975.

While the members of Kappa Alpha Order struggle to find a home, one house sits without

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