

## Political spin

Scott Conklin's chief of staff Tor "Michaels" McCartney spends his weekends as a local DJ  
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## Driving, gtg

Pennsylvania could be the 15th state to ban texting while driving | **LOCAL, Page 3.**

## Going Greene

Freshman Nikki Greene hopes to use her athleticism to impact the Lady Lions  
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## Players keep BCS hopes alive

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Visions of roses, sugar, oranges or a fiesta are likely gone.

And for the second straight year, the final two regular season games lost a little bit of luster.

The Nittany Lions' home finale against Indiana on Saturday has a familiar storyline to last year's home game against the Hoosiers — put the disappointment of the bigger picture in the past and fin-

ish with a double-digit win season. The Lions' shot at a national championship last year sailed away with a game-winning field goal at Iowa. Three days ago, Ohio State's 24-7 win ended Penn State's Rose Bowl hopes and perhaps their BCS bowl hopes as well.

Penn State is ranked No. 18 in the latest BCS standings. It needs to get to No. 14 by season's end to be eligible for selection by one of the three other major bowls — the

Sugar Bowl, the Orange Bowl and the Fiesta Bowl.

Call that a long shot, as the Lions' remaining opponents, Indiana (4-6, 1-5 Big Ten) and Michigan State (5-5, 3-3), won't stand out as signature wins to the pollsters and computers ranking college football's best.

Now, all Penn State can do is

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## Un-bowl-ievable

If Penn State can't climb to No. 14 in the BCS standings, it is likely headed to the Capital One Bowl or Outback Bowl.

### Big Ten standings

1. Iowa, 5-1
1. Ohio State, 5-1
3. Penn State, 4-2
3. Wisconsin, 4-2
5. Northwestern, 3-3
5. Michigan State, 3-3
5. Purdue, 3-3
8. Minnesota, 3-4
9. Illinois, 2-5
10. Michigan, 1-5
10. Indiana, 1-5

### Pick

- No. 1
- No. 2
- No. 3
- No. 4
- No. 5
- No. 6
- No. 7

### Tie-ins

- Rose Bowl
- Capital One Bowl
- Outback Bowl
- Champs Sports Bowl
- Alamo Bowl
- Insight Bowl
- Little Caesars
- Pizza Bowl



Source: ESPN.com

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## Locals address health care bill

By Katie Sullivan  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Although the Affordable Health Care for America Act passed by a five-vote margin in the House of Representatives on Saturday, Rep. Glenn Thompson, R-Pa., was one of the 215 legislators who voted against the health care reform bill.



Thompson

Thompson said he didn't think the bill, which aims to mandate universal health coverage in the United States, addressed the right issues. Indeed, he thinks the bill will actually make the health

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## Citizens discuss reform

By Evan Trowbridge  
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Some of Centre County's older citizens gathered Monday at the Mount Nittany Medical Center to hear an expert's take on the changing face of health care.

About 50 individuals gleaned the advice of speaker Christopher Calkins, director of outreach health initiatives at Penn State Outreach, as he touched on a variety of issues ranging from insurance to disease prevention to the role of the internet in the health care industry.

But the big question was how America will meet the impending challenges in the medical industry, including heavy understaffing.

"There's nothing that Congress can pass right now that wholly can fix the system," Calkins said. "It's kind of like trying to push the Titanic by jumping in the water and kicking."

Calkins, who has more than 25

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## Pa. 'no' votes

- Jason Aitmire: D-4th District
- Charlie Dent: R-15th District
- Jim Gerlach: R-6th District
- Tim Holden: D-17th District
- Tim Murphy: R-18th District
- Joe Pitts: R-16th District
- Todd Platts: R-19th District
- Bill Shuster: R-9th District
- Glenn Thompson: R-5th District

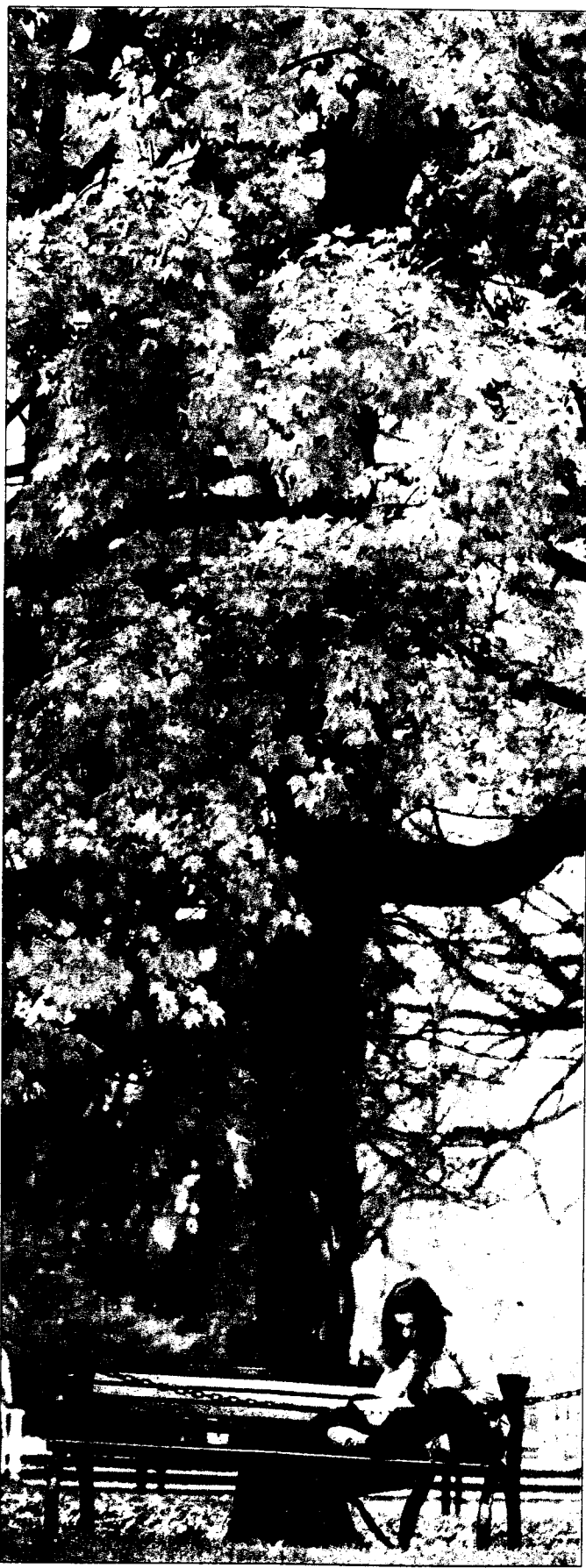
Source: U.S. House of Representatives



Alex Brandon/Associated Press

Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., left, and Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, pick up a copy of the House health care bill HB-3962 taking it up the steps to the House in a rally against the bill.

## AUTUMN ACADEMICS



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Ashley Engstrom (senior-hotel, restaurant and institutional management) relaxes on Monday by the Willard Building beneath one of the campus trees. Recent warm temperatures will not last, and temperatures will drop into the 50s for the rest of the week.

## BOROUGH MEETING

# Council talks on growing issues

By Greg Galiffa  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

After a hearing of public discourse, receiving a debasing letter from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and revision from borough staff, the Nuisance Gathering ordinance has gone through a lot — and it only has further to go.



Goreham

The ordinance, which is designed to punish party hosts for out-of-control guests with a minimum \$300 fine, was discussed at Monday's State College Borough Council meeting. Council members discussed their opinions of the ordinance after considering feedback.

"I absolutely think the findings [of the ordinance] are valid. I think we as a council have to identify if this is good public policy," council member Ron Filippelli said. "I think we need to move forward with this."

Filippelli said he supports the ordinance despite it being deemed "overbroad" by the ACLU and rejected by "pseudo-lawyers."

Council member Peter Morris had other views on the matter.

"I'm strongly against the ordinance," he said. "The opinion of pseudo-lawyers may not be important, but the opinions of ACLU lawyers is ... I'm a little worried about passing something like this and someone taking the borough to court. I don't want to be on the wrong side of the defenders of the Constitution."

Morris was referring to a statement in the ACLU letter that said it would support any member of the community who wished to challenge the ordinance.

Despite the ACLU's recommendation to not pass the ordinance, council member Theresa Lafer said she was still supportive.

"You, as the host, should really be paying more attention, because that's responsibility," she said. "If you allow [a friend] to get so confused that they don't know where they are ... you're a really lousy friend."

Lafer said she hopes to continue speaking with student groups and lawyers about the ordinance in order to get more feedback and "find a way to make it work."

## Zoning Amendment

The council also discussed a zoning amendment for fraternities in the area. The amendment arose after Phi Delta Theta fraternity lost its charter but continued to operate as a rooming house for students.

Borough zoning officer Herman Slaybaugh said the council was asked to decide if Penn State should be a factor in deciding what defines a fraternity in the borough.

Filippelli said having Penn State involved with the process was a logical choice.

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## College to hold formal in Beta Theta Pi house

By Caitlin Sellers  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The Hammond Building's Kunkle Lounge is usually bedecked with decorations every fall for the Schreyer Honors College's fall formal — but no accoutrements will be needed to spruce up this year's venue.

Schreyer Honors College will host its annual fall formal Friday at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house, 220 N. Burrowes Road.

The Penn State chapter of Beta Theta Pi is currently in the reestablishment process with its national fraternity after it was disbanded last semester in response to party and hazing violations. The house has recently undergone a \$7.5 million renovation funded by Don Abbey, class of

## If you go

**What:** Schreyer Honors College annual fall formal

**When:** Friday evening

**Where:** Beta Theta Pi fraternity

**Details:** The event is dry and open only to students in the Honors College

1970 — the largest single donation ever received by a fraternity.

Beta Theta Pi has already gained 31 new recruits since it started promoting itself this fall as a leadership-based fraternity based in a dry house, said Jeff Rundle, Beta Theta Pi re-establishment director.

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The Beta Theta Pi fraternity house, 220 N. Burrowes Road, will host the Schreyer Honors College fall formal. Beta Theta Pi officials have allowed other groups to use the house as well.