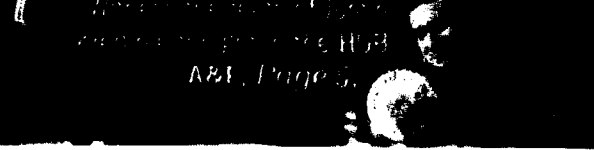


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## PSU short on vaccines

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University and local health officials are encouraging students to get both the H1N1 and the seasonal vaccine while it lasts, as national flu vaccine shortages continue to affect the Penn State community.

Today is the last scheduled day students can get the seasonal flu vaccine in the HUB-Robeson Center for \$26, which will be billed to bursar accounts. University Health Services

(UHS) Senior Associate Director Doris Guanowsky said.

Thursday marks the end of the UHS-administered mass H1N1 nasal vaccines, which are free. Students can schedule an appointment online at [www.sa.psu.edu/uhs](http://www.sa.psu.edu/uhs).

"You need a vaccine to protect you from each one," Guanowsky said. "There are two different strands going around."

Although UHS originally ordered about 30,000 H1N1 vaccines, it has only received 4,800 vaccines to date and is



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Lucero Hernandez (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) receives a flu shot. The national shortage has left PSU needing more.

uncertain when more will become available, she said.

"The production is way down than what they had expected," Guanowsky said. "If we get more vaccines, then we'll open up

more appointments. This is the last one as of now."

The H1N1 virus has infected college-aged groups more than those older — another reason See VACCINES, Page 2.

SHOOTING DEATH

## Police obtain phone records

By Kevin Cirilli  
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Authorities obtained phone records for the man who told police he accidentally shot and killed his 21-year-old girlfriend Oct. 24 in game lands just 30 minutes from campus, as police decide whether to file criminal homicide charges.

Troy R. Tierney — who Penn State officials said is listed as a Penn State student — told police he accidentally shot his girlfriend, Racheal Lynn Perryman, of Port Matilda, with an inline muzzle loading rifle because he thought she was a deer, according to court documents. Tierney and Perryman were hunting in Black Moshannon State Forest in Union Township. Tierney called 911 at about 8:30 p.m. after the shooting, police said.



Perryman

An investigation revealed Perryman contacted Tierney's parents via texts that night. "Food @ 8 do not load gun again," Thomas R. Tierney, Troy Tierney's father, texted Perryman at 7:32 p.m., according to the warrant filed Tuesday at Judge Allen Sinclair's office. Perryman texted Thomas R. Tierney at 7:15 p.m. that same night she and Troy Tierney were "Lookn 4 deer," according to the warrant. Only two text messages were stated in the warrant. Thomas R. Tierney told police the couple had dinner plans with him and his wife, Melinda Sue Tierney, according to court documents. The text messages, phone records and medical records could help authorities establish a timeline, police wrote in the warrant.

"[The records] also may shed light on Perryman's and Troy Ray Tierney's state of mind," according to the warrant. Tierney told police he didn't drink alcohol before the incident, but police said he may have been under the influence of drugs or alcohol, according to court documents. Authorities asked Verizon Wireless to keep Tierney's texts, according to the warrant. One bullet to the upper body killed Perryman, who was also involved in a rape case. Perryman told police in January that Kyle Lingle, 21, raped her in August 2008 at his residence, according to court documents.

Lingle, of Milesburg, faces rape and sexual assault charges, according to court documents.

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## Fewer campus elms hit by illness

By Lexi Belculfine  
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Last November, elm yellows disease infected 47 of the 400 elm trees on campus, prompting fears the campus's historic foliage could be at risk.

There's good news for tree lovers: This year, only three were afflicted.

"This is a moderate success, but we are not out of the woods, so to speak," Office of the Physical Plant (OPP) spokesman Paul Ruskin said.

A relatively new disease to Penn State elm trees, elm yellows has no known cure, said Kelleann Foster, chairwoman of the University Tree Commission.

"Every other place that it hit, it has wiped them all out," Foster said.

While elm yellows is isolated to two specific parts of campus — Mitchell Road and Burrowes Road — the disease is very present in other parts of the valley.

"When you leave the campus area, Penn State is in the midst of a raging epidemic," Ruskin said. "But we have teams of trained people dedicated to saving the elms and some of the best scientific guidance for plant pathology in the nation."

OPP Superintendent of Grounds Jeffrey Dice and plant pathology professor Gary Moorman led the team of OPP landscapers who collected this year's elm data.

Several factors contributed to the disease's decline, including a cold spring, Ruskin said.

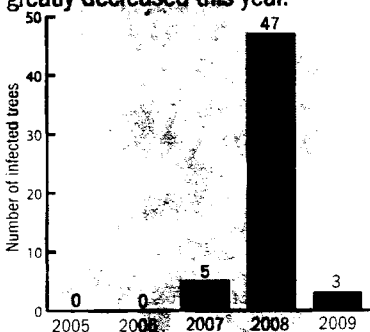
"We think the cold weather has affected the leaf hoppers and decreased the number of nymphs on trees," he said, speaking about the disease's insect carriers and their young.

Elm yellows is spread by insects, although researchers have yet to isolate a specific carrier, Moorman said.

Another factor may be the antibiotic injections administered to some of the elms — but Moorman said there is no evidence of that tactic's success, as targeted trees and those See ILLNESS, Page 2.

Mellow yellow

The Elm Yellows disease hit campus hard last year, but the number of infected trees has greatly decreased this year.



Source: Paul Ruskin and Gary Moorman  
Justine King/Collegian



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Joe Tomczuk, 84 and a Marine veteran, talks with friends at a Marine Corps event on Tuesday.



Courtesy of Joe Tomczuk

Joe Tomczuk served in the Marines in the 1940s. His military career took him around the world.

## Veteran reflects on U.S. service

By Katie Sullivan  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

More than 60 years ago, Joe Tomczuk served three years with the Marines. Although much time has passed, the discipline and punctuality the military instilled in him is still apparent.

Tomczuk's lawn in front of his split-level home on Saxton Drive in State College is cut in perfectly straight lines, clean of any leaves or debris. Inside, the scene is no different — pictures of his children and grandchildren line the walls and mantel in perfect symmetry, with nary a pillow or cushion out of place. If there's one thing his service taught him, it's neatness and punctuality, he said.

"When they said fall out at 6 o'clock, it's not a minute of 6 or a minute after 6. Six o'clock

and you better be there," Tomczuk said. "The discipline — I think they took people and molded them into something, I'd say good citizens, when they got out."

The 84-year-old man, dressed in a striped collared shirt and a crisp pair of khakis, pulled out a thick, leather-bound photo album Tuesday that holds pictures of his time in the service.

Black and white images of fallen comrades, Asian architecture and a little Chinese boy the Marines dubbed "Smokey" in a homemade Marine uniform stare back from the black photo paper.

He reflected on his time in the military as people across the nation celebrate Veteran's Day.

"People don't realize what we have here in See VETERAN, Page 2.

## Hull follows dreams

This is the first in a three-part series about Penn State linebackers overcoming personal adversities.

By Nate Mink  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

MILLHEIM, Pa. — Dressed in a navy blue cap and gown, Josh Hull lifted himself out of his seat and took the podium to address the 107 other seniors at Penns Valley's high school graduation ceremony.

Standing underneath clear skies on a stage set up in the middle of the school's football field, the 2005 valedictorian glanced down at his speech — proofread by his mother — and spoke for about five minutes.

"I can remember him telling them, 'Follow your dreams,'" said his father, Jeff, who sat in those same bleachers on Friday nights just seven months before, watching his 205-pound son run and tackle players on the football field.

## BOUNCING BACK

Who better to deliver such a message than the 4.0 grade-point average Penn State-bound football player? Someone who, although he comes from a small, old mill town tucked in the mountains of central Pennsylvania, would fight through improbable odds to climb from invited walk-on to leading Linebacker U in tackles his senior season.

### Getting to Penn State

Addressing the seventh grade members of the football program, Penns Valley varsity coach Martin Tobias took one look at a See DREAMS, Page 12.

To read more about Penn State football SPORTS, Page 8.



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Josh Hull (43) tackles Minnesota's Duane Bennett (22) during Penn State's 20-0 shutout of the Golden Gophers on Oct. 17.