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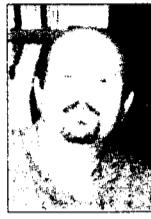
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PSU investigates 'Climategate'

By Laura Nichols
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Penn State is conducting an inquiry into the controversy surrounding a Penn State professor whose illegally leaked e-mails have sparked an international debate over whether he and his colleagues distorted data on global warming. The inquiry will determine if further investigation is warranted, a university spokeswoman said Sunday.

On Nov. 21, hundreds of e-mails sent between colleagues at England's University of East Anglia were illegally obtained from a server at the university's climate change research center and posted online. One of the researchers involved is Penn State meteorology professor Michael Mann.



Mann

The e-mails appeared to indicate that the director of the research unit in question — Phil Jones — contacted his colleagues to request they delete certain exchanges.

Skeptics of climate change are calling the ongoing investigation "Climategate" and allege the leaked e-mails suggest the researchers — including Mann — had fabricated or manipulated data on global warming.

Penn State said in a statement last week that it did not want to

speculate as to the meaning or intent of any of the leaked e-mails in question.

The university will look into the issues at hand, spokeswoman Lisa Powers said, and determine from whatever information is uncovered if further investigation is required.

In this particular situation, a Penn State committee will review every e-mail in question — a total of about 300 messages, Powers wrote in an e-mail.

This process could take "quite

some time," Powers wrote.

Mann said he understands the process and is glad the university is taking appropriate action.

"I would be disappointed if the university wasn't doing all they can to get as much information as possible," Mann said.

"I'm very happy they're doing it."

Though he says he was asked to delete selected e-mails by Jones, Mann said he did not comply with the request. He does not believe

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Courtesy of Facebook

The Joey Dado Memorial Scholarship Fund will benefit future students from his high school.

Sale to aid Dado fund

By Ashley Gold
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

As they did for all their children, Joseph Dado and his wife Denise worked hard to save money so their son Joseph "Joe" Dado could attend college and achieve his potential.

Now, the college money they set aside is endowing the Joey Dado Memorial Scholarship Fund, and today at the HUB-Robeson Center, wristbands will be sold to benefit the fund.

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the See DADO, Page 2.

If you go

What: Joey Dado Memorial Scholarship Fund fundraiser

When: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today

Where: HUB-Robeson Center

Details: Students will sell blue-and-white wristbands for \$3 each to raise money for the fund.

WAITING GAME Lions' bowl bid in limbo

By Wayne Staats
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

In one week, Penn State will know its fate. Until then, there's nothing else to do but sit and wait.

The outcomes of this upcoming weekend's games probably won't impact the Nittany Lions' Bowl Championship Series (BCS) chances. No, it all essentially hinges on a Penn State-or-Iowa debate.

Penn State's rout over Michigan State in its regular season finale on Nov. 21 ensured a second straight double-digit win season for the first time since 1994. Perhaps more importantly, it also kept the team's BCS hopes alive.

In fact, Jerry Palm of college-bcs.com said there's a 65 percent chance Penn State gets picked instead of Iowa as the Big Ten's second BCS representative, even though the Hawkeyes beat the Lions at Beaver Stadium.

"They are a more traditional power," Palm said. "They've got the charismatic legendary coach, and they have a great relationship with both of the bowls that would have any chance at selecting Penn State."

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IOWA

PSU

Record

10-2 (6-2)

BCS Rank

11th

Record vs. Current AP Top 25

0-2

All-time BCS Bowl Record (last appearance)

1-1

(2008)

Survey ranks State College safest

By Kevin Cirilli
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Penn Staters live in the safest metropolitan area in America, according to the CQ Press' annual rankings released last week.

The Congressional Quarterly (CQ) Press bumped State College to the No. 1 spot for 2009, up from last year's No. 2 ranking.

"I have always known that Centre County could be the No. 1 safest place to live, and I'm proud to have been the leader of the team that made it happen," Centre County District Attorney Michael Madeira said.

The agency uses six crime categories tallied by the FBI — murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft — to compile the list. State College beat out last year's winner, Logan, Utah, which dropped to No. 5 on this year's list.

"It's the hard work of many in the law enforcement and the commitment at large," Madeira said. "It has paid off."

State College Borough Council President Elizabeth Goreham praised the hard work of the State College Police Department. But she said local citizens, students and Penn State administrators also

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Top five

1. State College, Pa.
2. Sheboygan, Wis.
3. Appleton, Wis.
4. Bangor, Maine
5. Logan, Utah

Source: CQ Press

PSU student ready to hunt

By Greg Garcia
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

At the time, Sean Gingerich was only 12 years old, barely old enough to hold a gun in the state of Pennsylvania.

Within the first hour, Gingerich did something he was never able to do before in his life.

"My first-ever hour hunting. I shot a nine-pointed buck, which is the biggest one I ever shot up to date," Gingerich (sophomore-criminal justice) said. "I still have never seen another buck that big in my life."

Today marks the annual opening day for hunting buck and doe by rifle for most of Pennsylvania. Mark Nale, member of the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association, said there could be

more than 300,000 hunters scattering the woods, hoping to get as lucky as Gingerich did on his first day. The commencement of hunting deer by rifle is a national holiday for Gingerich and many other hunters who look forward to this day all year.

"It's a very important day," Gingerich said. "It's just an exciting day for hunting because everybody is in the woods, and you get those first-day jitters like anything else. I mark this day down every year on my calendar."

Many local hunters will head to state forest land up the road from the Tussey Mountain Ski Area to find deer. Others will test their luck at the big game lands in the Scotia area. Hunting is something that runs in the Gingerich family. Both of Gingerich's grandparents,

his father, his uncle, his brother and his cousins all have a strong passion for hunting.

Like any other year, Gingerich and his family will head up on Monday to Stone Valley in Huntingdon County, about a 30-minute drive from State College. In Stone Valley, the Gingeriches own a camp with more than 200 acres of land. Last year, hunting season ended a little earlier than Gingerich expected. In the first morning, he successfully took down a six-pointed buck. He ended his hunting trip right there — after he shoots a buck, he doesn't go hunting for doe.

"I'm in it for the horns," he said.

That six-pointed buck lasts to this day. Gingerich used the meat for steaks, burger meat and deer jerky for himself and his family.



Courtesy of Sean Gingerich

Sean Gingerich (sophomore-criminal justice) and his father display the nine-pointed deer Sean caught during his first hunt at the age of 12. Today is the first day that most Pennsylvanians can hunt deer with rifles.