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## THON 2009 data divulged

By Somer Wiggins  
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For the first time in THON history, the group's fundraising summary has been released to the public.

For the 2009 Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon fiscal year — July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 — THON raised a total of \$7,596,744.90 through donations and pending pledges, according to a press release issued Tuesday by THON officials.

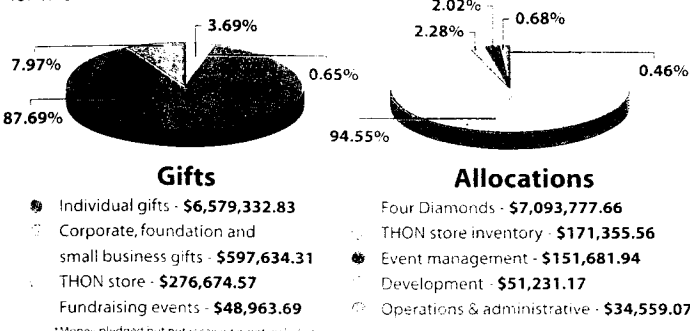
Of the fundraising total, 94.55 percent — \$7,093,777.66 — went directly to the Four Diamonds Fund, a rate experts said is exemplary.

"As our total continues to grow, we've contributed more of our total growth to the Four Diamonds Fund," Overall Chairwoman Caitlin Zankowski said.

According to the Better Business Bureau — a group that aims to advance "marketplace trust" — 65 percent of a philanthropic organization's total

### THON by the numbers

A breakdown of the donations received and the subsequent fund allocations for THON 2009.



Source: THON press release

Megan Yanchitis/Collegian

expenses ideally should go to the charity. Sarah Durham, an expert in philanthropy and founder of Big Duck, a Brooklyn-based communications firm focusing on non-profits, said THON is doing a great job.

"In terms of credibility, those are really good numbers," Durham said.

THON uses 5.4 percent — \$408,827.74 — of its total donations for expenses, including THON See **THON, Page 2.**

## Locals discuss social policy

By Lexi Belcuffine  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

State College Borough Council members said Tuesday night they were pleased with the Interfraternity Council's (IFC) new social policy — and they have some ideas of their own.

The policy — set to take effect at the start of next semester — eliminates Wednesday socials and away bars, and mandates a professional security presence at fraternity parties, among other changes.

Borough Council President Elizabeth Goreham, also mayor-elect, said she was "very impressed" with the IFC's "proactive" approach.

The new social policy could also be applied on a larger scale, Goreham said — by requiring all house parties in town to register with the borough.

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### STEPPING UP



Ryan Ulsh/Collegian

A student walks up the stairs underneath the Pattee and Paterno Libraries on Tuesday afternoon. Pattee Library and Paterno Library became one operating unit when Paterno Library was dedicated on Sept. 8, 2000, after a three-year construction project. The libraries combined now have more than 50 miles of cable for electronics and phone lines, according to the libraries' Web site.

## 'Climategate' effects unclear

By Laura Nichols  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Nestled on the fifth floor of the Walker Building, the meteorology department is one of the smaller programs at Penn State — but it has spent the last few weeks in the international spotlight.

As the Penn State inquiry of meteorology professor Michael Mann and the international investigation of the hundreds of climate-change e-mails leaked from a server at the University of East Anglia (UEA) in England continues, debate has not waned throughout the political and scientific communities.

On Nov. 21, e-mails from the climate research center at UEA were illegally obtained and released to the public. Uproar over an e-mail sent by Phil Jones, the center's director, focused on his request for his colleagues to delete certain e-mails.

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Courtesy of meteo.psu.edu

Meteorology professor Michael Mann maintains support for his research despite the investigation.



Ryan Winters/Associated Press

Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden share a laugh after the 1990 Blockbuster Bowl.

## Paterno reflects on Bowden

By Nate Mink  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Amid speculation he would be asked to step down as Florida State's football coach, Bobby Bowden said Tuesday he will retire from coaching after this year's bowl game, assuring Penn State coach Joe Paterno will be major college football's all-time winningest coach.

"Bobby has been a tough competitor," Paterno said in a statement released by Penn State about two hours after Bowden announced he was retiring.

"He has meant an awful lot to the universities he coached and to the game of football overall. He and his wife, Ann, have dedicated their lives with untold hours to better the teams and universities they cared so much about. They will be missed by the coaching profession and college

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To read a Collegian columnist's opinion on Bowden's retirement **OPINIONS, Page 6.**

### End of an era

Bobby Bowden's retirement secures Paterno's position as college football's winningest coach.

| Paterno   | Bowden                    |           |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 82        | Age                       | 80        |
| 393-129-3 | Record                    | 388-141-4 |
| 23        | Bowl wins                 | 21        |
| 7         | Head-to-head              | 1         |
| 2         | National titles           | 2         |
| 44        | Seasons at current school | 34        |

Source: [seminoles.com](http://seminoles.com) and [psucollegian.com](http://psucollegian.com)  
Junlin Chen/Collegian

### IFC ELECTIONS

## Greek officials chosen

By Caitlin Sellers  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Max Wendkos, president of Theta Delta Chi fraternity, was elected Tuesday night to be the next Interfraternity Council (IFC) president.

Wendkos (senior-marketing and psychology) was nominated for the position Nov. 10 and was elected Tuesday by the IFC President's Council.

"I decided I wanted to do this two years ago," he said. "It's exciting to finally be there."

Daniel Florencio (junior-philosophy), president of Zeta Psi fraternity, was elected the 2010 executive vice president. Alex Eng (junior-finance), member of Alpha Tau Omega, was elected the 2010 vice president for finance.

IFC President Luke Pierce (senior-economics) said he was excited for the newly elected leaders.

"I have full confidence that Max, Dan and Alex will be able to take on the challenges presented to us in the next year," he said.

Wendkos said his largest goal for the coming year will be to ease the IFC's transition into the new policies set to take place next semester.

The new policies stipulate that socials will no longer be permitted on Wednesdays of a regular week, photo identification must be provided for entry into a party, and away bars will not be permitted, among other changes.

"It's going to be really important to adjust to these policies with as little turbulence as possible," he said. "There has been a lot of concerns, but I want to erase these concerns. Yeah, it's different but that doesn't mean it's bad."

He said he also would like to improve communication between the executive board and the presidents, and make See **GREEK, Page 2.**