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Snowy weather looms locally

By Megan Rogers
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Although only two to four inches of snow were expected in a possible winter storm Tuesday night, university and downtown officials began preparing to clear the roads of ice hours beforehand.

The snow began around 8 p.m. Tuesday night. The weather forecasted a mix of sleet and freezing rain later in the night, Accuweather.com meteorologist Heather Buchman said. Ice totals were expected to be between .05 and .10 inches.

Michael Kozar, a vice president at the Penn State Campus Weather Service, said the only question left was how much actual snow campus would see.

"We got a whole bunch of precipitation headed our way," he said. "It's going to be too warm for it to be all snow — it's going to get a lot colder after this thing moves through."

But no matter what, Penn State staff was ready.

"An ice layer is dangerous for walking," Penn State Office of Physical Plant (OPP) spokesman Paul Ruskin said. "OPP has all



Marissa Gutherz/Collegian

A student uses an umbrella to brave the snowstorm on Tuesday night as she walks down Pattee Mall. The university issued a midnight clear in order to prepare for the inclement weather.

the equipment ready and plenty of salt and anti-skid material."

Ruskin said that classes would

not likely be canceled. The last time Penn State had a snow day

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MIFFLIN STREAK

Man sues PSU

By Peter Panepinto
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

A Penn State student is suing the university and five Penn State Police officers after he said several officers tackled him to the ground during the 2008 Mifflin Streak, leaving him with a concussion and fractured collarbone.

Christopher Ferry, of West Chester, filed a lawsuit Friday in the U.S. Middle District Court against Penn State Police Chief Stephen Shelov, officer David E. Bjorkman, officer Melani Medina, officer Sean Gorman, officer Mark Sinisi and several others who were listed in the lawsuit as John or Jane Does.

According to the lawsuit, Ferry is seeking more than \$150,000 in punitive and compensatory damages. Ferry declined to comment and referred all questions to his attorney, who wasn't available as of press time Tuesday.

Penn State spokeswoman Annemarie Mountz said the university isn't backing down.

"We plan to vigorously defend the university against the unfounded claims in the suit," Mountz said.

The incident occurred during the annual Mifflin Streak on May 5, 2008, when a thousand people gathered on Mifflin Road to watch hundreds of students sprint naked down the street, according to court documents.

As Ferry completed his naked sprint in Pollock Quad, Bjorkman jumped out of a concealed spot and violently struck Ferry with his body, the lawsuit states.

Ferry claims Bjorkman blindsided him and knocked him to the ground, according to the lawsuit.

Ferry claims he staggered to his feet in a startled and dazed state in severe pain when he was tackled to the ground face-first a second time by two or three more officers, according to court documents.

Ferry had to wear a brace for two months because of a broken shoulder, according to the lawsuit. He is also suffering from nerve pain in his right leg as a result of the attack, according to court documents.

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Senate reaches deal in meeting

By David Espo
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — After days of secret talks, Senate Democrats tentatively agreed Tuesday night to drop a government-run insurance option from sweeping health care legislation, several officials said, a concession to party moderates whose votes are critical to passage of President Barack Obama's top domestic priority.

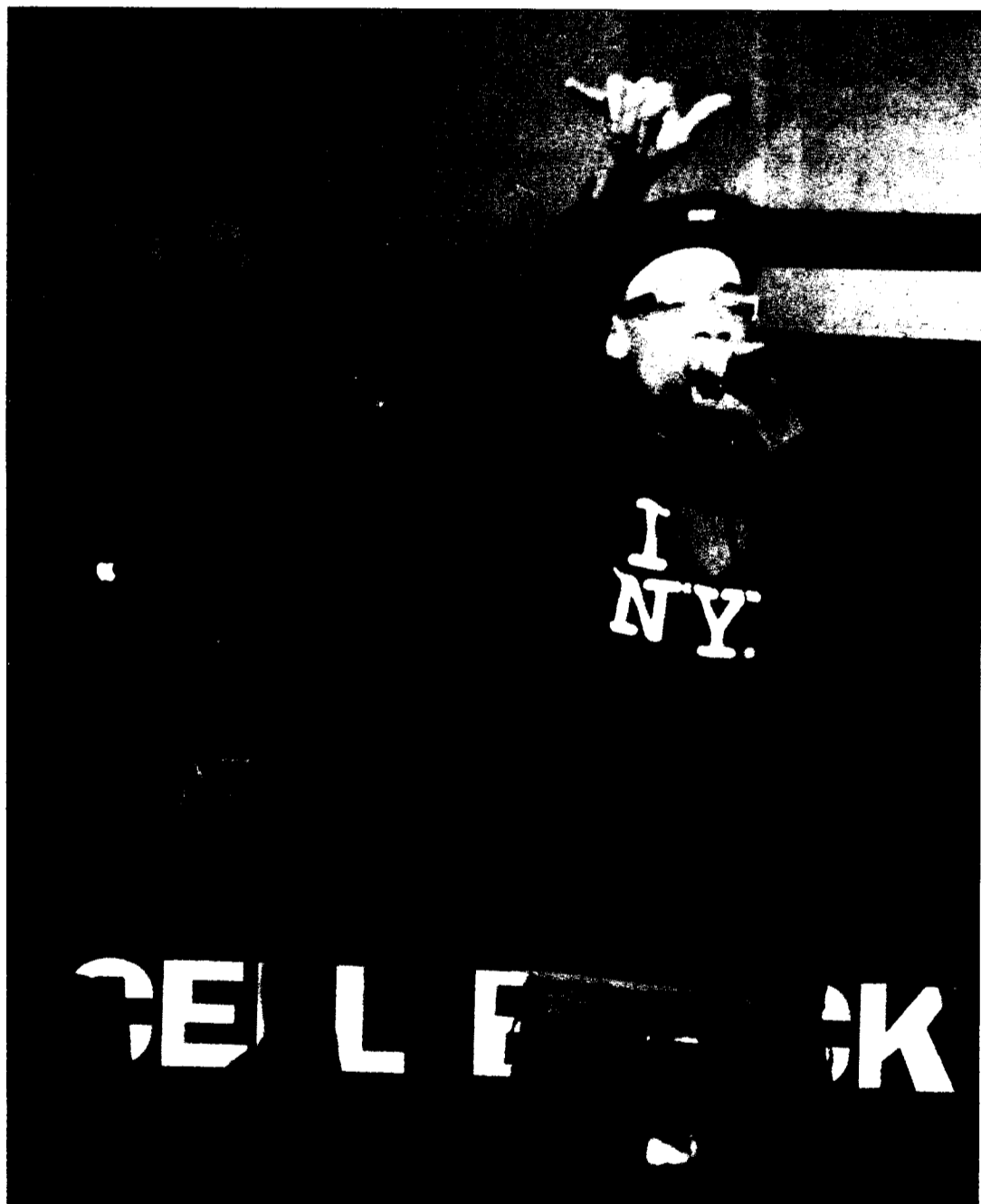
In its place, officials said Democrats had tentatively settled on a private insurance arrangement to be supervised by the federal agency that oversees the system through which lawmakers purchase coverage. Additionally, the emerging agreement calls for Medicare to be opened to uninsured Americans beginning at age 55, a significant expansion of the large government health care program that currently serves the 65-and-over population.

At a hastily called evening news conference in the Capitol, Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., declined to provide details of what he described as a "broad agreement" between liberals and moderates on an issue that has plagued Democrats' efforts to pass health care legislation from the outset.

With it, he added, the end is in sight.

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RAPPER RETURNS



Bryan Wade Heritage/Collegian

Wiz Khalifa performs onstage at the Cell Block, 420 E. College Ave., on Tuesday night. The rapper performed songs such as "Ink My Whole Body" and "Car Service." The show had three openers, who included Rome, Rahim and Kev the Hustler. Khalifa has performed at Penn State before.

CENTRE COUNTY

Task force combats drug deals

By Peter Panepinto
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Heroin and a syringe — that's what destroyed one man's career and his relationship with his siblings, leaving him with emotional scars that will remain throughout his life.

Dave King, project director and counselor for Clear Concepts Counseling, said one of his patient's addiction sent the man on a downward spiral, and it wasn't easy to bounce back.

The man had persistent problems at work because of his addiction and eventually lost his job. He had to receive disability benefits because the emotional toll the drugs took on him rendered him unable to work. It also severed relationships with family members, King said.

Centre County's major drug busts

Authorities have identified these two cases as the largest drug busts in the area within the last six months.

Dec. 1, 2009

Five men were charged in connection with operating a \$1 million drug ring police said distributed hundreds of ounces of cocaine from Delaware County and Philadelphia to the State College area.



James Losch



Andre Spangler



Edwin Rhoades



Brian King



Hasan Bradley

Aug. 25, 2009

Police arrested the owner of Greg's Sunoco on University Drive, Gregory Palazzari, on Aug. 21 and charged him with selling \$50,000 in cocaine per month in State College. Police say Palazzari was purchasing an ounce of cocaine every few days from Mario Rincon.



Rincon



Palazzari

Source: Collegian archives

Justine King/Collegian

"Drug addiction affects every aspect of the being," King said. "It can cause separation, divorce, absence at work, and some people are intoxicated or under the influence at work."

While authorities say many residents in State College may overlook the impact of drugs on the community, police say the war on drugs in Centre County

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DU re-establishes, moves into house

By Katrina Wehr
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Delta Upsilon fraternity will initiate 14 new members this Sunday at its chapter house, re-establishing itself at Penn State after alumni closed the fraternity due to party violations last summer.

New non-freshman members will be able to move into the Delta Upsilon house, 229 Locust Lane, in the spring semester. Alumni cleared out the Delta Upsilon house after fraternity members held an event featuring rapper Wiz Khalifa, despite being told not to host any parties during investigation regarding drugs and alcohol. No former members of Delta Upsilon will be rejoining the fraternity.

"The past is the past," said John DeSignore, president of the Penn State Delta Upsilon Alumni Corporation.

"We're definitely excited about the new men we have. They are very respectful. They under-

Timeline

July 28: Delta Upsilon members evicted from house at 229 Locust Lane

Aug. 20: Kappa Delta Rho members move in as Delta Upsilon members move out

Dec. 13: New Delta Upsilon members will be initiated at chapter house

stand the situation they are in."

DeSignore said the fraternity recruited members in September during rush and is now ready to initiate them on Sunday.

Despite its troubled past, Delta Upsilon President Justin Robinson said he isn't worried about the fraternity's future.

"Some people still have their opinions, but we're different people," Robinson (junior-information sciences and technology)

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