Comfort-able

Freshman volleyball player Tom Comfort is shining. **SPORTS** | Page 10.

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Can you hear me now?

New regulations would allow noise levels up to 62 decibels in bars and restaurants **Decibel Level** Noise 100 decibels Lawnmower

Freeway traffic 70 decibels (annoying)

Potential acceptable 62 decibels level for restaurants (reasonable Suburb traffic

(quiet) Quiet whisper 20 decibels (very quiet)

Source: www.dangerbuscecibels.org State Golfge Police Chief Tom King

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(serious hearing damage)

50 decibels

NOISE REGULATIONS

Borough receives positive feedback

By Nathan Pipenberg COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Local bar owners reacted positively Tuesday to a proposal that would change policys surrounding downtown noise regulations, saying they hope the request doesn't fall on deaf ears.

Members of the State College Tavern Owner's Association have requested an exemption from Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB), which would allow local officials to handle noise levels downtown instead of the board.

If the exemption request is approved by both State College ough Council and the F State College Police Department will regulate noise levels according to a borough ordinance, PLCB spokesman Nick Hayes said.

John Cocolin, president of Hotel State College, 100 W. College Ave., was on hand at Monday night's borough council meeting to propose the exemption, which is slated for a vote during the Feb. 1 council meet-

Current PLCB regulations make any noise that can be heard from outside of an establishment subject to a financial penalty.

Lance Falkowski, general manager of Mezzanine, 420 E. College Ave., said he would prefer if the borough handled noise regulations.

"If [the PLCB] hear anything they can cite you, even if it's not bothering anyone," Falkowski.

Noise levels in State College are currently regulated by the PLCB and enforced by local or state police, Hayes said.

"The borough would have to have its own ordinances and apply for an exemption from LCB regulations," Haves said.

From there, the PLCB would review the borough's proposed ordinance and decide whether to grant the exemption, Hayes said.

"The Tavern Association really See NOISE, Page 2.

PSU lacks top value ranking

By Laurie Stern COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Following the announcement that new tuition increases at the University Park campus will likely take effect next year, the Princeton Review released its list of the "100 Best Value Colleges" for 2010.

But Penn State didn't make the

The list, which includes 50 public universities and 50 private universities, was mostly tabulated Student Aid. "Pennsylvania is using statistics provided directly

from more than 700 schools.

Penn State received about \$27 million less than requested in state appropriations. And with the university expecting tuition increases of 4.9 percent for Pennsylvania residents and 3.5 percent for out of state students. some say it comes as no surprise that Penn State isn't on the list.

"For our size, we don't have as large of an endowment," said Anna Griswold, executive director of Penn State's Office of

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Top 5 value public colleges

Listed below are five of Princeton Review's "Top 10 Value Public Colleges for 2010." Penn State did not make the list this year.

1 University of Virginia (Charlottesville, Va.)

2 City University of Hear York - Hunter College (New York, N.Y.)

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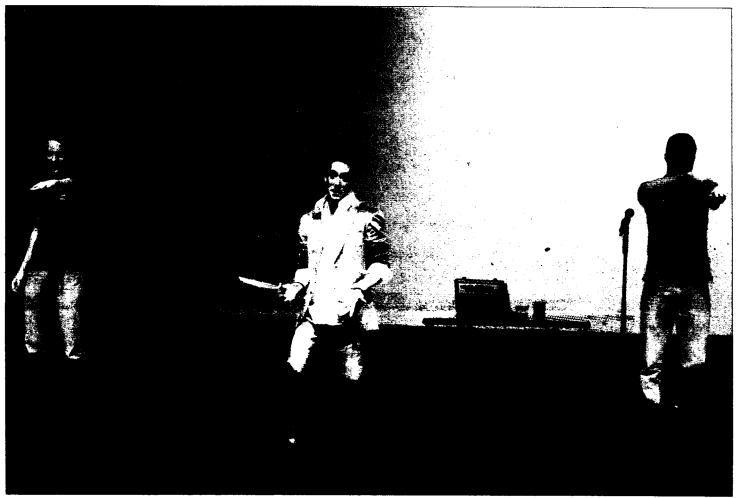
4 Florida State University (Tallahassee, Fla.)

water by the Armada (Boulder, Colo.)

Source: Princeton Review

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ABRACADABRA



Student

killed in

accident

By Laura Nichols

COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

killed in a single-car accident on

A Penn State student was

Rt. 322

Mentalist and illusionist Wayne Hoffman interacts with the crowd during a trick involving identical twin brothers Adam Quinzan-Singer (freshman-mechanical engineering) and Tyler Quinzan-Singer (freshman-mechanical engineering). For full coverage of the event. | LOCAL, Page 5.

By Sarah Peters **COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER**

Sixty men have accepted bids so far to join Beta Theta Pi fraternity's re-establishment pledge class, gearing up to begin

recruitment for the spring.

The former Beta Theta Pi brothers were asked to leave the house by alumni last March when the fraternity was confronted with allegations of hazing and party violations.

By this fall, the 220 N.



Beta Theta Pi fraternity house, at 220 N. Burrowes Road, will be used by pledges this semester for brotherhood activities.

Eurrowes Road property should pied, pledges in the re-establishbe full with new members. Currently, only re-establishment house on a regular basis for director Jeff Rundle and a few brotherhood events, Rundle said. caretakers live in the house.

While the house is still unoccu-

ment class will be coming to the

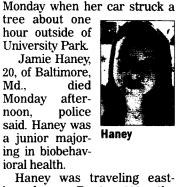
'We're looking for men who are which is expected to become the really seeking the positives of frahome of 46 brothers in fall of 2010. ternity life but aren't interested in

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police noon. said. Haney was a junior major-

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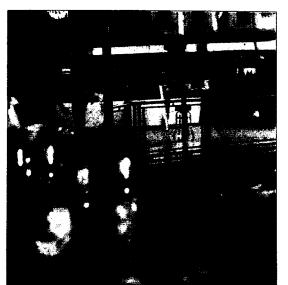
Haney was traveling eastbound on Route 322, the Pennsylvania State Police said. For reasons still undetermined, her 2007 Chevrolet Malibu went off the road about one mile east of the Newport exit in Perry County and struck a tree in the median, police said.

Police arrived at the scene around 2:40 p.m. and Perry County Coroner Michael J. Shalonis pronounced Haney dead at the scene, police said.

Police said Haney was the only one in the car at the time of the incident. She was wearing a seatbelt, police said.

According to Haney's Facebook, she was a 2007 graduate of Kenwood High School in **Baltimore**

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Mezzanine employees work to clean up the dusty floor. The grand opening is tonight at 7.

Cell Block gets remodeled, Mezzanine creates new vibe

By Nick Weingartner COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Two days before the opening of Mezzanine — the newly named and remodeled Cell Block — the downtown hotspot was buzzing like the North Pole on Christmas Eve.

Dozens of workers swarmed around the building, trying to get ready for today's opening by swinging ladders, wiping windows, working on intricate wiring and revving buzzsaws. Dust fell like a gentle snow over the club's black couches and fur-

And Lance Falkowski, the general manager of Mezzanine, 420 E. College Ave., knows every single worker.

"It's an in-house job," Falkowski said. "It's all people I know and have worked with over the years. We have shot girls cleaning and wiping the windows.

Falkowski is presiding over a complete rehaul and remodeling of the bar. These changes aim to give the club more of a nightclub atmosphere, further removing the industrial look of Cell Block and its past incarnation — the Crowbar, Falkowski

The renovations include an addition of a DJ platform in the middle of the club. improvements to the VIP section, remodeled VIP bathrooms, new decorations and new lasers for live shows and DJ sets.

Falkwoski hopes the new DJ platform —

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