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Can you hear me now?

New regulations would allow noise levels up to 62 decibels in bars and restaurants.

Noise	Decibel Level
Lawnmower	100 decibels (serious hearing damage)
Freeway traffic	70 decibels (annoying)
Potential acceptable level for restaurants	62 decibels (reasonable)
Suburb traffic	50 decibels (quiet)
Quiet whisper	20 decibels (very quiet)

Source: www.nationalsnoiselevels.org
 State College Police Department
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NOISE REGULATIONS

Borough receives positive feedback

By Nathan Pipenberg
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Local bar owners reacted positively Tuesday to a proposal that would change policies 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 Borough Council and the PLCB, the State College Police Department will regulate noise levels according to a borough noise 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 meetings.

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," said 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," Hayes 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

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PSU lacks top value ranking

By Laurie Stern
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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 cut.

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

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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 New York - Hunter College (New York, N.Y.)
- 3 New College of Florida (Sarasota, Fla.)
- 4 Florida State University (Tallahassee, Fla.)
- 5 University of Colorado (Boulder, Colo.)

Source: Princeton Review

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ABRACADABRA



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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.

Spring brings revamp to Beta

By Sarah Peters
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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.



Collegian File Photo

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

Burrowes Road property should be full with new members. Currently, only re-establishment director Jeff Rundle and a few caretakers live in the house, which is expected to become the home of 46 brothers in fall of 2010.

While the house is still unoccu-

pled, pledges in the re-establishment class will be coming to the house on a regular basis for brotherhood events, Rundle said.

"We're looking for men who are really seeking the positives of fraternity life but aren't interested in

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Student killed in Rt. 322 accident

By Laura Nichols
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A Penn State student was killed in a single-car accident on Monday when her car struck a tree about one hour outside of University Park.

Jamie Haney, 20, of Baltimore, Md., died Monday afternoon, police said. Haney was a junior majoring in biobehavioral health.



Haney

Haney was traveling east-bound 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
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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 furniture.

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 said.

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.

Falkowski hopes the new DJ platform —

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