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Tuition may increase

Spanier will head to Harrisburg late February for more appropriations.

By Colleen Boyle
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Students can expect to see a 2.9 to 4.9 percent increase in their tuition for the 2010-2011 school year, Penn State President

Graham Spanier said at the Board of Trustees meeting held Friday.

He predicted the university will receive about \$334 million for the 2009-2010 year from both the state and federal stimulus money. State appropriations cover about eight percent of the university's total operating funds.

"We are hopeful that the governor will provide leadership for a timely budget this year," Spanier said.

If the 2.9 percent figure is chosen, tuition will be about \$14,835 for in-state students and about \$26,700 for out-of-state students. If the 4.9 percent figure is chosen, tuition will be about \$15,125 for in-state students and \$27,220 for out-of-state students. However, the actual figure could fall somewhere in between.

Penn State's overall budget is slated to increase about 3.9 percent. See **TRUSTEES**, Page 2.

BY THE NUMBERS

Expected amount of state appropriations Penn State will receive this year

\$344 million

Amount tuition is expected to increase for the 2010-2011 school year

2.9-4.9 percent

Amount students will pay for 2010 season football tickets

\$203

Conklin to hold forum

Conklin wants to hear opinions on a Pa. constitutional convention.

By Megan Rogers
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Following one of the longest budget holdouts in Pennsylvania history, local leaders will speak about the need for a statewide constitutional convention at a public forum today.

Rep. Scott Conklin, D-Centre, is hosting the forum to hear ideas across the political spectrum on the merits of such a move, Conklin's Chief of Staff Tor Michaels said.

"We need to look at ways to downsize government and make it better reflect realities of 21st century," he said.

To be held at 10 a.m. at the State College Municipal Building, 234 S. Allen Street, the forum will feature a "stellar panel" of six politicians and leaders of political organizations, Michaels said.

State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham and Centre County Commissioners Chairman Jon Eich will be members of the panel focusing on local and county-wide initiatives they'd like to see passed.

Eich said there have been four constitutional conventions in Pennsylvania, the last in 1968. A convention would propose and execute reforms the state Congress is unwilling to accept.

His primary concern with the current constitution is with the redistricting that occurs every 10 years after each census is taken. Legislators make up the bulk of the committee that determines redistricting changes, making it a very partisan process, he said.

Politicians often put a majority of their party in one district, which eliminates competition in an election, he said.

"[This issue] drives the rest," Eich said. "Everything else becomes possible when you have more competitive elections."

Goreham will speak about the need for tax reform, highlighting See **FORUM**, Page 2.



Conklin

ROCKIN' WEEKEND

Rascal Flatts rock 'unstoppable' act

By Lindsay Cryer
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

As an engaged crowd listened, Rascal Flatts band members took the time to convey their own admiration of the fans Friday night.

"Lord have mercy, you all look good," said Gary LeVox, Rascal Flatts' lead singer. "You can always find two-fisted, beer-drinking rednecks anywhere."

Despite the diverse crowd at the country band's "Unstoppable" tour stop in the Bryce Jordan Center, there was one specific group that caught the attention of the band members.

"Ya'll always finding some fine women in mini-skirts prancing around," said bassist, keyboardist and vocalist Jay DeMarcus as he imitated scantily-clad female fans.

After rising up on a hydraulic stage, the band began the show singing "Summer Nights," a song from its latest album "Unstoppable." The band made its

way to every corner of their lavishly lit stage, which had a runway that reached to the back of the BJC floor.

"I hadn't heard them before, and to hear his voice was amazing," Devon Gordon (freshman-advertising and fine arts) said. "With how the stage was set up and how close they got to fans, it was an experience I won't forget."

The band gave a show of what they called "newbies, oldies and goodies," with songs such as "Prayin' for Daylight," "Take Me There" and "Backwards" — a song featured in "The Hannah Montana Movie."

Before playing their song "My Wish," the band members took the time to explain their work with the

See **UNSTOPPABLE**, Page 2.



To view a photo gallery of Rascal Flatts appearance at the BJC on Friday: psucollegian.com



Christine Reckner/Collegian

Lead guitarist Joe Don Rooney of Rascal Flatts performs to a full house during the band's "Unstoppable" tour at the Bryce Jordan Center.



Chloe Elmer/Collegian

Keith Murray, lead guitarist and vocalist for We Are Scientists, performs in HUB Alumni Hall on Friday. The event was hosted by SOMA.

We Are Scientists entertains audience

By Nick Weingartner
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

As the words slipped out of Keith Murray's lips, the theme of Friday night's We Are Scientists concert was solidified — it was designed for fun.

"Music?" Murray, the guitarist and vocalist of We Are Scientists, said to the crowd in HUB-Alumni Hall. "Your priorities are f—ed!"

Throughout the show, the band encouraged members of the audience to throw money with phone

numbers and locations of parties written on it. Murray and bassist Chris Cain said the bigger the bill, the bigger the chance the party would come to the cash-thrower.

In the end, the jury was out on what was the highest amount of money received.

See **SCIENTISTS**, Page 2.



To view an audio slideshow of the We Are Scientists event: psucollegian.com

PSU players shine in East-West game

By Wayne Staats
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Andrew Quarless had a message for quarterback Mike Kafka.

"Coming out of the huddle, the play was kind of called for me," Quarless said.

"I looked at Kafka. Just throw

it up, and I'll make a play."

Kafka did, and so did the tight end, as Quarless' catch with six seconds left gave the East squad a 13-10 victory against the West in the East-West Shrine Game in Orlando, Fla.

Quarless made three catches — two in the final drive — to finish with 20 yards and the touchdown in the postseason college football game that has been played since 1925.

After the game, Northwestern's Kafka told ESPN that Quarless was a playmaker that Quarless was a playmaker. See **GAME**, Page 2.



Kelsey Morris/Collegian

Volunteers from the School of Hospitality Management serve up Creamery milkshakes at Cooking with Kids. Cooking with Kids teaches kids kitchen skills.

Kids, students share kitchen at Café Laura

By Jessica Wabara
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The sound of children laughing and pots and pans clamoring mixed with the heavenly smell of food in Café Laura on Friday.

The Cooking with Kids club, sponsored by Sodexo, a food and facilities management service, held its first event of the year in the Mateer Building's café. Twenty-five Penn State students in the School of Hospitality Management volunteered their time to share their kitchen skills with 16 sixth grade students who love cooking.

In its third year, the program's

theme is Around the World — a tour of five regions' cuisine: America, the Caribbean Islands, Italy, Latin America and Asia.

Kicking off Friday's cooking seminar, the sixth graders shared an appetizer of hush puppies and milkshakes. Wearing chef hats and white aprons, the middle school students were given a tour of the kitchen and taught how to use knives and the dishwasher.

Bellefonte Area Middle School sixth grader Taylor Mauk said he was especially excited about making and eating macaroni and cheese.

See **KITCHEN**, Page 2.

Read blog posts from the field conditions at the game to the players visiting a hospital: psucollegian.com