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REP. JOHN MURTHA  
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## Murtha passes, leaving legacy

By Megan Rogers  
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U.S. Congressman John Murtha died Monday afternoon, just two days after becoming Pennsylvania's longest serving representative.



Murtha

Murtha, D-12th District, died at 1:18 p.m. at the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Va., according to a release from the late congressman's office.

He served for 36 years in the U.S. House of Representatives and was the chairman of the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. The first Vietnam War veteran to be elected to the House, Murtha leaves behind a legacy of public service, said Tor Michaels, chief of staff for state Rep. Scott Conklin, D-Centre.

"He was a tall oak of public service that has now fallen," Michaels said.

When his district faced economic hardships after the collapse of the steel industry, Murtha brought in millions of dollars to the Johnstown area to help revitalize its economy. In recent years, Murtha expressed opposition towards the Iraq War — and that too will make up his legacy, Michaels said. However, Murtha was always a staunch supporter of American troops, something Rep. Glenn Thompson, R-5th District, can confirm.

"He was a strong advocate for young men and woman in uniform, making sure they had resources they needed to be successful and to stay as safe as possible," he said.

Murtha provided support not only for those he represented, but also for his fellow Congressmen, Thompson said.

Both Thompson and Conklin said his advocacy for the state will be missed. Michaels also said Murtha was a "great lion" in the House of Representatives for Pennsylvania.

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### Contributions

Co-founded the Congressional Steel Caucus in 1979 to protect the steel industry

Wrote legislation establishing a Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania

Secured funding for Pennsylvania's National Heritage sites

Advocated for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) when it faced cuts

Source: Press Release from the late representative's office



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A student walks toward Old Main on Monday afternoon. State College received 14 inches of snow last weekend and is expected to receive more this afternoon.

## Second snow likely

OPP spokesman Paul Ruskin says Penn State is ready and the weather is not unusual.

By Greg Galiffa  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Still recovering from the weekend's blizzard, State College is set to see another 4 to 8 inches of snow starting this afternoon, followed by winds gusting up to 60 mph.

AccuWeather meteorologist Mike

Pigott said the snow will begin touching down at about 3 p.m. today and will get progressively worse throughout the night before clearing up early Wednesday morning.

But even after the snowflakes stop falling, the worst is far from over.

"It could be pretty nasty come Wednesday," Pigott said. "The storm will be wrapped up, but it will be bitterly cold."

That means temperatures in the teens during the day and single digits in the night. High winds ranging from 40 to 60

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### FINANCIAL BUDGET

## Rendell divulges new plan

By Colleen Boyle  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell will present his financial plan this morning for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, prompting local leaders to call for brevity given last year's 101-day delay in passing a budget.

And Penn State leaders said they hope the governor plans to provide adequate support for the university.

Colleen Smith, governmental affairs chairwoman of the University Park Undergraduate Association, said she hopes the plan ensures tuition will not spike next year.

"I would hope to see him really take into account the importance of higher education in this state and that appropriations are given out in a timely manner," Smith (sophomore-biology) said.

Funding for Penn State comes from two sources: tuition and state appropriations. When state appropriations go down, tuition will likely rise to make up for the lost funding, Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers said.

"As always, we hope that higher education will be adequately funded and that the state will recognize the tremendous assets it has in Penn State, its students and its graduates," Powers wrote in an e-mail Friday. "We'll keep lobbying the state for more funding for our students and keep our fingers crossed."

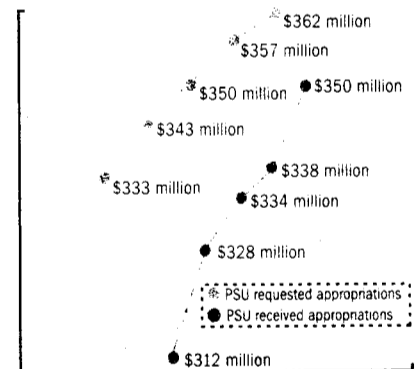
During the address, Rendell will speak about the economic problems across the commonwealth. See RENDELL, Page 2.



Read updates from Gov. Ed Rendell's 2010-2011 fiscal year budget meeting online throughout the morning:  
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### Budget over time

Penn State appropriations have increased with the amount requested from the state.



Source: PA Office of the Budget and Penn State University Budget Office

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## Rapper Drake to stop at PSU

By Kathleen Loughran  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Drake will no longer be "Rookie of the Year" when he performs at the Bryce Jordan Center (BJC) on April 9.

Francis and the Lights, along with K-OS, will open for Drake, said Bernie Punt, director of sales and marketing for the BJC. Ticket sale dates and prices have not yet been announced.

Courtney Turner (junior-journalism) said she thinks Drake's performance could rival Jay-Z's fall concert in popularity, adding she will probably pay to see the

Canadian rapper. And State College Area High School freshman Skye Pilato, 15, said she is sure she will go to his concert.

"I'm excited because I actually love him. I'll go to it," she said. "I like his style, and he's not as cocky as the other rappers."

Both Nicole Walter (sophomore-art education) and Megan Hossler (sophomore-communications) said they probably will not go, though they do think Drake will be a popular act.

Hossler recently went to a concert at the BJC, so she said she does not know if she will go to see Drake, whose real

name is Aubrey Drake Graham.

"I just went to the Rascal Flatts concert, so it doesn't really compare," she said. "I like a lot of different types of music, but depending on how much it costs will decide if I go."

Many other students said the cost of the tickets will play a part in their decision to attend the concert.

"It would depend on how much the tickets were and if my friends were going," Elizabeth Gancas (junior-communication science disorders) said.

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## Battle of Bands looks for talent

Applications for Movin' On's Battle of the Bands are now being accepted.

By Lindsay Cryer  
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Evan Ponter's band may not have a name yet, but his sights are set high.

He's applying to play in Movin' On's Battle of the Bands, set to take place on March 27 in HUB

Alumni Hall, with the three to five bands that place highest to move on to play the festival.

For bands like Ponter's, the battle represents the potential for a big break.

The nameless band wants to take some time to figure out its own music before the members decide on a name, Ponter (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said. But they're ready to win.

"That's the last thing we're See BATTLE, Page 2.

### How to apply

Applications available: 206 HUB or online

Requirements: Must have one Penn State student who is musically involved, must play original songs

Applications due: Friday, Feb. 12 to 206 HUB; applications cannot be submitted online



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Chet Williams, of So Long, Pluto, sings to the audience at Movin' On's Battle of the Bands last April in the HUB-Robeson Center.