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Mike Greenly (senior-mechanical engineering) swing dances during the talent portion of Mr. Engineer 2010. Participants also performed raps, comedy routines and dance routines. Half of the proceeds were donating to THON. To read a story on the Mr. Engineering contest and check out a video, visit [psucollegian.com](http://psucollegian.com)

# Township talks more zone plans

By Megan Rogers and Edgar Ramirez  
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Proposed zoning ordinances — which would limit buildings to nine stories on the West End Property near the State College Ferguson border — was the main topic of discussion at a Tuesday night Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors meeting.

Earlier this year, the Ferguson Township planning commission proposed the new zoning ordinances that would apply to buildings in the West College Avenue Corridor, said Patricia Lang, director of Planning and Zoning for Ferguson Township.

The area that would be affected borders State College, which has some members of the borough planning commission concerned. Charles Gable, planning commission member, said State College businesses might be tempted to move across the Ferguson State College borough under the new ordinances.

Local citizens at the meeting also expressed concern about students moving into the area, and said they would cause distractions and problems similar to those ongoing in State College.

But Carl Hess, State College planning director, said while some businesses may be lost to Ferguson township, there are gains for State College like the fact that the zoning ordinance would improve the appearance in the West College area.

The board of supervisors made recommendations for the new zoning ordinances at the meeting last night, sending the proposal back to the planning commission to undergo minor changes. Once the changes have been made, the proposal will go back to the board for final approval. Ferguson Township will hold public hearings on the proposal, Lang said, adding the feedback the commission has received so far has been positive.

The goal of the new proposal is to add value to the corridor and to protect the environment, Lang said. By enacting the new zoning ordinances, the Township would be redeveloping underused properties rather than starting development on farmland. And though the university owns some of the land in the district, its buildings will not be affected by the new ordinance, Lang said. The university buildings would be "non-preferred" and the new zoning rules would not apply to the buildings unless they are out of business for more than a year.

"This is a long-term vision for the corridor, and in general the design is intended to be in the best interest of the community," Lang said.

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RECRUITMENT

## IFC unsure if dry policy will affect rates

By Katrina Wehr  
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Though the Interfraternity Council (IFC) extended almost 300 bids to pledges Tuesday night, it's still unclear whether the new dry recruitment policy will affect acceptance rates.

The IFC unanimously instituted a policy in January prohibiting fraternity recruits from attending greek social events where alcohol is present during the recruitment process.

The policy will most likely stay in place for future semesters, IFC President Max Wendkos said, though there may be a few changes.

"I anticipate that we will maintain the dry aspect of the recruitment policy, but we will certainly look to make tweaks to this spring's policy and address areas that we have identified as having room for improvement," Wendkos (senior-marketing and psychology) said.

Those areas will be identified and hopefully resolved in a semester-long process involving chapter presidents and recruitment chairmen, Wendkos said.

Though the policy's success this semester cannot be determined until after Thursday, when potential members accept bids and new membership totals are reported, IFC Vice President for Communications Dan Cartwright (junior-energy, business and finance) said the policy appears to show good progress.

Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity president Mike Lombardi said he would

like to see the policy stay for future recruitment periods.

"The policy is great. There are things that need to be changed," Lombardi (junior-supply chain management) said. "But I think the core policy behind it has worked out well for the spring."

The dry recruitment policy didn't seem to negatively affect the rush process, he added.

"We extended about 15 bids, an average number," he said. "We haven't noticed a huge difference in numbers as far as rushing."

During the four weeks of recruitment, one violation of the dry policy was reported. The fraternity involved, was punished with a \$1,000 fine and the loss of a week of social events. IFC officials did not release the name of the fraternity.

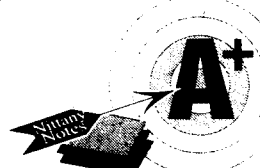
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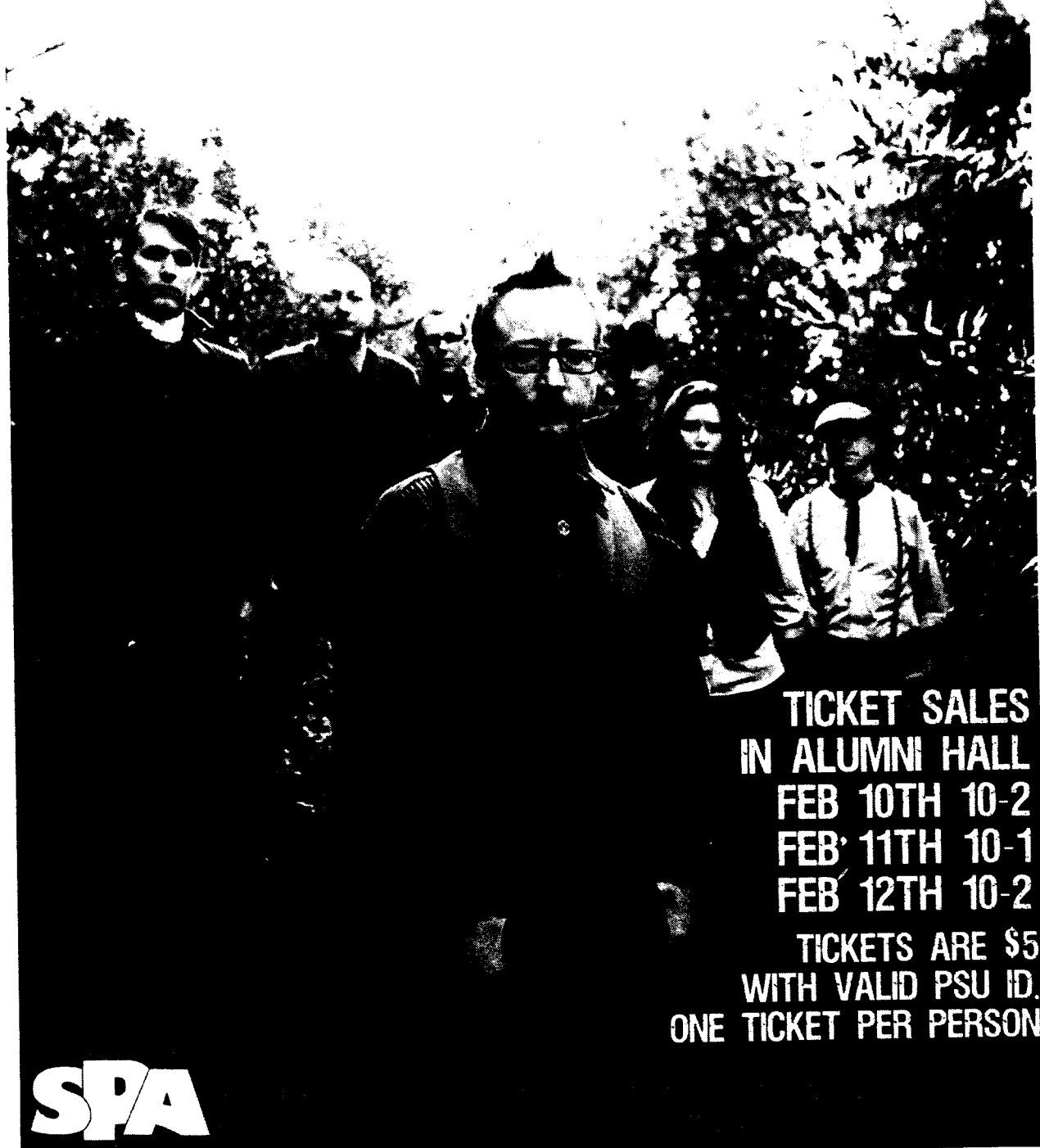
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