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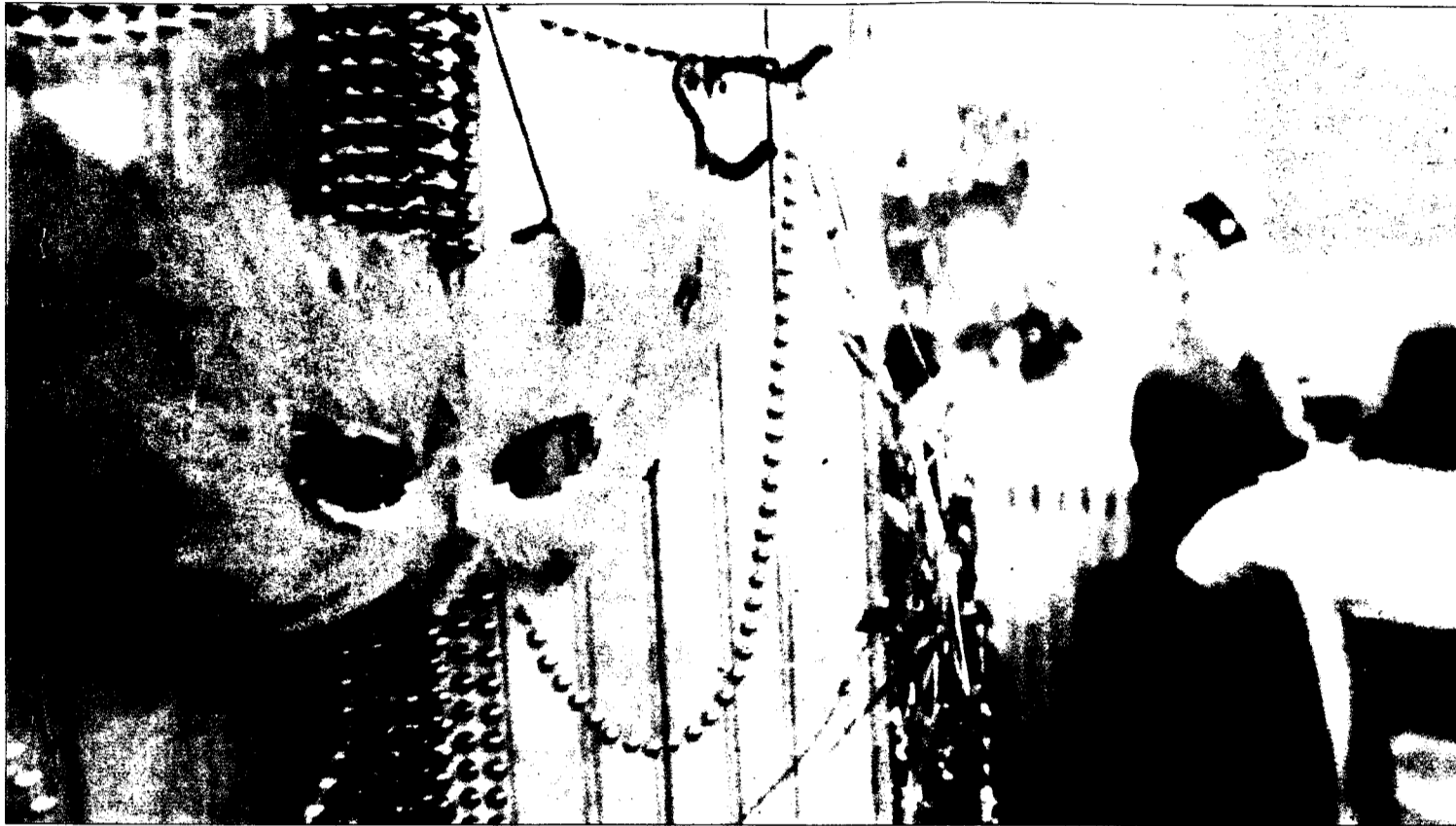
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Derek Gittler, an employee at Spats Café & Speakeasy, 142 E. College Ave., describes a Super Tuscan wine to a table on Tuesday during the restaurant's Mardi Gras festivities. Students celebrated Fat Tuesday in their own way by visiting various fast food restaurants in State College.

Students take on Fat Tuesday

By Chris Bickel and Zach Geiger
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

While Mardi Gras typically highlights "Cajun and Creole flavors," one group of students decided to traverse a greasier avenue.

Duke Gastiger, owner of Spats Cafe & Speakeasy and the All-American Rathskeller, said his establishment holds an annual dinner during Mardi Gras, but typically falling on Fat Tuesday in conjunction with a wine tasting.

"Mardi Gras is all about foods," he said. "It's a time to eat to excess before giving up stuff and celebrating before atonement."

But one group of current and former Penn State students decided to give a new meaning to Fat Tuesday.

At 4:30 p.m., Nancy Pazmino, Class of 2009, had already been to eight fast food restaurants.

Pazmino is one of 25 students and alumni who attended the Third Annual Fat Tuesday Event on Facebook. The challenge was

to eat two items — excluding drinks, desserts and kids meals — at 10 fast food restaurants, all in celebration of Fat Tuesday.

Pazmino started eating at 8 a.m. and faced an early challenge — breakfast at McDonald's, 1615 N. Atherton St.

"I'm not a huge fan of McDonald's," she said. "The breakfast sandwich wasn't so good."

From there the event had nine other stops, culminating at See FAT TUESDAY, Page 2.

Schedule

- 8 a.m.: McDonald's
- 9 a.m.: Burger King
- 9:20 a.m.: Dunkin' Donuts
- Noon: KFC or McDonald's
- 1 p.m.: Wendy's
- 1:30 p.m.: Chick-fil-a
- 2 p.m.: Nathan's
- 6:25 p.m.: Five Guys
- 6:50 p.m.: Margarita's Pizza
- 7:10 p.m.: Taco Bell

CLIMATEGATE

Org. backs PSU

PennFuture is calling for an apology from The Commonwealth Foundation for the accusations it made.

By Laurie Stern
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

As the scientific community awaits the verdict on Penn State Meteorology Professor Michael Mann's lone unresolved "Climategate" charge, a public war of words between two organizations is bringing into question the university's decision to perform the investigation internally. Citizens For Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture), a statewide public interest organization, issued a press release Tuesday calling for The Commonwealth Foundation, a non-profit research and educational foundation, to retract "its attack on the integrity of Penn State University."



Mann

"They called the Penn State investigation a 'whitewash,' but they've given no evidence that it is a whitewash," said Jan Jarrett, president and CEO of PennFuture. "Calling into question the university, committee and Dr. Mann himself without evidence is something they should apologize for."

The investigation was conducted in response to allegations that Mann and his colleagues altered evidence in support of climate change. This charge came after hundreds of illegally obtained e-mails were leaked from a private server in the Climate Research Unit at the University of East Anglia in England last November.

The ruling on one charge — undermining "public trust in science" — will undergo further investigation beginning on March 4, University Spokeswoman Lisa Powers said. But The Commonwealth Foundation is adamant that the committee Penn State appointed to investigate Mann failed to adequately scrutinize the evidence against him. During Friday's protest of the Mann investigation in front of the HUB-Robeson Center, a See PENNFUTURE, Page 2.



Courtesy of 100XR.com

Three Days Grace will perform with Breaking Benjamin and Flyleaf tonight. Each band will also play new music from its recently released albums.

Rock bands to grace BJC

By Chidi Ugwu
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

An audience full of people screaming "I hate everything about you" is a worst nightmare for most musicians — but band Three Days Grace couldn't hope for anything better.

Along with Breaking Benjamin and Flyleaf, the band will bring its signature sound, encapsulated in songs like 2003's "I Hate Everything About You," tonight to the Bryce Jordan Center. While discounted student tickets are sold out, regular tickets for the show are still available for \$39.75.

Fan Chris Yi said he enjoys each of the bands but didn't know if he would have been willing to buy a full-price ticket.

"I'm so glad I went to buy my ticket fast enough to get a discounted one," Yi (freshman-finance) said. "I like the bands, but that regular ticket price is pretty steep."

Each of the three bands has released a new album in the past six months, so fans can hope to hear lots of new music alongside a healthy dose of some older material.

See THREE DAYS GRACE, Page 2.

If you go

What: Three Days Grace, Breaking Benjamin and Flyleaf

When: 7 tonight

Where: Bryce Jordan Center

Details: Student tickets sold out, regular tickets can be purchased for \$39.75

Dancers prepare for healthy THON

By Jourdan Cole
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Dancing can be tough on the body — no one knows that better than Lionette Amanda Jo Cannillo. In addition to dancing at football and basketball games, she also danced in THON last year.

"It was awesome, because I danced with three other girls on dance team and had the support of the dance team," Cannillo said. "The dance team is assigned a THON child, and she's the cutest girl ever. She was there all weekend, and knowing now she doesn't have cancer because we raised money reminded me of why we were doing this."

But support alone isn't enough to make it through the 46 hours of the Interfraternity/ Panhellenic Dance Marathon.

Cannillo said even though her body was prepared from her rigorous dance practices, her immune system crashed

during the last 4 hours of THON. By the next morning, she had a 103-degree fever.

"I stopped eating and drinking, and your immune system starts to crash because it's so overworked," she said.

This weekend, there will be between eight and 10 emergency medical technicians at the Bryce Jordan Center at all times, Emergency Medical Services Captain Justine Dzemyan said. They will be there to provide dancers with medication or to provide help if dancers are feeling nauseous from sleep deprivation.

To prepare dancers for THON, Emergency Medical Service captains See THON, Page 2.

NAACP WEEK

Presentation goes 'beyond' history

By Caitlin Burnham
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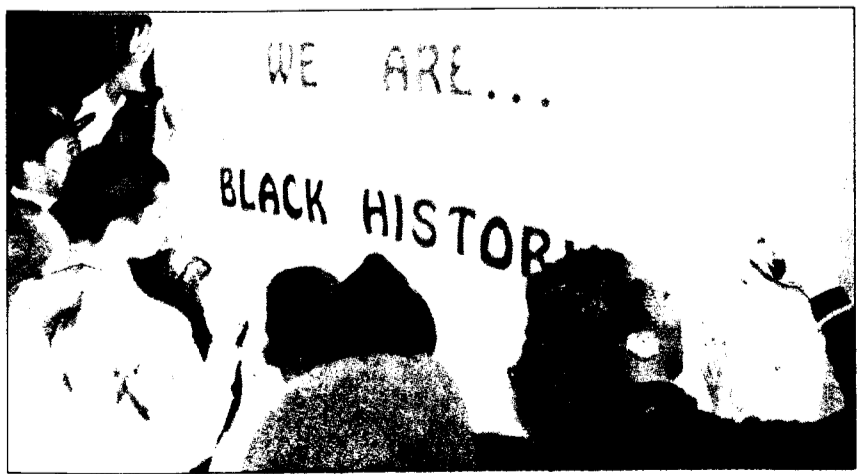
Students who attended "Beyond Black History" last night learned there is more to black history than Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr.

About 30 people attended the presentation on Tuesday night in the Hosler Building. The Black Caucus, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) sponsored the presentation.

The event discussed the past, present and future of black history, the "unsung heroes" and the history of the three sponsoring organizations.

Christopher Nock, president of the Black Caucus, said the event was meant to educate students about black history. He said there are a lot of cultural celebrations during black history month, but the educational component is often missing.

"In black history one thing that gets



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Students sign a banner stating "We are Black History," leaving comments about their views. Various groups sponsored the event to celebrate black history.

lost is black history," Nock (junior-public relations) said.

The program marked the first time in memorable history the three organi-

zations have come together to put on an event, Nock said.

"There's unity in the community," See PRESENTATION, Page 2.