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Bars shun holiday

Downtown bars will not open doors before their regular hours Saturday.

By Laura Nichols
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Sounding what could be the death knell for the student-created holiday, State Patty's fourth year will pass without a single bar in downtown State College opening early or serving green beer.

After a unanimous decision passed by the Tavern Association less than two weeks ago, downtown bars have come together to reject the event Penn State students created three years ago.

No downtown bar will open its doors before its regularly scheduled hours. Downtown Improvement District Director Jody Alessandrino said, and none will be offering holiday specials.

Jennifer Zangrilli, president of the Tavern Association and direc-

tor of operations at Dante's, Inc., said downtown bars have been previously asked by the State College Police Department to not promote State Patty's Day and were approached again this year.

State College bar owners feel it is important to run their businesses as responsibly as possible, Zangrilli said — and that includes protecting them from the excessive property damage and costs associated with State Patty's Day.

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During State Patty's Day 2009, celebrators walk in front of The Phyrst. Bars have elected this year not to open earlier than normal hours.

HARRISBURG

Pres. travels to talk funds

By Colleen Boyle
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Penn State President Graham Spanier will travel to Harrisburg today to meet with legislators and discuss state funding for the university.



Spanier

After Gov. Ed Rendell's budget proposal was released on Feb. 9, university officials expressed concern the proposed \$333.9 million in funding for the 2010-2011 year could necessitate a larger tuition increase.

Due to the federal stimulus bill, the state is required to provide at least \$333.9 million to Penn State.

But because of difficult economic times, state Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre, said he would be surprised if Penn State received more than the bare minimum.

With the federal safeguard, there is less at stake this year, Spanier wrote in an e-mail Friday.

"We thus don't anticipate a cut, but then again, we don't anticipate an increase," he wrote.

In its budget plans, the university is looking to receive \$360 million in state appropriations, a 3.9 percent overall increase request, university spokeswoman Lisa Powers said.

But even if the university receives this \$360 million, tuition will rise by almost 5 percent for in-state students, she said.

Presidents from each of the four state-related universities — Penn State, Temple University, the University of Pittsburgh and Lincoln University — will be present at the session today.

The presidents will be responsible for answering any questions government officials may ask.

But because all four are attending, Spanier wrote, time to speak in Harrisburg will be limited, and there will be no time for opening statements.

"Nevertheless, I plan to use the hearing to inform the legislature about our funding needs, about the high cost of education for our students, and about the educational opportunities we are trying to provide at Penn State," he wrote.

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To read an article about how students are coping with the economy: psucollegian.com



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Megan Crowley (senior-forensic science), a dancer for Alpha Chi Sigma, receives a massage from moralers during Slides of Strength on Sunday morning in the Bryce Jordan Center. After spending 46 hours on their feet, many dancers woke up Monday after many hours of sleep ready to get back to normal life.

Dancers return to daily life

THON dancers are rested 24 hours after 46 spent on their feet.

By Jourdan Cole
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

When Christy Bruno sat down after 46 hours, she didn't know if she'd be able to get up because of the pains in her feet and in her shins.

For many Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon dancers, the 46 hours had taken its toll on their bodies and emotions. Tired and sleepy, each left the Bryce Jordan Center facing a slow return to normalcy.

"I was dreading having to stand back up to see the total," said Bruno, a dancer for the School of Hospitality Management.

But the senior majoring in hotel, restaurant, institutional management did get up. Giddy and delirious, she had no sense of time in the hours after THON. And after a long rest, she woke up Monday without any lingering pain.

Claire Xu, a dancer for Springfield THON, said she is a bit sad that THON is over, but said she enjoyed a day of relaxation on Monday.

Making sure she stretched before sleeping for 16 hours, Xu (junior-industrial engineering) said she felt great when she woke up Monday morning.

And after waking up, she had

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To read more about the dancers' experiences at THON, check out the THON blog: psucollegian.com/blogs



Peter Tesoriero/Collegian

CATA board members discuss ways to improve CATA buses at their public meeting Monday night.

CATA hopes to fix overcrowded buses

By Brendan McNally
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Students could see shorter lines and more buses at the Allen Street and Pattee Library stops if an idea raised at a Monday CATA meeting comes to pass.

At an annual public hearing, Centre Area Transportation Authority General Manager Hugh Mose said some riders wait in long lines to get on buses, particularly at the eastbound Curtin Road stop by the Pattee Library and the Allen Street and College Avenue stop in front of Old Main.

"We're starting to think that maybe there are some routes that could be reconfigured, so that instead of having so much activity on

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Globetrotters return with more surprises

Harlem Globetrotters will bring their tricks to the BJC tonight.

By Robin Tilley
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

For Aundre "Hot Shot" Branch, a Harlem Globetrotters game is like a big gumbo pot.

Branch, a seven-year team veteran, said Globetrotters games have brought many different walks of life together since 1926, and every match is different.

The Harlem Globetrotters will take on the Washington Generals with their world-renowned show-case of showmanship and athleticism Tuesday in the Bryce Jordan Center.

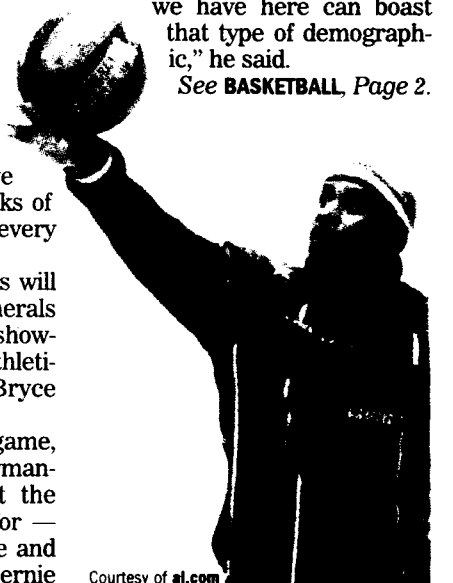
"It's a very competitive game, and all of a sudden the showmanship comes out and what the Globetrotters are famous for — all the trick shots they have and the trick dribbling," said Bernie

Punt, BJC director of sales and marketing.

Punt said past Globetrotters games have drawn audiences of all ages — from small children to junior high students to grandparents.

"Not too many shows that we have here can boast that type of demographic," he said.

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