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STATE PATTY'S DAY

Student support remains strong

By Will Schultz
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Even with downtown bars uniting against State Patty's Day, Penn State students said the holiday will not be so easily defeated.

Two weeks ago, downtown bar owners decided against opening early, serving green beer and having State Patty's Day specials for the student-created holiday. And Zach Zochscogna, a manager of the Lion's Den, 118 S. Garmer St., said no one is scheduled to work Saturday, although he could not confirm that the bar would be closed.

But some students don't think the mounting pressure from the Interfraternity Council, University Park Undergraduate Association, State College Police Department and downtown bars will be enough to stop the holiday from continuing. Jaison Kuruvilla, for one, thinks students will still celebrate.

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IFC will enforce holiday policies

By Katrina Wehr
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The Interfraternity Council met Tuesday night to reinforce regulations for State Patty's Day and talk about how fraternities can give back to the Highlands community.

The new rules for the student-created holiday remain unchanged. There will be no daylong parties this year, and fraternities are not allowed to serve liquor or wine at parties. There will be no more than 100 non-members as guests, said Interfraternity Council (IFC) President Max Wendkos, and events can only be held between the hours of 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m.

Wendkos said the IFC received positive feedback about the policy, and that although the greek community feels targeted by the university and law enforcement officials, they realize the purpose of the policy.

"Multiple chapter presidents voiced that their members did

See IFC, Page 2.



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Penn State President Graham Spanier, joined with colleagues and representatives from the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University and Lincoln University, speaks to legislators on Tuesday about receiving state appropriations for the university.

Pres. pulls for funding

By Brendan McNally
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

HARRISBURG — Penn State President Graham Spanier told state lawmakers on Tuesday that the university will be forced to raise tuition by more than 4.9 percent at University Park next year if it does not receive additional funds from the state.

In a hearing with the state House Appropriations Committee,

Spanier said a tuition increase next year is certain, but how large the increase will be is dependent on how much money Penn State receives in its state appropriation.

"We do raise tuition every year," he said. "The question is whether we will raise it 2 percent, 3 percent, 5 percent or whatever."

Spanier submitted an appropriation request to the committee, asking for 3.9 percent more. See TUITION, Page 2.



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Blenda Rodriguez, number 10 of the Harlem Globetrotters, juggles basketballs during Tuesday night's game against the Washington Generals in the Bryce Jordan Center.

Globetrotters wow crowd

"Basketball's best" performed tricks and stunts on Tuesday night.

By Chidi Ugwu
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If anyone walked into the Bryce Jordan Center on Tuesday night at around 6:54, they would have seen four men, one with a globe for a head, bowing to a man wearing a purple cape.

And that was only the beginning of the Harlem Globetrotter's parade through State College.

"We're gonna have a funky good time," proclaimed Globetrotter Kris "Hi-Lite" Bruton at the start of the show.

What followed was a parade of wacky antics, courtesy of the Globetrotters and their eternal rivals, the Washington Generals.

Performances included a tip-off in which the ball suddenly floated away into the air; an umbrella that doubled as a

machine gun; and hypnotize basketball players, and a game of bowling with the globetrotter mascot as the ball and giant, inflatable Campbell's Soup cans as pins.

The team also staged a dance contest using only audience members as participants, and, at one point, called a 5-year-old audience member down to the court to help them make a few shots.

"I liked how there was a lot of

See GLOBETROTTERS, Page 2.

CLIMATEGATE

Alum: Debate should be held

An AccuWeather meteorologist said a debate could inform the public of Climategate issues.

By Edgar Ramirez
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Having a debate is the solution AccuWeather meteorologist Joe Bastardi believes will help bring some answers towards the current "Climategate" controversy.

Bastardi, Class of 1978, spoke to a crowd of about 80 people at the Ramada Inn Conference Center, 1450 S. Atherton St., about Penn State professor Michael Mann and climate change. The event was hosted by the 9-12 Project of Central, Pennsylvania.

Bastardi, who has worked for AccuWeather for about 32 years, said in a way he feels "sympathetic" about the issue and asked the audience members several times to look through Mann's perspective.

Bastardi said despite what the majority of people who are against Mann believe, he does not recommend that the university should suspend him and instead should work to have a debate among those involved in the current dispute.

"This is by no means the solution to end 'Climategate,'" Bastardi said. "I'm befuddled though that no one's suggested that a debate take place. What are you afraid of if you know you are right?"

Bastardi said a debate would be the right way to go so that the public would be informed on the issues and facts.

Samuel Settle, chairman of Penn State's chapter of Young See CLIMATEGATE, Page 2.



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An a cappella group sings Happy Birthday to Penn State on Tuesday.

PSU celebrates 155th birthday

By Laurie Stern
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

A typical day in the life of a Penn State student may not include farming, churning butter or attending masquerade balls, but history told a different story Tuesday afternoon during the university's Founder's Day Celebration.

Held in the HUB-Robeson Center, past and present Penn State pride was on display to recognize the school's 155th birthday.

The annual event, hosted by Lion Ambassadors, included trivia games, performances and

free food for students passing through the building.

"For me, I came to Penn State because of its traditions, history and school spirit," said Christina "CriCri" Henry, a Lion Ambassador passing out flyers. "We as ambassadors are trying to continue to spread knowledge of that history, and we want to do it in a fun way."

Though Penn State's birthday actually falls on Feb. 22, Henry (senior-public relations and international politics) said the organization moved the celebration a day later so people could have a day to recover from this weekend's Interfraternity

Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon.

Upon walking through the Pollock Road entrance of the HUB, students were greeted by a visual history of Penn State, with black-and-white photographs showcasing the evolving fashions, architecture and traditions of the university once called "The Farmer's High School."

Students could also watch "Raise The Song: The History of Penn State" on DVD or play a quick game of "Pin the Tail on Coaly."

As the school's original See BIRTHDAY, Page 2.



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Joe Bastardi, meteorologist for AccuWeather in State College, talks about climate change and the 9-12 project.