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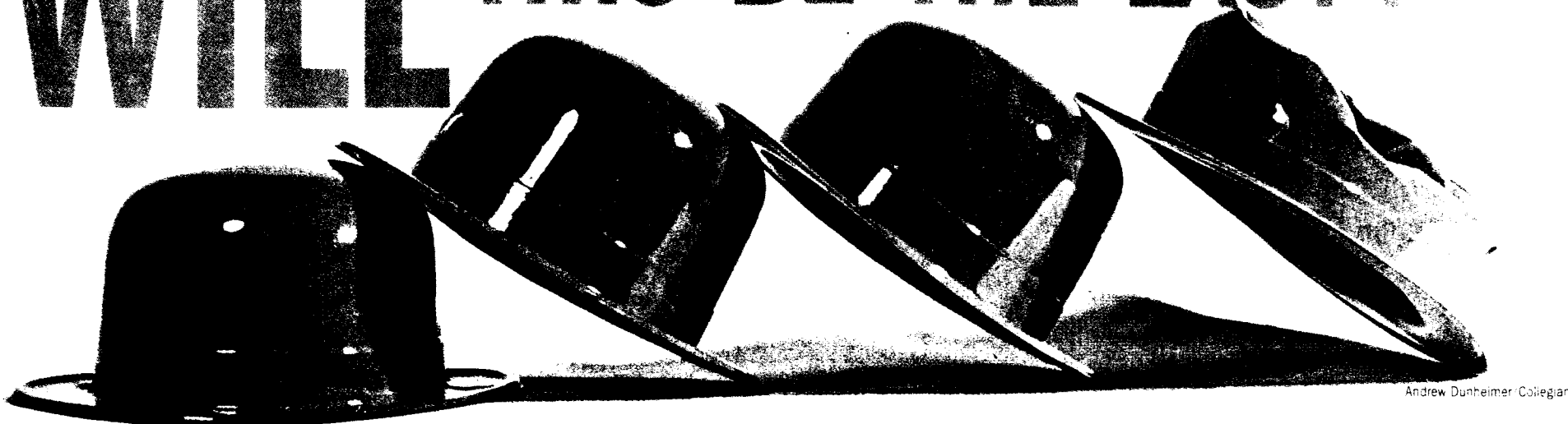
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WILL THIS BE THE LAST?



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State Patty's Day founder denounces holiday

IFC takes on 'Greek Sweep'

On Sunday, following State Patty's Day, groups of greeks will lend a hand to clean up the Highlands area.

By Jourdan Cole
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In the normally quiet Highlands neighborhood, everything changes on State Patty's Day. After a long day of partying, students and visitors alike take to the streets, dropping pizza boxes, bottles and the occasional set of green beads.

But this year, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) is kicking off its "Commitment to Outreach and Responsible Education" (CORE) initiative with "Greek Sweep." Starting at 10 a.m. Sunday — the morning after State Patty's Day — members of the greek community will start at the Delta Upsilon fraternity house, 229 Locust Lane, and separate into different groups to clean the Highlands neighborhood.

"We're giving back to the community, a whole day after the students destroy it," Delta Upsilon Vice President of External Relations Sage Perisse said. "I really just want it to be a fun event where people are out helping the community and enjoying social interaction — not something mandatory where people are doing it against their will."

IFC Vice President for Communications Dan Cartwright said while fraternities may differ from the older residents of the Highlands area, they take just as much pride in their surroundings.

"We are residents of the Highlands area and

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By Laura Nichols
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In 2007, Joe Veltre founded a Saint Patrick's Day substitute that only took one year to become an institution at Penn State.

Now, the creator has condemned his brainchild, calling it the cause of a "very large rift ripping through Penn State and State College."

Indeed, Veltre (senior-biochemistry and molecular biology) said he wouldn't be heartbroken if it was over for good tomorrow.

"It's transformed — I feel like it's kind of run its course, and I wouldn't be sad at all if it happened," he said.

State Patty's Day took only two years to push the borough, police and bar owners to the breaking point in a town that caters to students nine months out of the year. Community leaders have stepped up their efforts this year to suppress the holiday, with bars refusing to open early and police calling in reinforcements from all over the state.

Last year, police saw students vomiting or urinating on sidewalks in broad daylight. Drunken driving arrests were up, and more than 20 people needed emergency medical services. That's a problem, State College Police Department Chief Tom King said.

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UPUA, ARHS give students info

By Katrina Wehr
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UPUA and ARHS are joining forces this week to arm every student with information and advice for State Patty's Day and beyond.

The Association of Residence Hall Students (ARHS) has been distributing information cards this week to all on-campus residents, including those in Eastview Terrace and Nittany Apartments.

The 16,000 cards, all hand-cut to save money, list contact information for three local taxi services, the number for Penn State's escort services and a smaller version of the Centre Area Transportation Association (CATA) bus schedules, said ARHS Associate Vice President Steve Roberts, who came up with the idea.

"Oftentimes you see everyone giving out fliers and pamphlets in the HUB, and 90 percent are put on the ground or thrown in the trash," Roberts (sophomore-finance and economics) said. "We wanted something accessible, something students could just put in their pocket or slip in their wallet when they go out."

They don't have enough manpower to completely stop students from drinking, Roberts said, so ARHS at least wants to try to help keep students safe.

"We know people drink," Roberts said. "And we

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The Phyrst, 111 E. Beaver Ave., was filled with people last year on State Patty's Day. The bar opened at 8 a.m.



For past coverage on how the IFC, UPUA and other student organizations have approached State Patty's Day this year, see psu.collegian.com

WINTER OLYMPICS

Alumna skater secures bronze

By Brendan Monahan
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Allison Baver woke up Thursday morning, and for the first time in a long time, she didn't have to skate in her morning workout.

Instead, her emotions ran rampant as she contemplated her morning.

"What am I going to do?" Baver said. "I guess I'll go for a run. I guess I'll go for a bike ride."

Baver wouldn't skate because



Mark Baker/Associated Press

Penn State alumna and U.S. speed skater Allison Baver leads the pack during the sixth heat of the women's 1500m short track skating competition at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics on Saturday.

she had accomplished her goal of winning an Olympic medal the night before. All her hard work was finished.

Baver, a Penn State Berks graduate, won the bronze medal in the speedskating short track 3,000-meter relay, along with

teammates Alyson Dudek, Lana Gehring and Katherine Reutter and received her coveted prize Thursday night at the medal ceremonies in Vancouver.

The United States team won the bronze after South Korea, See SPEED SKATER, Page 2.

2010 WALK-ON FOOTBALL TRYOUTS

Aspiring walk-ons attempt to move on

By Emily Kaplan
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It was Ryan Curran's football fairytale.

On Sept. 4, he saw himself lining up in the tunnel at Beaver Stadium, suited up in navy and white, ready to race onto the field to the adoring and deafening roars of 107,000 fans.

"Just to be able to experience that, it's what every boy grows up dreaming," Curran said. "Or at least I did."

David Adewumi and Alphonso Newsuan had similar visions. The trio was among the 50 or so aspiring Penn State football players who attended open tryouts on Feb. 8 at Holuba Hall. They dreamed of standing among 120 Nittany Lions teammates when they kick off the 2010 football sea-

son against Youngstown State next fall.

But Curran, Adewumi and Newsuan — and their fellow walk-on hopefuls — saw their dreams turn to dust. All were trying to beat the odds of going from unrecruited to the rare exception, such as Deon Butler, a standout receiver who walked on in 2004. But this year, there was no storybook ending. Penn State did not add any walk-ons from this winter's tryout, according to an athletic department official.

"Life is all about creating your

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The walk-ons had mixed emotions when they first arrived at the tryout, to read more visit [Footblog: psu.collegian.com/blogs](http://Footblog.psu.collegian.com/blogs)