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## Pres. talks funds

Officials: PSU should not expect an increase in state funding.

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Penn State President Graham Spanier heard more of the same from lawmakers in Harrisburg on Wednesday, just eight days after he traveled to the state capitol and was told not to expect an increase in funding for next year.



Spanier

While lawmakers at a state Senate Appropriations Committee hearing hailed the university as a driving force for the state's economy, they made it clear that Penn State should not be expecting a funding increase this year, Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers said.

"It's interesting, because they recognize the significant role Penn State plays in the economy," she said. "But when it comes down to their own districts, it becomes very personal and they wonder why some programs are being cut."

Spanier requested a 3.9 percent increase in funding for Penn State. But Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre, Senate Appropriations Committee chairman, said budget problems will make it impossible for the state to increase funding for the university.

"[Funding] is probably going to stay flat," Corman said. "The deficit unfortunately continues to grow."

Powers said Penn State's 24 campuses generate \$17 billion a year for the state's economy, and she said Penn State officials are "deeply concerned" about the direction of the university's finances. Dwindling federal stimulus money along with projected deficits in the State Employee's Retirement System (SERS) could set the university back as much as \$66 million in the coming years.

While funding remains unchanged for higher education in Gov. Ed Rendell's budget proposal, Spanier said K-12 education is set to receive huge funding increases next year.

Corman said he would like to  
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Asher Roth performs at last year's spring music festival.

## Group reacts to cost

UPUA discusses decision to allocate \$45,000 for a spring music festival.

By Paige Minemyer  
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Some student government members are now saying there were not enough concrete details available to justify allocating more than \$45,000 for its spring music

festival, dubbed "Last Call" at a meeting Wednesday.

After an hour of debate, University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) general assembly members approved the expenditure Wednesday without knowledge of the names of any of the potential musical acts. The



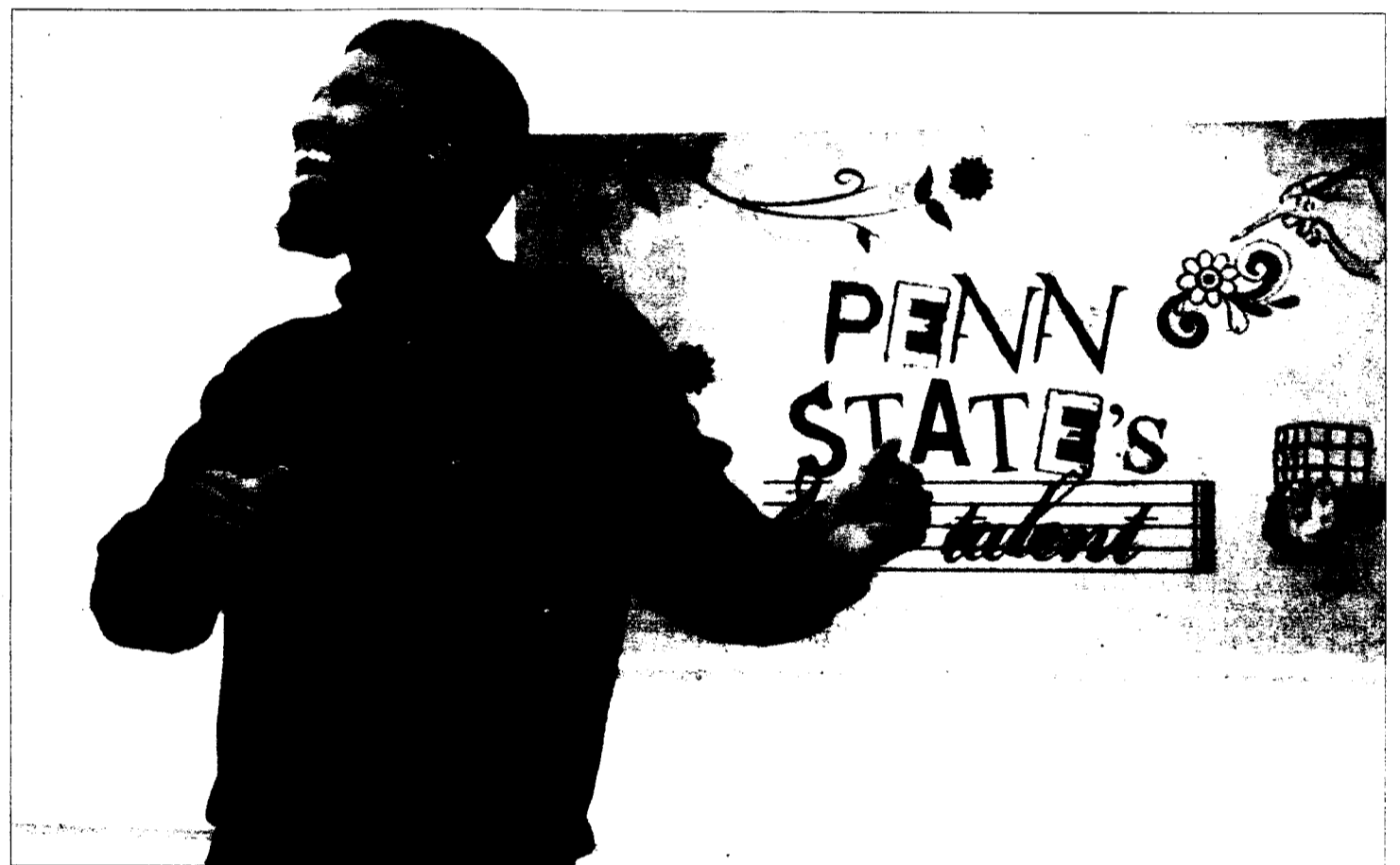
Miller

first UPUA-sponsored festival, called "Wallypalooza," featured Asher Roth last spring.

This vote allows assembly members to shirk responsibility for the festival, UPUA Director of Assembly Services Samantha Miller said.

"I would have liked to see representatives have more options about such a large amount of money," Miller (senior-political science) said. "Not very many  
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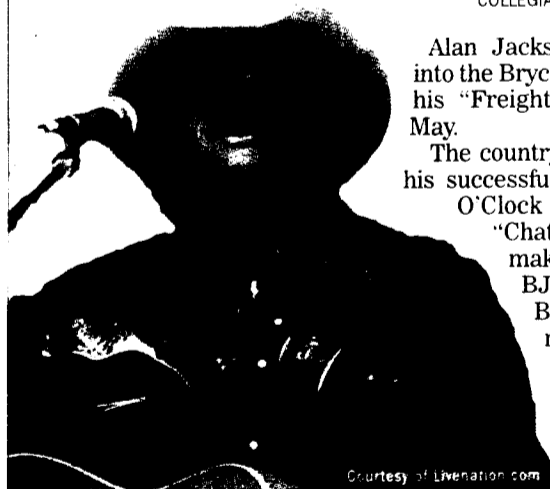


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Eric Farmer (graduate-educational leadership) belts his self-composed song "Muse" at a PennState's Got Talent contest. Thursday night was the final night to audition for State College's version of "American Idol," sponsored by the Saudi Arabian Student Association.

## Jackson returns to BJC

By Nick Weingartner  
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Courtesy of Liveness.com

Alan Jackson will be rolling into the Bryce Jordan Center for his "Freight Train Tour" this May.

The country singer, known for his successful singles "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere" and "Chattahoochee" will be making his was to the BJC on May 21, said Bernie Punt, director of sales and marketing.

The concert is a special one for the BJC, Punt said.

### If you go

What: Alan Jackson ticket sale  
Where: Bryce Jordan Center, Downtown Theatre, Penn State University  
When: 7 p.m. March 13  
How much: \$25 to \$59.75

"Alan Jackson was our first country concert at the BJC," he said. "That makes him special — his longevity."

Punt said as most bands in the  
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### SCOTT SUIT



Collegian file photo

Austin Scott walks to the courthouse in Bellefonte in 2007.

## Officials dropped in case

By Laura Nichols  
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Former Centre County District Attorney Michael Madeira, resigned prosecutor Lance Marshall and Centre County have been dropped from a lawsuit filed by former Penn State running back Austin Scott.

On Wednesday, Pennsylvania Middle District Judge James McClure granted the motion that dismissed the three defendants in the case, citing absolute prosecutorial immunity from Scott's claims, according to court documents.

Scott's attorney, John Karoly, said this motion will not deter the pursuit of justice for his client.

Scott was charged with rape, sexual assault, indecent assault and simple assault in 2007 after a woman told police he assaulted her in his on-campus apartment.  
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## LOVE FOR HAITI

### Students to spend break helping the nation

By Edgar Ramirez  
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Despite strong warnings and limited amount of time, 12 Penn State students, alumni and other volunteers will spend their spring break in Haiti helping with relief efforts.

With the help of Adventures in Missions (AIM), students David Adewumi and Zack Johnston pulled together the trip within three weeks — an act Alisha Brodie, who will also make the trip to Haiti, calls "amazing."

Brodie (junior-nutrition), who has been on three previous mission trips, said the planning process was "chaotic, but expected." Adewumi (junior-Spanish)

credits the help he got from AIM and outside community support in making the trip possible.

"These people going will not forget the amount of help and impact they will leave behind in Haiti, regardless how small it will be," Adewumi said.

The group hopes to rebuild buildings, clean up debris, pass out food — whatever they can do to help reconstruct the ravaged nation.

But while they've got plenty of enthusiasm, some say their good intentions are misplaced.

Project Haiti President Alain Bonny, who went to Haiti last year, said while he was happy to coach the group prepare in what to  
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Esteban Felix/Associated Press

U.S. Army soldiers organize earthquake survivors who want to register their displaced families and receive help from the United Nations.