

FACULTY SENATE

# Spanier talks finances, student drinking issue

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In an address to the Faculty Senate that jumped from financial aid to student drinking, Penn State President Graham Spanier said he's heard suggestions to make the university less "student-centered" to combat alcohol abuse.

At Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting, Spanier said some have suggested adding mandatory 8 a.m. classes and making attendance an absolute requirement for all courses.

But while he called Penn State's drinking problem "very frustrating," he's not yet ready to throw his support behind these proposals.

"I'm not sure that is the right approach," Spanier said.

Earlier in the meeting, the president touched on Penn State's finances. Spanier said Penn State hopes to give "modest" pay increases this year, but he warned of the trouble to come next year, when stimulus funding runs out.

He also mentioned an increase in applications, which he predicts will surpass 114,000 this year, and the increased financial need of students.

For now, the university has the situation firmly in hand, he said, though he

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Graham Spanier  
Penn State President

expects some tough decisions ahead.

During the meeting, numerous committees proposed revisions to rules concerning undergraduate admissions, intercollegiate schedules and the Senate's rules and commissions.

Of the revisions, only one was not passed, something that Faculty Senate Chairman Lee Coraor said shows the democratic process of the Senate is working "very well."

Other discussions included computer hacking, the format for listing a withdrawal from a class and the medical school's future at University Park.

"Our Faculty Senate is positive, responsible and at Penn State does a lot of work that, at other universities, would be done by the administration," Spanier said.

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Courtesy of Alexander Bauman

The 8.8-magnitude earthquake that hit Chile destroyed much of the city of Santiago, including this bridge. Students began a Facebook group to raise money for people in Chile.

# Students support efforts to aid Chile

By Eddie Lau  
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

He said the best way to help now is to donate money.

Jarpa said though his family is safe, many others are not as fortunate.

"It makes you feel guilty for not being there when your family and your countrymen are suffering," Jarpa (graduate-marketing and strategic leadership) said.

Jarpa began the Facebook group, "Smeal for Chile," on Feb. 28, one day after the earthquake hit central Chile.

In addition to the Facebook group, Jarpa designed a T-shirt so students can show their support for the people in Chile. Whoever wants to buy the T-shirt can contact him through the Facebook group. He'll also ship it to anywhere in the country; just send \$16 in cash or a check to "Smeal for Chile" and mail it to P.O. Box 10343, State College, Pa., 16805.

Now, Bauman's joining in. He said he plans on making donations and further helping Jarpa's efforts these upcoming weeks.

"It is a great effort and a very important contribution towards the recovery of Chile," Bauman said.

As of press time, the Facebook group had 186 members. Jarpa said he will try to host different events in the next couple of weeks and donate all the money he raises by April 1. All funds will go to Chile-based charity Teleton.

Now that he's back from Chile after having experienced the 8.8-magnitude earthquake that left more than 800 dead, Penn State student Alexander Bauman is working to raise money for the battered country.

"It is very difficult to adequately describe my experience during the earthquake," Bauman (graduate-business administration) said.

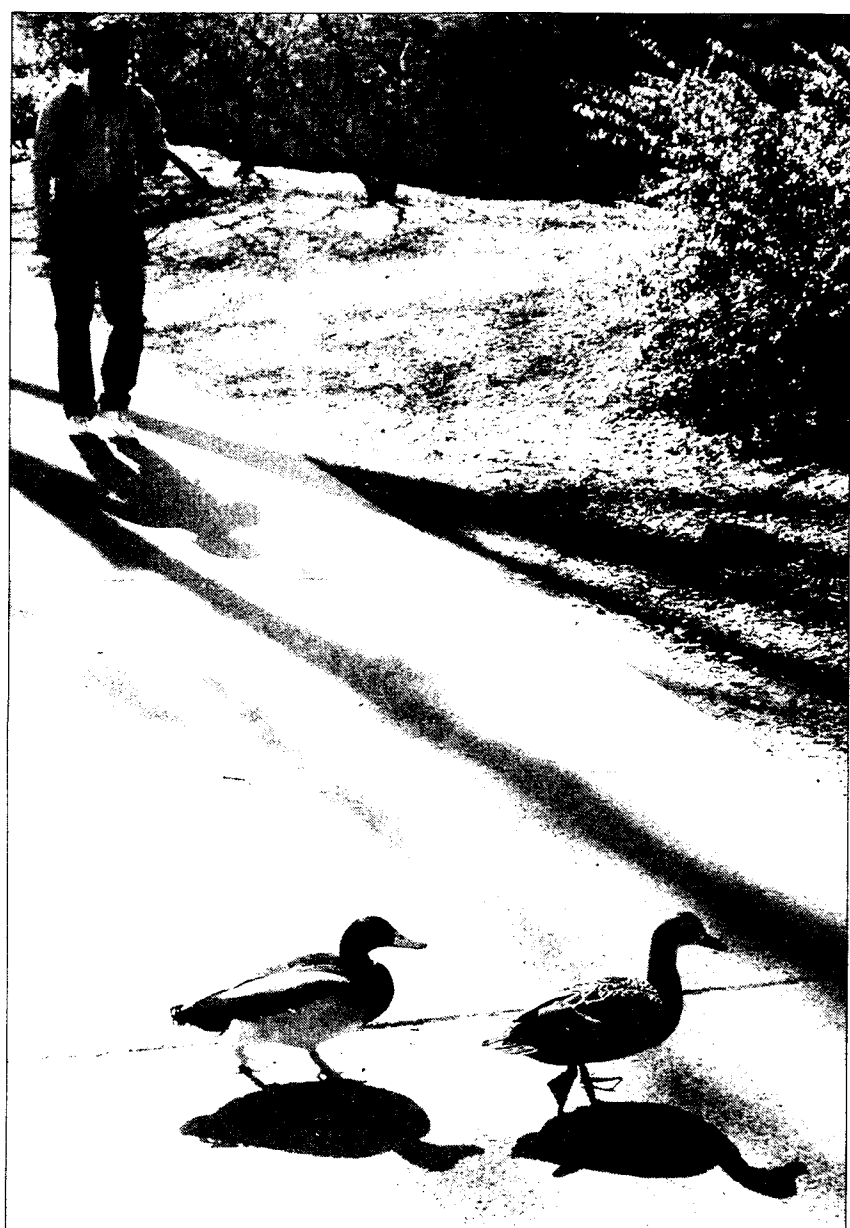
"There was tremendous shaking for what seemed like minutes, glasses and bottles were flying everywhere, and then the power shut off and the tremors ceased."

Bauman was in capital city Santiago when the quake hit, a day before his MBA Global Immersion classes began. He took a picture when he and a group of friends were driving on a major highway where a bridge had collapsed.

"We arrived a day before the intended start of our Global Immersion classes, so we decided to head out and enjoy our first night in South America," he said.

Soon after the massive earthquake struck central Chile, Chilean Penn State student Phillip Jarpa decided to start a Facebook group to sell T-shirts to raise funds for his country.

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A pair of ducks walk across the sidewalk along the Hammond Building on Tuesday afternoon. Many ducks were spotted across campus enjoying the warm weather State College experienced on Tuesday. Several ducks even floated around in the pond by the Hintz Family Alumni Center, entertaining student onlookers.

# Local officials travel to D.C. for municipalities conference

Members of Borough Council will meet with Rep. Glenn Thompson to talk jobs and funding for a "green" building.

By Megan Rogers  
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State College borough officials hope to highlight connections between local and national issues when they meet with Rep. Glenn Thompson, R-5th District, this morning.

This week, State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham, Borough Manager Tom Fountaine and four members of Borough Council are in Washington, D.C. to attend the national League of Cities and Municipalities conference. The event comes on the heels of last week's Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities rally in Harrisburg, where borough officials discussed revenue-boosting initiatives.

Representatives from the borough meet with U.S. representatives and senators each year at the conference, Goreham said. This time, they're making three points clear.

First, the group is lobbying for the "Local Jobs for America" proposal. State College would qualify for the two-year \$75

billion grant that could be beneficial for borough employees, she said.

"We would be allowed to use the funding to keep employees that might lose their jobs, hire new employees and rehire people we've had to let go," Goreham said.

But she doesn't support an initiative in Congress to change collective bargaining policies. Both the Pennsylvania and the National League of Cities and Municipalities are against the proposal, which Goreham said would tie the hands of local governments.

The council also has a local plea to make to Thompson: secure funding so the borough can build a new "green" service building. The building, which would also function as a recreational site, would be built at the border of the borough of State College and Ferguson Township, Goreham said.

Following the meeting with Thompson, Goreham and council members Silvi Lawrence, Theresa Lafer and Peter Morris will gather with the delegations for Pennsylvania to meet with Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., and a representative for Sen. Arlen Specter, D-Pa.

They will also attend speeches and breakout sessions to discuss how national policies will affect local governments, council member Don Hahn said.

Because the National League of Cities and Municipalities lobbies for its members, attending the conference allows State College officials to give input on what issues the league should focus on, Hahn said.

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