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Borough to readdress ordinance

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The State College Borough Council is preparing to restart discussion on the controversial Nuisance Gathering Ordinance, which could fine party hosts for crimes committed by guests.

At today's noon meeting, borough officials will play a giant bingo game of sorts — with council members drawing Xs on a matrix to illustrate what should



Goreham

qualify as an offense under the ordinance made to quell out-of-control parties.

The ordinance was first proposed last July to immediate outcry from students and student groups, who said it targeted the college partying population.

Dissent from leaders of Penn State organizations like the

Interfraternity Council (IFC) and University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) arrived quickly, with members showing up at council meetings and expressing their dissatisfaction in the Daily Collegian.

State College Borough Manager Tom Fountaine said the current version of the ordinance includes several changes from the last version.

According to the council's agenda, the original Nuisance

Gathering Ordinance included a section to bill offenders for second offenses within 180 days of the original response.

The section has now been split off into a separate ordinance called the Second Response Ordinance, designed to offset the costs that are created when police respond to both disorderly conduct and nuisance gathering complaints. Individuals charged or cited with repeat disorderly con-

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If you go

What: Borough Council meeting
When: Noon today

Where: Room 304, State College Municipal Building, 243 S. Allen St.

Details: Council will discuss a controversial ordinance that could fine party hosts for their guests' behavior

BON APPETIT



Megan Finan (senior-hotel, restaurant and institutional management) prepares a plate to be served during dinner Wednesday evening. The students prepared the dinner and served it to customers as a part of their HRIM 430 class.

Students create recipe for success

By Lindsay Cryer
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Eight students zipped around a kitchen. Some yelled out orders, some dealt with stressed waiters.

Once in a while, they got to talk to each other — it was a rare moment — commiserating about “pushing the lamb” or cash register glitches.

They'd been planning for these very conversations all semester.

Hors d'oeuvres

While they sat in Melissa Richter's (senior-hotel, restaurant and institutional management) apartment for a last-minute meeting, the eight students looked more like a group of old pals than Cafe Laura's newest management team.

As part of their HRIM 430 (Advanced Food Production and Service Management) class, these students worked together to prepare two dinner events for Penn State's student-run restaurant.

This group, one of four within the class, shared a pack of Oreo cookies while talking about crafting table centerpieces and revising the seating chart to accommodate ever-changing reservations. These changes may have had to do with the date of the group's dinner: St. Patrick's Day.

Upon picking their groups early in the semester, the groups played a trivia game to pick their date — or fate.

“We did not do very well,” Richter said in reference to their first meal date landing on St. Patrick's Day.

On one of the most popular holidays of the year — and a Wednes-

day — would anyone show up?

But they were determined not to let a little holiday ruin all their fun.

The group said they were excited for their meal theme, “Neighborhoods of Manhattan.” Each neighborhood was represented by a centerpiece on each of the tables.

Amanda Pittella (senior-hotel, restaurant and institutional management) said the theme's ability to relate to attendees worked in the group's favor at their restaurant, which was called Manhattan's Finest.

“It would be cool to have a whole Moroccan theme, but would people want to eat that food their whole meal?” Pittella said. “We picked ours because there are a lot of options of foods that people will like.”

The group added that their goal was

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LADY LIONS

WNIT run ends with home loss

By Audrey Snyder
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It was the type of game the Penn State women's basketball team hadn't experienced since 2005.

The post season was what the Lady Lions worked for all season long, but the team's Women's National Invitation Tournament appearance ended sooner than they expected.

Tears and frowns were on the faces of the Lions as they walked off the Bryce Jordan Center court just minutes after suffering a season-ending 76-69 loss to Hofstra University (20-13).

While it was a season of firsts for the Lions, who earned their first winning season under third-year coach Coquese Washington, the Lions couldn't look past how they let Thursday night's game slip away.

“I'm embarrassed. I'm embarrassed for this university, I'm embarrassed for this program that we would come out and give this effort,” Washington said of the loss. “I think some of it is youth, some of it is immaturity, but it's inexcusable to just not give the effort at this point in the season that you need to get.”

The effort Washington referred to was her team's

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Chris Donadin/Collegian

Coaches attend to Julia Trogele (11) after she suffered an intense shoulder injury at Thursday night's game where the Lady Lions lost. To read more on the women's basketball game, | **SPORTS**, Page 8.

Students push on with pride

By Peter Panepinto
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Yvette Lerma saw a stray hand strike her girlfriend's head as they danced face-to-face at the Celi Block one night last summer. Seconds later, the unknown woman shoved Lerma and her girlfriend, nearly knocking them to the sticky dance floor.

This is the easy part of being a lesbian, Lerma (senior-sociology) said.

The hard part comes when her girlfriend visits for holidays — her mother refuses to sit in the same room.

“When alcohol is involved, people get really disrespectful. I had those encounters even just walking down College Avenue holding hands,” Lerma said. “I usually don't care what people say about me, because it can't be worse than hearing it from my mother.”

The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community at Penn State has made many strides during this semester alone — students participated in the fifth annual KissOut, Mezzanine announced an “alternative” night and the Interfraternity Council (IFC) approved recognizing a fraternity for gay and

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'Madness' strikes State College

By Jared Shanker
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The crowd of about 150 students in the HUB-Robeson Center let out a collective sigh in unison.

Packed around the giant TV in the first floor lobby, the crowd reacted to Villanova's missed layup at the end of regulation and near-elimination to Robert Morris on Thursday, the first day of the NCAA Tournament.

This is March Madness, which puts the town — students and residents alike — in a two-week craze.

Classes across campus were littered with empty seats as the tournament kicked off just after noon on Thursday. One student who skipped class was Ryan Rooney, who spent his 21st birthday at home glued to the action.

“I'm skipping classes for March Madness, because, one, it's my birthday and basketball's my life,” Rooney (junior-criminal justice) said. “I've played my entire life. Plus, it's only two days I take off a year.”

John Fardoss was one of the college basketball fans who decided to attend class, though his attention wasn't solely focused on the professor.

“I'm going to be looking at my bracket and make sure my

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Drew Kitchen (postdoctorate-biology), left, and Etienne Simon-Noriere (postdoctorate-biology) watch an NCAA basketball game Thursday night at the 797 Lounge.