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Teams competing in Theta Delta Chi's first Easter Olympics on Saturday participate in an egg toss. Team members took a step back after each successful round, furthering the distance of the toss until one team was left. The Olympics benefited Autism Speaks, TDx's national philanthropy.

Greeks host Easter Olympics

By Colleen Boyle
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Some Penn State students who stayed in Happy Valley for the holiday weekend got back to their childhood roots Saturday afternoon during Theta Delta Chi's first Easter Olympics.

The Olympics — consisting of Easter-themed games such as egg tosses and a 500-egg egg hunt — benefited Autism Speaks, the fraternity's national philanthropy. Organizer Trevor Cowser estimated at least \$1,000 was raised.

Eight teams of five to 10 people participated in the games. The

brothers hung a frying pan and a blue tarp from the front porch as part of the "hit the frying pan with an egg" contest. Donations for the event — including gift cards and coupons for prizes — were provided by Wal-Mart, Monster, Burger King and Giant.

The brothers also threw 250 marshmallow Peeps from their balcony while competitors scrambled to collect them.

"It was a little juvenile," Cowser said. "But still competitive and fun."

Many of those who attended were members of the greek community. Chris Cover (sophomore-

accounting) was pleased with the event's turnout, despite many students having left campus.

That said, organizers are considering changing the event to another day next year, possibly the Thursday before Easter, so those leaving for the weekend can still attend. They also might reach out to children with autism to participate in the games.

Overall, organizers said they were pleased with the event.

"Our guys did an absolutely amazing job organizing the event," said Max Wendkos, president of the Interfraternity Council and a Theta Delta Chi brother.

"I'm always happy to see any effort we make on behalf of our national philanthropy."

After competitors left, the brothers faced a lawn covered with hay from the egg hunt and a pile of leftover eggs.

But Wendkos (senior-marketing and psychology) said the brothers had a plan for getting rid of the extensive amount of hay left over from the hunt.

"We're going to get a horse and set it loose on the front lawn," he joked. "We hope our plan doesn't backfire."

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ROADWORK

CATA alters stops

By Nathan Pipenberg
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Penn State students hoping to catch the Blue Loop may have to change the bus stop they go to as PennDOT workers begin roadwork to fix potholes.

The Pa. Department of Transportation (PennDOT) began unscheduled maintenance work Thursday near the intersection of Atherton Street and College Avenue, closing two nearby CATA bus stops and detouring six bus routes.

The P. H. V. N. Blue Loop and Green Link buses will follow a detour route for about two weeks, said Sherry Snyder, director of operations for Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA). Buses won't be picking up passengers at the University Club and bus depot stops, so riders should wait in front of the Deike Building, Snyder said.

P. H. and Blue Loop buses will turn right on Burrowes Street and make a right onto Curtin Road to resume normal routing. While the V and N routes will turn right onto Burrowes and make a left onto Curtin.

The Green Link route will turn right on College Avenue, make a left on Atherton Street, a left on Beaver Avenue, a left on Burrowes Road and a right on Curtin Road. Since CATA buses only use the right turn lane at the College Avenue and Atherton Street intersection, they might be able to resume normal operations before roadwork is complete, Snyder said.

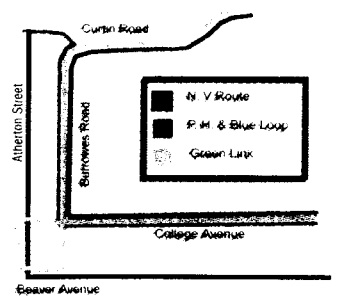
After the sudden detour, students were still waiting at the stops. "It's inconvenient, because I take the bus home and now I have to walk from the new stop to the bus station," Theresa Gillion (senior-nutrition) said.

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CATA's temporary route

Road construction has forced some CATA buses to change routes.



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Council to talk housing issues

By Will Schultz
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

The State College Borough Council will meet tonight to discuss three fraternity ordinances that aim to stop disbanded fraternity houses from becoming party houses.

Council members say one ordinance has come under the heaviest scrutiny: a measure that would make someone accountable for issues that arise at the property when the house is being used as a rooming house. The proposal aims to make that person a local alumni association representative — or someone else directly connected to the fraternity — who lives within 25 miles of the property.

That person, council members say, will be responsible in the event anything goes wrong and disciplinary action is required.

But Interfraternity Council (IFC) President Max Wendkos said the ordinance's language was too limiting.

"It's restricting," Wendkos said. See **HOUSING, Page 2.**

If you go

What: State College Borough Council meeting

When: 7:30 tonight

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

Details: The council will discuss ordinances that would directly affect fraternities.

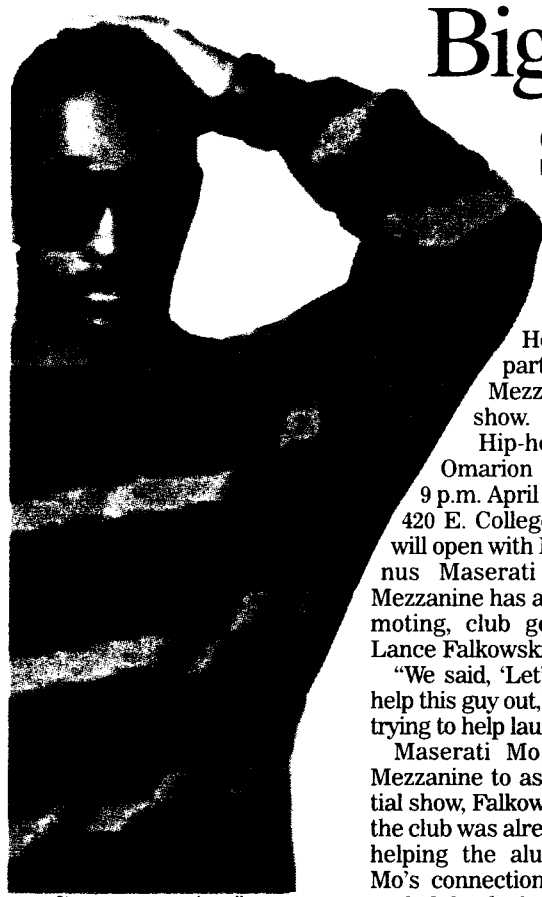


Photo courtesy omariononline.com

Big artist to play small venue

By Chris Zook
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

It'll be one part Hollywood and one part homecoming at Mezzanine's next big show.

Hip-hop artist Omarion will perform at 9 p.m. April 17 at Mezzanine, 420 E. College Ave. The show will open with Penn State alumnus Maserati Mo, an artist Mezzanine has an interest in promoting, club general manager Lance Falkowski said.

"We said, 'Let's see if we can't help this guy out,'" he said. "We're trying to help launch his career."

Maserati Mo had contacted Mezzanine to ask about a potential show, Falkowski said. Though the club was already interested in helping the alumnus, Maserati Mo's connections with Omarion sealed the deal.

If you go

Artist: Omarion and Maserati Mo
Where: Mezzanine, 420 E. College Ave.
When: 9 p.m. April 17
Admission: \$20 (includes drinks)
Website: www.mezzanine.com

Falkowski said he expects the show to sell out, in part because of Mezzanine's size.

"[Omarion] normally doesn't play venues this small," he said.

The crowd will have an opportunity to get "up close and personal" to the performer, Falkowski said, something that is not possible at some larger shows.

Alexander Atiyeh (junior-English) has been a fan of See **OMARION, Page 2.**

Eagles ship QB McNabb to Washington

By Rob Maaddi
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PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb is changing uniforms and staying in the NFC East.

The Philadelphia Eagles traded McNabb to the Washington Redskins for a pair of draft picks on Sunday night. The Eagles will receive a second-round pick (37th overall) in this month's NFL draft and either a third- or fourth-round pick next year.

"Donovan McNabb was more than a franchise quarterback for this team," Eagles chairman Jeffrey Lurie said. "He truly embodied all of the attributes of a great quarterback and of a great person. He has been an excellent representative of this organization and the entire National Football League both on and off

the field. I look forward to honoring him as one of the greatest Eagles of all-time and hopefully see him enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton one day."

ESPN.com was the first to report the 33-year-old McNabb had been traded.

McNabb, a six-time Pro Bowl quarterback, led the Eagles to five NFC championship games and one Super Bowl in 11 seasons in Philadelphia. His failure to lead the team to its first NFL championship since 1940 plus the emergence of Kevin Kolb made him expendable.

Kolb, who has started two games in three seasons, becomes the starter. Michael Vick is the backup.

"This was a very tough See **MCNABB, Page 2.**



Matt Rourke/Associated Press

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