

## E. coli case investigated

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The tennis camp counselor diagnosed with E. coli in late June contracted the illness while at Penn State, a university spokeswoman said Thursday.

The counselor with the confirmed E. coli case arrived June 19 and got sick while in State College, Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers said.

Powers said a second counselor at the camp returned home after camp with stomach problems. His mother told Penn State he had E. coli, Powers said, though the counselor never had a culture or test done to determine if he had the illness.

Penn State has not determined whether the case has been confirmed as E. coli poisoning or not, Powers said.

There was an indication that

three other counselors reported digestive system problems, Powers said, but none of them reported having E. coli.

The first counselor visited Mt. Nittany Medical Center June 29, where it was determined she contracted E. coli, a serious form of food poisoning.

The counselor, a New York resident, began feeling sick June 26. That individual was admitted to Mt. Nittany Medical Center four

days after the initial report of illness, Powers said.

The incubation period before individuals begin to show E. coli symptoms is about three to four days, according to the Centers for Disease Control's website.

Penn State is working with the Pennsylvania Department of Health because the second sick counselor is a Pennsylvania resident, Powers said.

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### If you go

**What:** Board of Trustees Meeting  
**Where:** Penn State DuBois  
**When:** Today 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Board to set tuition rates

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The Penn State Board of Trustees will meet at Penn State DuBois today to approve what university officials are calling an inevitable tuition increase for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

University spokeswoman Lisa Powers said the administration's goal is to make the increase as modest as possible.

The state legislature released the university's \$318.1 million appropriation Wednesday, freeing the university to finalize the budget and tuition at the meeting.

Because the state appropriation is a crucial funding stream for the university, administrators could not determine the budget or tuition until it was confirmed, she said. And with the appropriation set, the second primary funding stream — tuition and fees — is ready to be decided upon.

Penn State President Graham Spanier will address the board regarding four budget priorities the university has for the 2010-2011 year, Powers said.

She said the four priorities are: to keep tuition as low as possible while preserving quality; to remove last year's salary freeze for faculty and staff and to make "modest" salary adjustments; to set aside funds for "unavoidable" cost increases; and to continue to carefully manage finances.

"Some student leaders plan to attend the meeting to express their concern regarding tuition issues."

University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) President Christian Ragland said he has three main talking points for his address to the trustees: tuition, energy issues and student life.

"I'm looking forward to being there as a student representative and being the voice about tuition in terms of really communicating how important college affordability is at Penn State," Ragland (senior-political science) said.

Council of Commonwealth Student Governments Vice President Peter Khoury will also attend the meeting.

Spanier will also discuss current admissions numbers and successful faculty and student research initiatives, Powers said. The board will discuss the For the Future campaign, some facility name changes and a construction update, she said.

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Running back Stephfon Green (21) pushes weights during last year's Lift for Life event. The event has grown in numbers over the years.

## Lift for Life to raise charity funds

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Brett Brackett remembers well helping set up Lift for Life three years ago.

Four or five football players were involved in preparation, and it was a scramble to advertise and promote the event.

Now, heading into his senior season, Brackett, the president of the Penn State chapter of Uplifting Athletes, says so many players are involved, he struggles to find tasks for all of them.

Lift for Life, a weight lifting competition that raises money for the Kidney Cancer Association, will take place from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at Holuba Hall. In total, there are 25 players in the Penn State chapter and 80 will compete in the event, which is open to the public.

"It's been unbelievable to see the amount of guys that want to support it and the amount of guys that want to help," Brackett said.

The 2010 edition is the eighth Lift for Life, started in 2003 by former player Scott Shirley, whose father was diagnosed with kidney cancer the year before. He and teammates Damone Jones and Dave Costlow then formed the Penn State chapter of Uplifting Athletes.

The organization raises money for what are called "rare diseases" — any disease affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans, and the Penn State chapter focuses on kidney cancer.

"It's a great feeling," Shirley said. "But what makes a bigger impression on me is the difference that that money has made on the cause."

The first Lift for Life raised about \$13,000, but now, in the eight years combined, Shirley said the total should reach around \$500,000 after today.

When Shirley's father, who died from the disease in 2005, was diagnosed, Shirley said there was one treatment that gave a 10 percent



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Former linebacker Navorro Bowman works out at last year's Lift for Life.

chance of a five-year survival. Now he says there are seven or eight treatments and patients are living longer than ever.

"What you see at Lift for Life, Brett Brackett and his committee are 100 percent responsible," Shirley said. "I need to make sure they get the credit that they deserve."

The impact of Lift for Life has reached beyond just the Penn State community.

Carol Willie, a Portland, Ore., native, whose father and husband are kidney cancer survivors, cried the first time she attended the event in 2007.

"The fact that they do that on See CHARITY, Page 2.

## Ragland calls for student on council

By Nathan Pipenberg  
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A merger of the State College Borough and Penn State could start making its way to reality if the student body president can find a way to seat a student — minus voting power — on borough council.

With the saga of the Nuisance Gathering Ordinance (NGO) temporarily moot, relations between students and the borough are returning to normal.

But to make sure tempers don't

flare up again, the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) president Christian Ragland wants to add a non-voting student to the borough council.

Ragland said he is getting underway with the idea — meeting with Borough Manager Tom Fountaine early next week to see if the idea is feasible.



Ragland

The idea, which Mayor Elizabeth Goreham said she supports, is to have a student on hand at all borough council meetings to avoid any potential miscommunication, Ragland (senior-political science) said.

Ragland said he envisions the new member in the council chamber to be a student, but not necessarily a University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) member.

"There were many things that could've been avoided by direct communication with students,"

Ragland said of the NGO and the public hearings that accompanied it.

"Instances like the NGO that created a false impression of an 'us vs. them' mentality," he said. "But I'm really excited to work with the borough this year. Last year was a good beginning."

Goreham said council would have to "initiate and approve it" — which means that the idea starts and ends in the hands of council members.

Ragland recognizes that the See RAGLAND, Page 2.

## World Cup noisemakers sell out at downtown store

By David Bodin  
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

When Earle Harner first heard the droning, monotone note of the vuvuzela on TV during the FIFA World Cup, he knew he had to sell it in his store.

Harner, who owns The Apple Tree, 136 E. College Ave., said he could not determine what caused the cacophonous blare echoing through the soccer stadium until he looked it up online.

Through this research, Harner discovered that the vuvuzela — which is about 2 feet long — was

the target of much controversy. "It was as if a hive of bees was disturbed, consequently producing this strange hum," he said. "There was talk of banning them from sporting events."

Undeterred by the horn's rap sheet, Harner ordered a shipment of vuvuzelas from American industries in hopes of catering to World Cup fans in the State College area. He priced them at \$8 each, and during the soccer series, the horns sold out.

"They are very popular, it seems," Harner said. "Some people who bought them were so

eager to blow their vuvuzela that I had to caution them not to do so when in my store."

Kyle Sussman (freshman-biology) received a vuvuzela as a gift from his brother and said he enjoyed trumpeting it while strolling down the boardwalk at the Jersey shore.

"I received many strange stares from people," Sussman said. "I guess they found the vuvuzela's loud blare obnoxious. Honestly, I find the sound annoying, too, but it's still very fun."

Whether or not a policy banning the use and possession of vuvuze-

las during Big Ten football games is yet unclear.

Nonetheless, Associate Athletic Director Greg Myford doesn't want the added noise at home football games.

"Based on the fact that football is a very different sport [from soccer], the use of vuvuzelas may negatively impact the fan experience during a game," Myford said. "We have all been in the presence of someone who was a noisemaker, and how it made our experience not worthwhile."

Sussman disagrees.



"It'd be cool if blue and white vuvuzelas were allowed in [at least] one football game at Beaver Stadium," Sussman said.

As for Harner, he said he thinks the vuvuzelas could add to Beaver Stadium's ambiance during football season.

"If vuvuzelas were permitted during football games, it could potentially cause a whole new Penn State fad," Harner said.