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35 cents off campus

B.o.B, Travie to play BJC

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Penn State students hoping for a B.o.B performance will no longer need to pretend that airplanes in the night

If you go

What: Student ticket sale

When: noon, July 28

Where: BJC, Downtown Theatre and Eisenhower Auditorium

Details: \$20 per ticket with valid student ID

sky are like shooting stars: The rapper is coming to town in August.

At 7:30 p.m. on

Aug. 31, the "Airplanes" rapper will perform with "Billionaire" singer Travie McCoy at the Bryce Jordan Center.

"Every year [the University Park

Allocation Committee] gives a large lump sum to the BJC to be able to subsidize tickets," UPAC Overall

Chairman Mark Donovan said.

"Part of the agreement is that the BJC has to provide at least three subsidized tickets each semester, so this is one of them."

Donovan (senior-political science) said it was a good idea to schedule the concert early in the semester and is hoping that he, too, can buy tickets.

Anthony Duggan also
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Courtesy of the State College Police Department

State College Police said the fire set to an unmarked cruiser is connected to a bomb found in June.

Cruiser fire tied to bomb

Police: Two arsons are likely linked

By Brendan McNally
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Police have connected an incident involving a homemade bomb left on a State College Police Department cruiser in June and the arson that destroyed an unmarked police vehicle Sunday morning.

The second instance of arson — a fire set at 3:28 a.m. Sunday — completely destroyed an unmarked police cruiser parked behind the State College Borough Municipal Building, the State College Police Department said.

The first arson occurred on June 21 — less than a month before Sunday's arson.

That fire caused only minor damage to a separate marked police vehicle, police said.

At first, police said they were investigating whether the two incidents were connected.

They have now confirmed the two fires are linked. Police did not say what new information has led them to believe that the two incidents are connected.

On June 21, a flaming box that police later identified as a homemade bomb was left on the trunk of a police car parked in the State College Municipal Building parking lot at 234 S. Allen St., police said.

An officer noticed the fire shortly after it was set and was able to extinguish the flames, police said.

The box was filled with potentially explosive household items, police said. Police said they later concluded that the bomb was homemade.

The fire caused only minor damage to the vehicle, police said.

Police were notified of the fire by a 911 call, police said.

The front of the car was completely charred by the fire and the front tires were burnt away when the fire was finally extinguished by the police officer, police said.

Alpha Fire Company was called to the scene to extinguish the flames, police said.

Police did not confirm if video surveillance footage was captured of either of the incidents.

The fire did not cause any damage to neighboring vehicles, but did burn a nearby fence, police said.

Police did not confirm what the cost to fix the damage was in total.

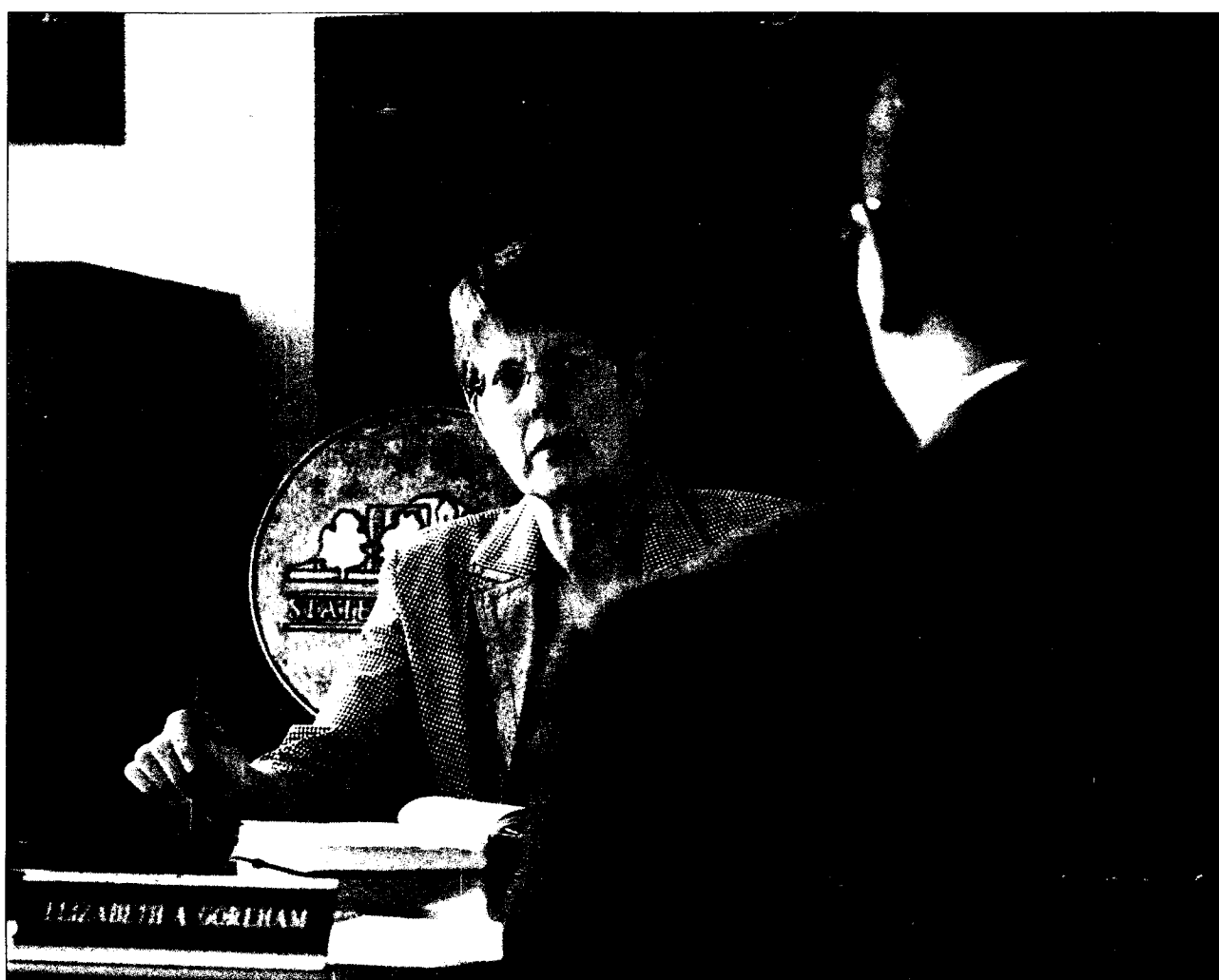
Police said they have been investigating an increased number of suspicious fires, including two fires in the Parkway Plaza apartments, 1000 Plaza Drive, and at Pizza Hut, 760 S. Atherton St.

The Parkway Plaza fire began at about 12:38 a.m. Friday, July 2.

The damage was worst on the first floor where fire and smoke damage made two apartments uninhabitable, forcing one resident to find new housing through the Penn State Office of Housing, Food Services and Residence Life, Alpha Fire Company Director Steve Bair said at the time.

Police said they can not confirm if the other suspicious fires are related to the two police vehicle arsons.

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Mayor Elizabeth Goreham met with UPUA President Christian Ragland Tuesday to discuss the student housing shortage.

Leaders talk housing issues

By Brendan McNally
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Student Body President Christian Ragland asked State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham to address the student housing shortage by providing students with a service that could help them sort through different living options.

Goreham, who met with Ragland Tuesday in her 243 S. Allen St. office, said she was aware of the student housing shortage. The borough, she said, should make an effort to look into providing more services to students to help them find housing.

"There's a housing crunch in general," Ragland (senior-political science) said in the meeting.

Ragland said most students have trouble finding any housing at all — meaning many of them don't give as much thought to finding living options that are both in convenient locations and that come at a reasonable cost.

Jinghao Lu, who represented international students in the meeting, said students coming from outside the United States face a particularly difficult situation when attempting to find housing.

Lu (senior-sociology) said those students need to find housing before coming to the country, but Penn State has

no procedures for helping students find off-campus housing.

Goreham — who said she rents a duplex to students herself — said the borough should consider offering help to international students to find a place to stay before they travel to campus.

Goreham and Ragland also discussed initiatives to improve town-and-gown relations, which Goreham called her "No. 1 priority."

Goreham and Ragland agreed that providing programs where students could give back to the community would be a step in the right direction.

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Alumna to assist with 'Makeover'

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Penn State alumna Kate Kissell has an impending challenge.

On July 29, Kissell, Class of 1979, and her team of "fabricators" will have seven days to completely redesign a Berks County house for ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

Typically a project of this scale takes four to six months, team member Anne Marshall said.

"The scale of it is really mind-bog-

gling," Marshall said. "Every space is going to be re-thought and re-imagined, and that's quite an undertaking... so that's the scary part but also the exciting part, too. [It will be] very compressed, very high energy, and it will just require a lot of focus."

Though Marshall — who creates decorative pillows under the name "Thatshouldbeonapillow!" — said she is nervous about the time crunch, she thinks the team Kissell assembled is ready for the challenge.

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Courtesy of picadillyinteriors.com

Kate Kissell will take part in the makeover.

Camping offers fun, adventurous activities for students

Editor's note: This is the third in a five-part series exploring unusual summer activities.

By Eddie Lau
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Even if some students are taking classes or working throughout the summer, it is not too late to get out and enjoy the wonderful weather before fall semester begins.

Camping can be a great option to bond with friends while stretching a small budget.

There are dozens of campsites within driving distance of State College for student adventurers to



explore, Penn State Outing Club President Ryan Mullins said.

One of the best places Mullins (junior-computer science) said he knows is Black Moshannon State Park — where he just went with some of his club members three weeks ago.

"There is a really wide variety of stuff to do there," Mullins said.

"There are probably about 80 miles of hiking trails. There is one of the best lakes that I've ever

been on — and fishing is great."

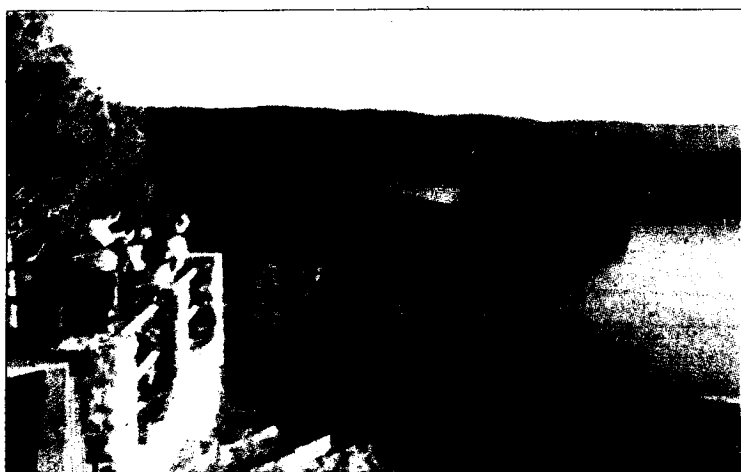
The 3,394-acre state park is located on PA Route 504, nine miles east of Philipsburg, Pa. and about 17.5 miles from State College.

Some people come to the park to enjoy nature, said Jared Block, Black Moshannon State Park ranger.

"They come to fish, they come to boat, they come to ride bikes, they come to look at birds and wildlife — they come for environmental education programs," Block said.

He said people also come to the park for special events, like the Black Moshannon Lumber Day

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Courtesy of raystown.org

People take in the scenery at Lake Raystown, which offers camping options.