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THON unveils new regulations

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The 2011 THON rulebook released Monday revealed new policies THON officials are implementing — changes they say will set fair standards for organizations participating in THON.

Changes include the elimination of the spirit points program; a requirement that all student organizations participating in the Interfraternity Council/Panhell-

enic Dance Marathon be recognized by the university; the addition of a "special interest group" category; and the announcement of the totals of only the top five fundraising groups in each category, Overall Public Relations Chairwoman Jony Rommel said.

In prior years, student groups were registered as either greek or independent organizations, Rommel (senior-philosophy) said. But for this year, the independent category has been split in two:

THON changes

- Elimination of spirit points
- Must be a university-approved organization to participate
- Only the top five fundraising groups in each of the four categories will be announced

special interest groups and general organizations, Rommel said. The change was made to

acknowledge the number of groups that have formed in recent years to focus solely on THON, Rommel said.

Now only the top five fundraising groups in the four categories — greek, independent, special interest and Commonwealth Campuses — will be announced at THON, she said.

Previously, the top ten greek and independent earners were announced, as well as the top three Commonwealth Campuses.

Meg O'Rourke, executive director of Atlas THON, said the change in categories will have no real effect on THON.

Under the new rules, Atlas would be categorized as a special interest group.

"It's just a new title and a new category," O'Rourke (senior-life science) said.

Rommel said there has been no real reaction yet since the changes are fairly new.

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Margaret Emerick (senior-engineering) balances a sword on her head aside the belly dancing club booth during the Involvement fair Monday.

HUB event attracts thousands

By Julia Anselmo
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Occupying two halls in the HUB-Robeson Center for the first time ever, the annual Involvement Fair kicked off Monday in Heritage and Alumni Halls and is expected to attract between 10,000 and 15,000 students by the end of the week.

Representatives from nearly 200 clubs and organizations set up

tables and posters and offered information about their clubs to interested students. Students were free to walk around and ask representatives about their organizations and to sign up for clubs that sparked their interest.

Jen Grossman, program director for clubs and student organizations, said the fair made changes this year to allow the event to grow.

"This is the first year we're in

two rooms. We expanded it to allow for more groups," Grossman said. "We're pretty much full."

The fair is meant to give students the opportunity to talk to representatives from different groups about organizations that interest them. Most organizations had at least one representative available to speak to students and answer questions.

Allison LaTorre (junior-journal-

ism) said the fair is a great way for her to get a taste of all that Penn State has to offer.

"I'm a transfer from Altoona so this is a really good way for me to find out what I can do here," she said.

Any club that is registered with Penn State was permitted to set up a booth, Grossman said. Clubs that were represented included club sports teams, political

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PATERNOVILLE



Campers sleep at Gate A.

Camp to use Web

Scheduling to move online

By Mike Hrick
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Paternoville members will play a game off the field with rules unlike those of the pastime they love: fastest clicker wins.

Penn State's coalition of Beaver Stadium football pregame campers, will transition to an online system of registering for camping spaces next week.

But despite the transition from in-person to online, Paternoville President Alex Cohen said registrations will work in a familiar way for Penn State students.

Students can register groups of up to 10 people by submitting their information to an ANGEL Course Management System drop box, as they would submit homework assignment entries for classes. Those registering will post the names of campers and groups in the subject line, Cohen (senior-marketing) said.

Registered groups will then gain access to spaces available for camping. The first drop box will be posted around 10 p.m. Sept. 1 in preparation for the Youngstown State University game, Cohen said. Paternoville campers will be given wristbands to show they are registered, he said.

Cohen is confident registration will go without major issues the first football weekend.

"We think it'll go smoothly. ANGEL has its kinks — everything does — but we hope

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Courtesy of myspace.com

The Eagles will play at the BJC on Oct. 22.

Eagles book BJC concert

By Josh Bollinger
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The Eagles have conquered the music charts since the 1970's. Now it's time for them to conquer State College.

A Grammy award-winning band and a staple in the classic rock scene, the Eagles will play at 8 p.m. on Oct. 22 at the Bryce Jordan Center for the first time since June 1996.

"This is pretty major," Bryce Jordan Center Director of Sales and Marketing Bernie Punt said. "We get concerts every year, but this is huge."

Punt said the Eagles are only choosing to play in major cities, making their stop in State College a "unique" one.

The band will also be playing songs from each of the member's solo careers — in addition to classics. They're also planning on mixing an acoustic set in with the rest of the concert.

Punt said hearing the Eagles live is an

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Complex cuts CATA ties, adds less-frequent buses

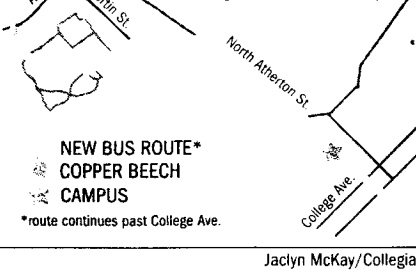
By Anita Modi
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Penn State student Alyssa Gagarin had just settled into her Copper Beech apartment when she found a notice on her door with unsettling news.

Tenants staying at the West Aaron Drive property — one of Copper Beech Townhome Community's four properties — were no longer entitled to Centre Area Transit Authority (CATA) bus transportation as part of their lease.

Copper Beech did not renew its contract with CATA this year, deciding instead to offer residents transportation to and from campus via a private bus system — a measure that prevented a rent increase, according to the notice.

Fewer stops
A new Copper Beech bus service offers only one downtown stop.



Jaclyn McKay/Collegian

Copper Beech officials declined to comment.

Eric Bernier, CATA services and

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Spanier bonds, shares room with freshmen

By Kathleen Loughran
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There was only one bed left when Penn State President Graham Spanier arrived late at his new home — the top bunk in a Shunk Hall supplemental room.

Spanier's three-day stay in Shunk Hall marked the sixteenth time Spanier has roomed with freshmen in supplemental housing for the first weekend of the year.

"I do it because it helps me keep my finger on the pulse of student life and trends in

the characteristic of college freshmen," Spanier said.

Roommate Brian Spearman — who initially thought Spanier's name appeared on the list of



Spanier

every supplemental room — said Spanier got stuck with the top bunk because beds were given out on a "first come, first served" basis.

Jeff Zlatos, who is also one of the roommates, said Spanier didn't seem to mind sleeping on the top bunk.

"He made a joke about the fact that he had to take the top bunk, and I said something like, 'He can handle it for two nights,'" Zlatos

(freshman-mathematics) said.

Zlatos said he originally looked up Spanier's name on Facebook because he didn't know Spanier was the president, but once he found out he was going to room with the president, he was "surprised but confused."

Spanier said he enjoyed the experience living with his temporary roommates.

"It was wonderful. I had

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