

Venues is here for you

By Somer Wiggins

WELCOME to Venues. This is truly your magazine, where you can find out what's going on in State College.

Our goal is to try to keep you up to date on what's happening every weekend — at the bars, the movies and all of the venues in town and on campus.

Not only that, but we're excited to bring you the latest news on everything arts-related as well as the best interviews with the celebrities and artists who come to visit this great university.

We're here for you.

In this issue's centerpiece, you can read music reporter Lindsay Cryer's interview with Travie McCoy. Also, she has an interview lined up with Kris Allen for next week's edition of Venues, so be sure to look for that.

This semester, we have some great acts coming to the Bryce Jordan Center. After B.o.B and Travie McCoy, we will have Sugarland and Little Big Town featured in our next issue.

The country sensation is quite a change from the hip-hop act, but I think that kind of musical diversity is one of the best aspects of the Bryce Jordan Center and Penn State as a whole.

On a campus of more than 45,000 students, we have the sometimes difficult task of blending numerous cultures and interests into one, fluid campus. While this can be tough, it also gives us the opportunity to experience different types of music and art that we otherwise would never have heard or seen.

The BJC, State Theatre, Student Programming Association, Students Organizing the Multiple Arts and all of the other wonderful organizations that bring fun events to Penn State are charged with the impossible task of pleasing everyone on campus and in town — but they do a good job.

Each year, they bring a wide variety of acts. This year, for those of you who only sing along to the '90s rock at parties, there is the Goo Goo Dolls. Wearing camo? Carrie Underwood will be here in November. And if your wallet's a bit thin, maybe you can convince your parents to take you to see the Eagles.

And those are just some of the acts that have been announced so far.

For each of those performances, Venues will be complete with all of the information you need to attend the shows and to learn

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more about each artist.

In addition to the comprehensive coverage of such great musicians, Venues is the place for all things pop-culture.

One thing we are reinventing this semester is “I Am Fashion,” now known as “The Bold and the Beautiful.” We're really excited about this series, because it's a great way to feature students who might not otherwise be featured in *The Daily Collegian*.

Each week our style and trends reporter Joshua Glossner will handpick someone on campus who he thinks exemplifies what's in style. You will also be able to read about why he thinks the outfit works and his suggestions.

So, ladies and gentlemen, get ready, because you might be the next student featured in “The Bold and the Beautiful.”

Other things to look for in Venues are our television and film picks of the week. Each issue, our television reporter Karina Yücel will pick one or two television shows that are having their season opener or finale — or just an exciting episode.

Our film reporter Lauren Ingeno will also pick movies out each week that she thinks you would like. We will have one movie that is currently in theaters featured, as well as a movie that is new to DVD and a throwback movie.

Make sure to check it out for film suggestions, whether you want to have a night out at the movies or enjoy a bowl of popcorn on your couch.

Also, in each issue, we promise to include the most up-to-date special events each of the bars downtown are hosting.

Let's be honest — that's what most of you are interested in when it comes to the weekend anyway.

But that's OK, because that's what this magazine — your magazine — is about.

Our job is to bring you stories about acts you're interested in and excited for. If we're not doing that, let us know. Tell us what you'd like to see in your magazine.

Have an idea for a cool series you'd like to see each week? Write us. Think we're missing something? Tell us.

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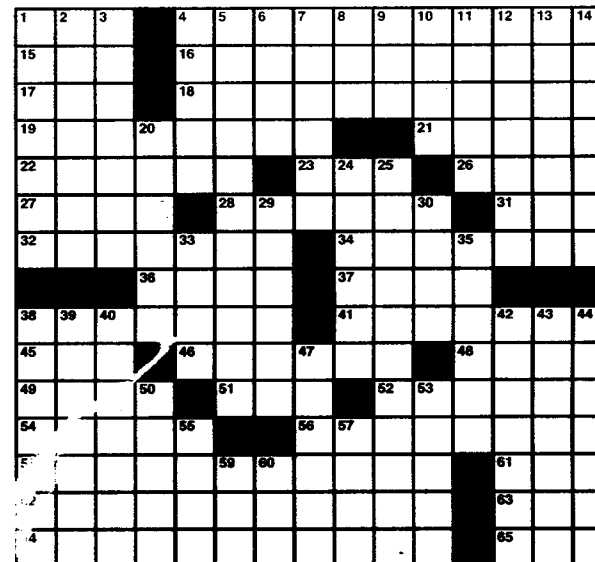
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