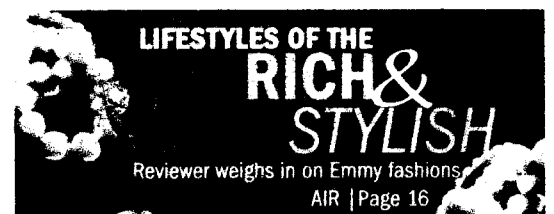


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PSU plans faith space

By Alexa Agugliaro
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Sue Paterno could not be happier to see a vision from 12 years ago turn into reality today when the new Catholic Student Faith Center finally breaks ground.



Paterno

The new facility will be named the Suzanne Pohland Paterno Catholic Student Faith Center in honor of her support, said Erik Bjalme, the development coordinator of the Catholic Campus Ministry.

"It has been a dream to have this place, and it is absolutely beyond an honor to have it named for me," Paterno said. "My daughter said that it was a perfect match because of the incredible role that faith plays in my life."

Joe and Sue Paterno were named the honorary co-chairs of the Catholic Student Faith Center because of their endless generosity and support — the duo has donated alongside Bill Schreyer and the Margaret Stine Foundation, Catholic Campus Ministry Father Matthew Laffey said.

Paterno said she "had some fun" driving up and down I-80 trying to raise money for the center.

Laffey said guests in attendance for the groundbreaking will include Penn State President Graham Spanier, State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham Bishop Joseph Adamec and Archbishop Douglas R. Nowicki.

Laffey said the Catholic Student Faith Center campaign has raised \$6.5 million thanks to private donors and other organizations, but they still have another \$1.5 million left to raise.

The actual ceremony will be "very simple," Laffey said. There will be a few remarks made about the new center by guest speakers, including Joe

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Nigel Graham/Collegian

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Catholic Student Faith Center begins today.



Tyler Sizemore/Collegian

Students wait in line early Monday morning at the Bryce Jordan Center to purchase tickets for the upcoming football game against No. 1-ranked Alabama. A lottery system was used to determine who received tickets, and only 250 people out of the 290 who showed up received tickets.

Lottery disappoints some

By Mike Hricik
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Tyler Sizemore/Collegian

Students were given wristbands, in a randomized process.

Penn State student Chris Shlemon is furious.

Shlemon (junior-chemical engineering) did not get a ticket to the Sept. 11 Penn State vs. Alabama away game even though he woke up before 5 a.m. to wait in line outside the Bryce Jordan Center for the 7 a.m. lottery.

Because of a wristband lottery — a randomized process meant to discourage students from

lottery system gets rid of that." Shlemon for away game seats — Shlemon and more than 40 other student football fans went home empty-handed.

Now Shlemon is faced with a decision: Cancel his prepaid bus trip to Alabama for Penn State's away game or find scalped tickets for hundreds more than box office pricing.

"I understand that they don't want camping, but if someone is a fan of Penn State football, which I consider myself, they should be rewarded," Shlemon said. "The

But ticketing officials said they were pleased with how the sale went.

"From the results we saw today, this is a perfect system. It prevents scalping and people spending a day-and-a-half in

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To hear audio from students who did and did not receive tickets:
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THON open to input

By Megan Rogers
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

THON Overall Committee members said they will take feedback they received at a Sunday night meeting — organized by Interfraternity Council (IFC) President Max Wendkos to address concerns about recent THON changes — and look into ways to continue consulting students.

One of the biggest issues discussed at the meeting was the role of competition in the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon, THON Public Relations Overall Chairwoman Jony Rommel said.

Students had both positive and negative feedback, she said — but the THON representatives were glad they got the chance to answer some of the questions.

"[Sunday] night definitely

helped to serve as an opportunity to explain why we made those changes and where we're coming from and our decision-making process."

Rommel (senior-philosophy) said.

Wendkos (senior-marketing and psychology) arranged the meeting at the Delta Upsilon fraternity house, 229 Locust Lane, which he said had about 200 attendees.

Wendkos declined to comment on what was discussed at the meeting.

He said he plans to continue conversations with THON Overall Committee Chairwoman Kirsten Kelly to determine what should happen in the future.

Kelly (senior-marketing) said

the Overall Committee plans to contact attendees at the meeting to encourage continuing conversation and feedback.

And Kelly said THON officials are looking forward to working with all student organizations, adding that the meeting fostered a lot of "healthy discussion."

"There were definitely strong opinions from many different people, but it was all in the best interest of holding discussion about THON," Kelly said.

Recent changes to the THON rulebook include: the elimination of the spirit points program; the requirement that all student organizations participating in

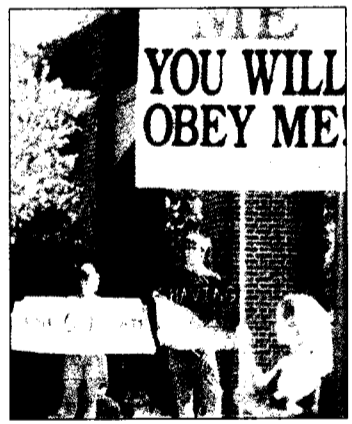
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Wendkos



Kelly



Daniel Bott/Collegian

Opposing religious groups rally Monday in front of the HUB.

Groups dispute religion

By Brendan McNally
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

As Christians and atheists lined up across from each other to speak out in front of the HUB-Robeson Center on Monday, there was one thing they could agree on: that they could convince the other side they were right.

But as the two groups held up signs in the sweltering heat of the mid-afternoon and pled their cases to a crowd of about 50 Penn State students, neither side seemed to be convincing the other of anything.

Clinton Leinbach, who traveled to campus from Selinsgrove, Pa., said he came to

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To see a video of Christians and atheists rallying outside the HUB:
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Non-traditional frats attract members

Series note: This is the second in a five-part series offering a closer look at the rushing process.

By Megan Rogers
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Before a pledge becomes a brother at the Tau Phi Delta fraternity, he will have shot a clay bird or participated in an outdoor-oriented event.

It's not just your average poker night rush event at some special interest fraternities.

Tau Phi Delta, an outdoor interest fraternity, isn't alone in unique recruitment events — several special interest fraternities work to capture a certain audience.

To give brothers a taste of activities they might participate in as brothers — like white water rafting, hunting, fishing and



camping — Tau Phi Delta, 427 E. Fairmount Ave., adds a few outdoor interest activities to its rush schedule, fraternity president Corbin Rinehart said.

And pledges to Alpha Rho Chi, 320 S. Fraser St., will understand the architectural and allied arts interest fraternity's niche before they accept their bid.

The co-ed fraternity, which has a co-ed fraternity house and an equal number of female brothers as male brothers, holds lectures and workshops during rush week, fraternity president Caitlin Roe said.

Still, the fraternity wants to emphasize

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Courtesy of Delta Theta Sigma

Members of Delta Theta Sigma, an agricultural interest fraternity, pose with rifles.