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Dan Hemmert (senior-accounting) is greeted at his door.

## Leaders welcome student residents

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State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham, University Park Undergraduate Association President Christian Ragland and Vice President of Student Affairs Damon Sims aren't exactly the people a student — or anyone, for that matter — might expect to come knocking at the door.

But on Tuesday night, they visited five South Pugh Street residences as part of the third annual LION Walk.

More than 50 members of the State College Police Department and various Penn State student organizations from Amnesty International to the Interfraternity Council joined borough and university leaders in the Living In One Neighborhood (LION) Walk.

A backup Nittany Lion mascot accompanied the group in place of Clint Gyory, the official mascot who, police said, was charged with public drunkenness and criminal mischief last week in connection with an Aug. 1 incident. Gyory (junior-business management) will not be permitted to suit up during the month of September.

Sims filled in Tuesday night for Penn State President Graham Spanier, who couldn't make the walk. He said he was a part of the LION Walk two years ago when he had just joined the State College community.

"... The program is not insincere," he said. "It portrays the deepest values of our community."

Participants aimed to improve town-gown relations by welcoming both student and permanent residents to the community and offering them messages about personal safety.

Student leaders knocked on doors and encouraged fellow students to meet their neighbors and look through canvas bags they handed out for safety advice and resources that they may not have been aware of.

Ragland (senior-political science) said the walk served as a way to improve relationships between the borough and the university by showing students that both parties are actively invested in the community.

Amber Werner, one of the residents visited on Tuesday, said she appreciated members of the borough and the university taking the time to introduce themselves at her home.

"I hear about these people all the time," Werner (senior-human development and family studies) said. "Now I got to meet them."

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## Ground broken for Catholic space

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Sue Paterno would prefer to go about her good deeds quietly — she had to be convinced she had a legacy of her own.

"Her legacy needs to be recognized," Bishop Joseph Adamec said at the ceremonial groundbreaking of the Suzanne Pohland Paterno Catholic Student Faith Center Monday morning.

More than 100 people gathered at the intersection of North Allen Street and East Park Avenue for the ceremony. Guests in attendance for the groundbreaking included Penn State President Graham Spanier, State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham and much of the Paterno family.

Sue Paterno, who didn't speak at the ceremony, described the ceremony as "unreal."

Catholic Campus Ministry Director Father Matthew Laffey, who served as the master of ceremonies, said he and his colleagues had traveled "a long, long road," but almost 14 years of hard work finally paid off.

Laffey said the naming of the Suzanne Pohland Paterno Catholic Student Faith Center would not only recognize Paterno for her long history of dedication to the project, but "what she's done for the students."

"It's a recognition of what she's done for our community all the time," Laffey said.

"It's a recognition of what she does



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Sue Paterno and others break ground Tuesday for a Catholic student center.

for anyone who asks — all the time."

Archabbot Douglas R. Nowicki delivered the opening prayer and gave much gratitude to Paterno for all of her guidance and inspiration.

Joe Paterno was a guest speaker at the ceremony and spoke before leaving early — so he could "prepare his lies," he said, for football press conferences later in the day. He praised his wife and what he called her incredible selflessness.

"She reaches out to anyone who needs help. She is a wonderful mother and grandmother and we are very fortunate and proud this morning," Joe Paterno said.

"Thanks on behalf of the family. We love you, honey."

Adamec, the longest serving bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, emphasized that this was

a widely anticipated event. He said Sue Paterno bears the perfect example of faith.

Penn State President Graham Spanier said he believes the Suzanne Pohland Paterno Catholic Student Faith Center will be extremely beneficial to students in the long run.

"At universities, we mostly focus on academics and people often times forget the spiritual component, which is needed to transition into this part of life," Spanier said.

Construction of the 22,000-square-foot facility is expected to finish by December of next year, Paterno said. It will include a day chapel, reconciliation rooms, library, student lounges, meeting rooms and residence for the Benedictine fathers.

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