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Robert Borden set to lead PSU football to glory against YSU Penguins on Saturday. Penn State page 24.



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PSU to target raucous fans

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Tailgaters are being issued a clear warning before they kick off their celebrations this weekend: Penn State will have little tolerance for excessive behavior at any home football games.

Penn State is tightening the penalties for drinking and rowdy behavior this year. Vice President for Student Affairs Damon Sims said.

The university is looking into a

program where students who are removed from the game for any alcohol offense will have to take a Breathalyzer test before being allowed entry into any subsequent game that season, Sims said. The University of Wisconsin-Madison adopted a similar program in 2007, and the University of Minnesota followed suit in 2009, according to both schools' student newspapers.

In addition, students cited for alcohol violations during the game will be referred to the cam-



Students tailgate before a Penn State football game.

Collegian file photo

pus judicial system and will also be enrolled in the university's newly adopted group counseling program, Brief Alcohol Screening for Individual College Students (BASICS).

"Many fans have complained that they have been subjected to..." See **TAILGATES**, Page 2.

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Pres. fights to get seat

By Kathleen Loughran
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Student government's Governmental Affairs Committee met yesterday to discuss what the next steps will be for approaching the State College Borough Council about adding a non-voting student member.



Ragland

Since the council rejected student body president Christian Ragland's idea of having a non-voting student member on council in August, the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) has to come up with another way to convince the council of the idea.

At the Governmental Affairs Committee's meeting, members discussed interviewing each council member individually so UPUA can hear what each member thinks of the proposal.

"I think these meetings with individual borough council members will be very telling, but unfortunately we won't be able to meet with all of them because some of them refuse to meet with us," Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman TJ Bard said.

Bard (sophomore-political science and economics) said his goal is to be able to get a non-voting student member on borough council by the end of this year, though he thinks it will take years before the council uses the student member.

Bard said he thought the best way to go about having a non-voting student member is for UPUA to nominate the students for the position, and then have the council members confirm the member.

But State College Borough Council Member James Rosenberger said he does not think the council could create a non-voting student member.

"It's almost a question of definition — we're not able to appoint a member to the council," he said. "When we met with Christian Ragland, we expressed concerns on how it would really work and what the position entails."

Instead, Rosenberger said he told Ragland (senior-political science) that he or another student should run for council.

"At the LION Walk, [Rosenberger] came up to me and said 'I think you have the energy to run for borough council,'" Ragland said.

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Town honors former mayor

By Colleen Boyle
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For the late State College Mayor Bill Welch, the borough was more than suburban America meets college town — it was home for his entire life.

And during his 16 years in office, Welch used this hometown insight to guide State College through some of its most important decisions.

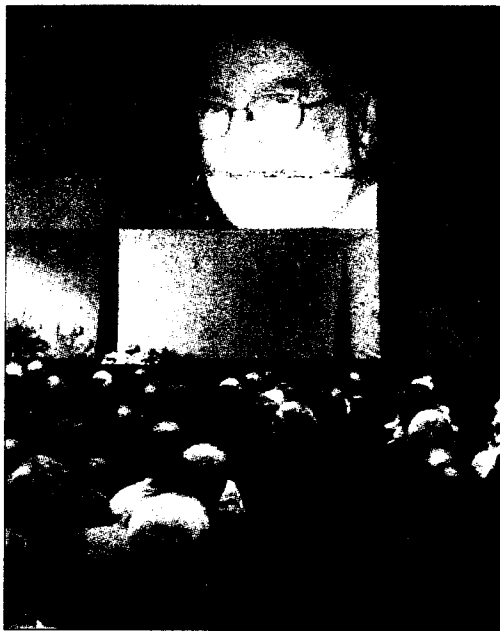
On Sept. 4 last year, Welch died at the age of 67 at Hershey Medical Center after he developed pneumonia as a result of leg bypass surgery.

As the one-year anniversary of his death approaches Saturday, State College residents and officials remember Welch as both a strong leader and a friend to the Penn State community.

Welch's wife of 34 years, Nadine Kofman, said her husband had an impact on the community that will not soon be forgotten.

"People that knew him miss him," she said. "He used to take the most complicated thing and

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Former State College Mayor Bill Welch died a year ago Saturday after serving 16 years in office.

Beverages create buzz

By Zach Geiger and Casey McDermott
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By all accounts, they look like the average energy drink: brightly colored, 24-ounce containers in sugary flavors like blue raspberry, watermelon and lemonade, packed with caffeine and other additives.

Average, except for the "12.0%" alcohol label stamped across the top of every Four Loko can.

When it comes to drinking this breed of energy-infused malt beverage, some students say the buzz they feel is far from that of the typical alcoholic drink.

"My friend said if you chug two of them, it's comparable to doing a line of coke," said student John Michael Signorelli. "If I chug one, all I need is that for the whole night — and I'm not really capable of drinking anything else."

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Kris Allen, who won American Idol in 2009, sings at the State Theatre on Thursday.

'Idol' embraces State Theatre

By Lindsay Cryer
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

As if the entire audience didn't know his name, the State Theatre's most recent performer began by introducing himself.

"My name is Kris Allen and I was on 'American Idol,'" Allen said to the crowd.

Allen, along with opener Chris Nathan, played to a packed audience at the State Theatre last night.

The show opened with Nathan, who performed a cover of Jay-Z's "Empire State of Mind" and said he found certain aspects of State College particularly impressive.

"You guys got some badass cupcakes here," Nathan said. "You're making me all fat."

Nathan went on to play a few of his own songs, See **IDOL**, Page 2.

Alumnus' film makes it in Hollywood

By David Strader
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

By answering a single well-timed phone call, Sean Hackett launched his career into the world of film.

After graduating from Penn State, Hackett, Class of 2005, planned to move to Maryland to write pamphlets for the National Aquarium in Baltimore.

The night before he was supposed to leave, Sony Pictures representatives called and offered him an internship — a

call that would lead to him working on films like "Zodiac" and "Little Miss Sunshine."

Rising Action

With years of experience on his resume, Hackett, 27, is now adding a new accolade: directing a film he both wrote and acted in.

Hackett's film, "Homecoming," is currently in post-production, but he said it will be available soon, pending distribution agreements.

"Homecoming" is an See **ALUMNUS**, Page 2.

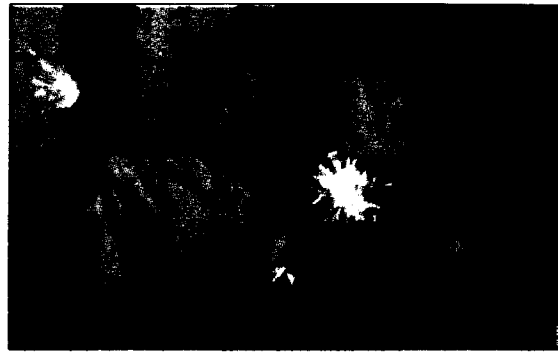


Photo courtesy of Sean Hackett

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

Fun Outside: 6 PM | Rally/Inside: 7:30 PM