NEWS IN BRIEF

Commission to discuss downtown housing

The State College Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. in room 304 of the Municipal Building, 234 S. Allen St., to discuss the rezoning of the 250 E. block of Beaver Avenue.

Businesses like Canyon Pizza could be asked to relocate in order to build new high-rise apartments in an effort to increase student housing downtown. Plans for the rezoning began in April after the State College Borough Council voted to move ahead with the proposal.

Goo Goo Dolls tickets on sale Friday

Tickets for the Goo Goo Dolls' Oct. 19 performance at Penn State's Eisenhower Auditorium go on sale at 8 a.m. on Friday. The Spill Canvas will open for the band. Tickets are \$39.75 for an orchestra or grand tier seat and \$34.75 for a balcony seat.

Tickets can be purchased online at cpa.psu.edu or by phone at 814-863-0255. Tickets are also available at the Eisenhower Auditorium, the Downtown Theatre Center, HUB-Robeson Center Information Desk or the Bryce Jordan Center.

Former governor to announce endorsement

Former Pa. Gov. Tom Ridge will announce his endorsement of Pat Toomey, R-Pa., for U.S. Senate in a press conference at 9 a.m. at the Nittany Lion Inn.

Olympic Committe officer to speak in lounge

At 5 p.m., Lisa Baird, chief marketing officer of the United States Olympic Committee, will speak in the Grandfather Clock Lounge in Atherton Hall. Baird, Class of 1984, is the 2010 Outstanding Scholar Alumna Award winner. She is also a part of the Penn State Center for Sports Business and Reasearch Advisory Board. Baird graduated from Penn State with a Bachelor of Arts and Master's of Business Administration.

Wine kiosk progress delayed

HARRISBURG - Talks with retailers are delaying the deployment of kiosks that will allow Pennsylvanians to buy wine without going to state-run liquor stores.

ON THE MEN

Lunch:

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: turkey noodle soup, wild rice soup, chicken cheesesteak, edamame fried rice, shrimp scampi with penne pasta, broccoli florettes, cheddar cheese sauce, seasoned curly fries, sugar snap peas

Simmons: chicken and corn chowder, chicken noodle soup, baked tomato basil tofu, grilled buffalo chicken wrap, chicken pot pie, hearty vegetable sauce, sixth pound burger, vegetarian garden burger, wheat penne pasta, baby carrots with dill, broccoli florettes, chick pea bulghur, tomato pilaf, ginger glazed sugar snap peas, oven baked potato wedges, sauteed zucchini, tropical rice pilaf

Waring: lunch roll basket, turkey noodle soup, turkey BLT salad, broccoli florettes, chicken cheesesteak, feature grilled chicken sandwich, grilled chicken breast, popcorn chicken, quarter pound cheeseburger, quarter pound hamburger, seasoned curly fries, sugar snap peas, white cheese sauce, beef and broccoli stiry-fry

Dinner:

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: turkey noodle soup, wild rice soup, burger topping bar, grilled chicken breast, hot dog, hot dog bar, quarter pound hamburger, third pound haumburger, turkey burger, vegetarian burger, Boston baked beans, shoestring fries, sugar snap peas, zucchini and

Simmons: California terivaki rice bowl, baked cod with lemon, grilled chicken breast, grilled vegetables with whole wheat penne, sweet and sour beef stir fry, baby carrots with dill, broccoli florettes, chick pea bulghur, tomato pilaf, ginger glazed sugar snap peas, oven baked potato wedges, sauteed zucchini, tropical rice pilaf

Waring: turkey noodle soup, Boston baked beans, feature grilled chicken sandwich, grilled chicken breast, popcorn quarter pound bacon cheeseburger quarter pound hamburger, shoestring fries, sugar snap peas, turkey burger, zucchini and yellow squash, chicken and snow peas

Corrections

A news in brief item on page 2 of Tuesday's Daily Collegian incorrectly identified the title of a student who was arrested by Penn State Police.

Chancellor Foulks is no longer an active member of the Penn State Men's Gymnastics team.



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Smeal dean stepping down

By Brendan McNaily and Micah Wintner

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James Thomas is stepping down from his post as dean of the Smeal College of Business to return to teaching Penn State students.

Under Thomas' leadership, the college became recognized as one of the top public business schools in the country, Smeal spokesman Wyatt Dubois said.

"His vision was to advance the college and get it recognized as one of the top five business schools in the country," Dubois said. "It wasn't about getting a certain ranking, but it was about doing things well that the best business schools do well.

During Thomas' tenure, the college added the master's program in both supply chain management and accounting, implemented the Smeal Honor Code to promote academic integrity and opened the Smeal's Office of International Programs a department that handles study abroad programs and international student affairs, Dubois said.

Smeal student Zach Green said all of Thomas' additions have helped improve the college.

the Programs offered an easy way to travel abroad.

"It was a very easy, quick application. You just click a couple of buttons and click why you want to go and they get back to you," he said.

Green said the master's of accounting program is an important addition to the college because a master's degree can give students an edge in the current job market.

Thomas served as dean of the College of Information Sciences and Technology (IST) from 1999 until 2006 before becoming the dean of Smeal.

He had planned to step down as IST dean to return to teaching, but the university administration chose him as dean of Smeal, university spokeswoman Annemarie Mountz

Thomas said he is reluctant to step down, but is looking forward to working with students again.

"I'm very sad in that we have some great things going on,' Thomas said. "I had the greatest faculty and staff any dean could have.'

Thomas will remain dean until a

Green (senior-accounting) said replacement is found, Dubois said. Office of International The Penn State administration will appoint a search committee to look for his replacement, Dubois said.

"It's not unusual for a dean to go back into teaching," Mountz said.
"The best deans are the ones that are rooted in the education of students, so for him to want to return to the classroom is nothing unusual.'

Though students may be happy to have him back as a professor, some faculty said they'll miss him as dean.

Finance professor Joseph Woolridge said he's sad to see Thomas go.

"Everyone is really surprised," Woolridge said. "He's well known and well-liked with the faculty. I don't think anyone was expecting

But Thomas — who Woolridge said is a person who always practices what he preaches as dean will remain with the college as a professor of business management.

"I'll be around. I'm not going away," Thomas said.

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New Year

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something different, awaited attendees as they entered the Frizzell room. The round bread represented a fulfilling year, while the apples dipped in honey represented a sweet year, attendees said.

The organization's religious cochair, Samuel Werner, said the

was said for the 'fruit of the wine,' followed by a prayer for the round bread and apples with honey.

"I want students to get a sense of how much of a home they have here," Werner (junior-engineering science) said. "We are here for them in the good and bad times.

This event is an important time the Jewish community,' Bucholtz said.

"It is a time to look back and evening's prayers. First, a prayer reflect on the last year and to look

ahead on what could be done better."

Bucholtz also said she wanted those in attendance to feel at home, and Michael Goldenberg echoed Bucholtz's statement. "It's hard being away from home for the first time during this holiday, but being at school with friends makes up for it in many ways," Goldenberg (freshman-psychology) said.

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Devils

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Ford City, Pa. said he's a huge Grateful Dead fan, but had never seen one of its related projects before last night.

Cooper said he had been downloading Rhythm Devils shows off the internet for a while and liked what he heard.

"That's all I've been thinking about today — that I can't wait to seem them," Cooper said. Cooper said he wasn't just excited

to see two original members of the Grateful Dead, but also to see the Rhythm Devil's bassist. Andy Hess.

"They've got a good supporting show because he was going to be cast," Cooper said.

The Rhythm Devils' lineup Wednesday night included Grateful Dead drummers Bill Kreutzmann

and Mickey Hart, talking drummer Sikiru Adepoju, bassist Andy Hess and guitarists Tim Bluhm and Davy Knowles. Wednesday was Ian Weissman's (junior-history) fifth Rhythm Devils show.

Weissman said he likes them because they put a new spin on Grateful Dead songs while having a stockpile of originals that are just as good. "Seeing the Rhythm Devils is as pretty close of an experience as you can get to seeing the Grateful mers were up to," said Petitt. Dead," said Weissman.

Weissman was excited for the

close to two of his heroes, Kreutzmann and Hart. Weissman sat front row, and could

be seen dancing to the Rhythm Devil's grooves from the back row. Bill Petitt (senior-media studies) came to the show not only to dance,

but mostly because he was curious.

Petitt said he enjoys seeing Grateful Dead-related projects, including the Grateful Dead's bassist Phil Lesh and gutiarist Bob Weir's band Furthur and cover band Dark Star Orchestra, but he hadn't seen the Rhythm Devils.

"I wanted to see what the drum-

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State College

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community that has a lot to offer, all in convenient and accessible loca-State College Borough Council President Ron Filippelli said. "I am not surprised of the ranking.

Unlike standard college and university rankings, the CDI analyzes the towns in which the colleges are

located. ing the rankings include the schools' locations, the academic environment, the quality of life, the cost of living, arts and leisure activities and professional opportunities.

Some of the factors used in creat-

index was compiled from neutral third parties, such as the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the National Science Foundation.

By gathering information from these and other sources, the study resulted in an "independent, unbiased appraisal," according to a release.

Deciding what school to attend should involve more than just what the school itself has to offer," said Keming Liang, lead researcher on the project for AIER.

The learning environment reaches beyond the campus, so it is important that students are given the opportunity to learn in the class-

The information gathered for the room as well as in the community.

State College ranked highly in the three major categories, which include academics, college life and professional opportunities, Liang said. The metropolitan area also has many recreational and professional opportunities for students to involve themselves with, he said.

State College's appearance toward the top of the list did not surprise borough officials.

This study is a positive indication of how this community can sustain itself," Borough Manager Tom Fountaine said. "This high ranking is a reflection of a fact that people living here may already know.'

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Fines

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said the current punishment is not effective enough to deter people from committing the offense.

"It's the role of the government to figure out the best policies to enforce the laws, and I understand and support that," Wendkos said.

Ragland (senior-political science) said he also agrees with the government's efforts to take action against underage drinking. He said he is eager to testify at the hearing and offer a student's perspective on the issue

"Whatever they need from me as a student leader, I'm glad to help them with," Ragland said.

State College Borough Council President Kon Filippelli said raising \$1,000

hopefully cause students to think twice before engaging in underage drinking.

He said students appear to have plenty of money to easily pay the fines as they are now, and the alcohol education programs in place don't seem to have an effect on students' behaviors.

"The fines are ridiculously low now," Filippelli said. "Students and drunks aren't even paying attention

Ragland said he is interested to know how the government will use the money collected from the increased fines. Ideally, he said he would like to see some of the money put toward more alcohol education for students.

'If you're going to fine students - which is a lot of money,

the maximum fine to \$1,000 will more than books for a year — for one mistake, it shouldn't be cut and

> dry," Ragland said. Corman said \$1,000 would be the maximum fine, and that an offender's specific fine amount would be left to the discretion of judicial offi-

> "There's a difference between someone publicly intoxicated but not harming anyone, and a person who's intoxicated and causing property damage," Corman said.

Ragland said he would like to suggest an alternative to the fine increase at the hearing, whereby students would participate in com-

munity service instead. "It's not about money all the time," Ragland said. "Sometimes it's just education."

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Homecoming

Excitement and shock were the 2010 of many Homecoming Court members, Homecoming Public Relations Director Caitlin Rush said. Members of the Homecoming **Executive Committee surprised the** 10 court members with confetti, crowns, pictures, roses and excitement, Rush (junior-marketing and public relations) said. It was the first year the Executive Committee delivered the news in person, Homecoming Royalty Director Dave Belliveau said.

Belliveau (senior-marketing) said he thought delivering the news faceto-face made the nominees more

"It was the most excited I think

diately ran to the door.

University Park Undergraduate (senior-supply chain and information systems) said.

Members of the court said they're most looking forward to meeting other members of the court and participating in Homecoming activities.

Homecoming Court member and President Vice Communications Dan Cartwright said he's excited to be on the field for the Homecoming game, among other activities. But for now, Cartwright (senior-energy, business, and finance) and other court members said they are still revelin 3 in the experience of wearing thur

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reactions

Chairwoman Jess Assembly Pelliciotta said getting the news was the highlight of her day. She said she had returned home after a long day of meetings to find about 20 people stuffed into her laundry room. "To think I would be coming home

to 20 people on the Homecoming Committee telling me I was on the court — I still can't believe it," Pelliciotta (senior-political science) said. Other court members agreed was an exciting moment. Katherine Larimer (senior-supply chain and information systems), who serves as the chairwoman for the Out of the Darkness 5K walk. said she saw cars pulling up to her house on Tuesday night and imme-

I've even been in my life," Larimer

As court members, the 10 students attend Homecoming activities and appear in the Homecoming parade.

Burger King crowns and celebrating their appointments to the court.