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Firefighter Sarah Nevel (sophomore-health and human development) poses with a firetruck at the Alpha Fire Company firehouse.

Student stands out at Alpha firehouse

By Kathleen Loughran COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Sarah Nevel might seem like any other college girl.

She is in a sorority and she loves to dance. But there is one thing that sets her apart - she's the only Penn State female firefighter at Alpha Fire Company. "It's bittersweet," Nevel (sopho-

more-health and human development) said. "Everyone [at Alpha] is always looking at me - I stand aut. I'm different. I can't blend in the everyone else.

Though she is one of the only women on staff, most of the time becast said she feels like "one of Herenvy

The not like they tone it down when Um around," she said.

But Nevel doesn't let standing and affect her hard work, said Mexe Bair, Centre Region Council Governments fire director.

thing I would point and a chois a very good firefighter bet own right," he said. "She's a $\operatorname{od}\,\operatorname{person}$, and she does a good gob She's very active. We like havber her

Moho is not the first fire compaopath bich Nevel has worked. She succenter a firefighter more than wears ago in her hometown of Late. Pa. "It was something new and exciting, and I could help the community, as cheesy as it sounds." Nevel said.

Though Nevel is the only firetighter in her family, her brother Jamie Nevel (senior-mechanical engineering) said he wasn't nervous when she initially said she wanted to join the force.

I wasn't necessarily scared, to life." because she was pretty confident

Nevel said she's only really had one case that has been particularly nerve-wracking.

We had a car accident — it was actually one of our members," she said. "He passed us, and he was going too fast ... [he] hit too much air and came down and hit a pole and flipped the car on its side. It was really surprising that he actually walked away from that.'

Because she liked working as a firefighter in her hometown, Nevel said she researched Alpha before selecting Penn State as the university she wanted to attend. Alpha is a very "prestigious" company because of the training requirements for all members. she added.

"All the officers are tog-notch," she said. "They're all older, very experienced firefighters. I think that has a lot to do with it.

Before Nevel could work for Alpha, she had to apply for a position, be interviewed and go through a training process.

Nevel said the company has such strict policies because it wants to make sure applicants are there for the "right reasons." She said the company looks for dedication and a willingness to learn.

Fire is not the only thing that Nevel conquers — at home, she also works for her local emergency medical service.

"Alpha is all fire, but back home we also run EMS," she said. "My first cardiac arrest - that was exciting for me because technically when we got to her the lady was dead, but by the time we got her to the hospital, she had vital signs, so by the books, we brought her back

Though Nevel has experience

Vintage shop celebrates 15 years

By Nathan Pipenberg COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

While most of the town was donning blue and white Saturday, The Rag and Bone - which stocks vintage fashion in a varietv of styles and colors - was celebrating its 15th birthday.

"Everything here is colorful and one of a kind," storeowner Shelley Banker, Class of 1993, said.

And if something in The Rag and Bone, 224 E. Calder Way, is related to Penn State, it's from a different decade — like the 1930s athletic jacket sitting in the front window.

the vintage clothing shops hails from sometime between the 1930s and 1980s, Banker said.

After graduating with a degree in advertising, Banker said she went abroad for a year before realizing that State College had a

void in shopping options. "At the time there wasn't a vintage store around," she said.

The Rag and Bone started out coming back for more. in a basement-level shop on Allen Street, before moving to Calder Way four years ago. The move traffic and a better display win-

dow, Banker said. Over the years, Banker has developed a variety of sources for new vintage finds, from wholesale stores to personal donations, she said. Her favorite donation came from a man on his way to Goodwill who decided to stop in her store on a whim.

In the bag destined for the That's because everything in thrift store were a number of couldn't pass up. She incorporated "gorgeous, one-of-a-kind" gowns into her collection, and the man left with several hundred dollars in his pocket.

sq. ft. and a niche offering, Banker said her collection has to be versatile to keep customers

She said the store does very well around Halloween every year, and she recently expanded provided the store with more foot the collection of rentals and accessories for the holiday. Many customers appreciate the rental option for Halloween gear because most will only wear the outfit once, she said.

"We can do everything from the 'Mad Men' look to hippies to disco," she said.

For most customers, though, a piece of vintage clothing can enhance an otherwise dull outfit. Most people don't deck them-1930s gowns Banker said she selves out in clothes from the sixties, Banker said, but will add a vintage skinny tie to an interview ensemble, or a colorful top to pair with modern jeans.

With a store smaller than 1,000 To e-mail reporter: ndp5045@psu.edu

Center to offer free HPV vaccine

By Micah Wintner COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine will be offered free of charge today at the Student Health Center to students and their spouses between 19 and 26 years old.

The vaccine, Gardasil, must be given in three doses to maximize effectiveness, said Shelley Haffner, University Health Services (UHS) nurse manager for infection control. The first dose will be available 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Student Health Center.

Vaccination - offered to both males and females — is available only by appointment, which can be scheduled on the UHS website, Haffner said.

Students not able to make the first vaccination Monday can UHS marketing manager Beth contact the Centre County Office Collitt wrote in an e-mail.

If you go

What: Human papilloma virus free vaccination

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today Where: Student Health Center Details: This is the first of three HPV vaccinations UHS is

offering to students between 19 and 26 years old.

of the Department of Health, UHS or their private healthcare provider to receive the vaccine, Haffner said.

UHS will provide the second dose of the vaccine Nov. 15 and the third March 21. Students who already started the vaccination series can continue the process through one of the three clinics,

The vaccine is given as a shot in the arm, and students need to wait at the Student Health Center for 15 minutes after receiving it to make sure no harmful reactions to the vaccine take place, Haffner said.

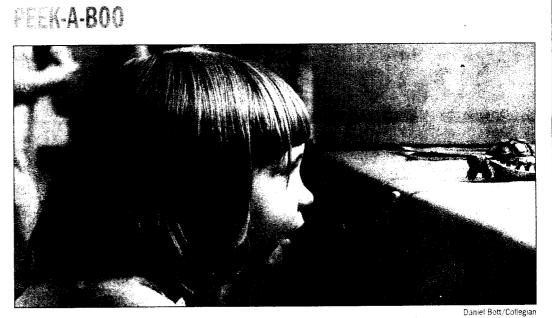
Common side effects include pain, swelling. itching. redness at the injection point and fever, Collitt wrote.

There are more than 100 strains of HPV. a third of which cause genital problems like warts, Collit wrote.

In some cases warts are not even visible to the naked eye, making it more important for students to guard against them, she wrote

Estimates show that HPV affects a large portion of the American population, Haffner said

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that she could do it," he said. "With with both, she said she likes fireher training now and how competent she is with everything, I'm not really that worried about it. Some of the action she sees is pretty traumatic, but she's usually okay with it --- she's mentally capable of handling these scenarios."

fighting more because it's more exciting.

She might even make it a career some day, along with her other dream --- being a nurse.

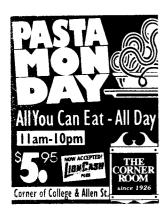
Maya Burke, 2, of Lewistown, looks at a turtle during the Reptile Show at the Nittany Mall on Sunday.

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