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Biden rallies for voters' support

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Vice President Joe Biden will call on students at Penn State next week to generate excitement for the upcoming midterm elections and try to recreate the record numbers of student voters at the polls during the 2008 presidential election.

The rally will begin at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. The location of the event is yet to be determined, university

spokeswoman Annemarie Mountz said.

Tor Michaels, chief of staff for Rep. Scott Conklin, D-Centre, said the rally is being held in conjunction with a rally at the University of Wisconsin where President Barack Obama will be present.

The president and vice president remember the power of college students from the presidential elections, Michaels said, and they are calling on students again.

If you go

What: Vice President Joe Biden to address elections

When: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday

Where: To be determined

"It's an effort to recreate the magic of 2008," he said. "We need them again to organize and turn out in record numbers to keep

progress moving forward."

Rob Ghormoz, president of the Penn State College Democrats, said the visit demonstrates how important Pennsylvania is in the elections this November.

"It's reflective of not only our size, but our influence," Ghormoz (senior-political science) said. "It really says something about the state's influence on national politics and importance to the nation."

Anthony Christina, vice chair-
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Carolyn Kaster/Associated Press
Joe Biden speaks at a reception.

ESPN2 features Big Ten

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To the casual onlooker, the scene outside the Bryce Jordan Center Thursday might have looked like just another pre-game rally.

Cowbells clanked and crowds of fans clad in blue and white yelled chants, but this afternoon the cheers were different.

Instead of screaming their support for head coach Joe Paterno, fans were clamoring for "SportsNation" host Michelle Beadle.

ESPN2's live sports talk show "SportsNation" rallied about 1,000 fans at the BJC Thursday as a part of the show's Big Ten university tour.

The Penn State stop marked "SportsNation's" last on the tour, but at the show's conclusion, host Colin Cowherd said the reception from University Park did not disappoint.

"Penn State's been the last stop and the best stop. We're stopping by Paternoville, getting some pizza and knocking back a cold one," Cowherd said.

Penn State student Joey Basedow said he couldn't help but join in on the "We Love Beadle" chants.

"I love Michelle Beadle. She's unbelievable," Basedow (sophomore-biochemistry) said.

The interactive show featured polls and segments that catered to Penn State fans in particular.

Polls questions like "Steelers or Eagles?" or "Would you camp out to see your favorite team?" naturally polarized audience members.



Kelly Rootes-Murdy/Collegian

See ESPN2, Page 2. Students cheer on Michelle Beadle during SportsNation at the Bryce Jordan Center on Thursday evening.

Allen found guilty

By Zach Geiger
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Sean L. Allen was found guilty of first-degree murder in the March 3, 2009 death of 20-year-old Penn State Altoona student Margo "Maggie" Davis Thursday evening after less than three hours of jury deliberation.

Allen, 20, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., was also convicted of second-degree murder in connection with a felony charge of attempting to commit rape.

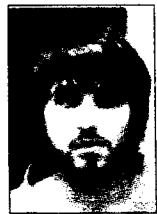
Davis' body was found in the trunk of her blue Pontiac Grand Am two days after she was first reported missing. Her car was parked about 100 yards from Allen's 102A Fairway Lower Brush apartment in Hollidaysburg.

The defense called only two witnesses to the stand on the fourth and final day of the trial at the Blair County Courthouse.

Dr. Eric Vey, a forensic pathologist from the Erie County Coroners Office, testified that Davis was strangled to death. In addition to marks on her neck, Davis suffered a broken bone in her neck consistent with injuries sustained by the majority of victims who are strangled by hand, Vey said.

"We've got everything we need here for a death by strangulation," Vey said.

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Allen

Coaches vs. Cancer breaks sales record

By Julia Anselmo
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A record-breaking number of 377 tickets were sold at Thursday night's Coaches vs. Cancer of Penn State's Reverse Car Drawing event to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

This 5th annual event was the first of a series of fundraisers held by the Coaches vs. Cancer organization at Penn State. Coaches vs. Cancer is a national organization between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball

Coaches (NABC), which raises funds to spread cancer awareness.

Steve Greer, Co-Chairman of Coaches vs. Cancer at Penn State said that he is excited about the growing success of the organization and is looking forward to another promising year.

"We're going to sell close to 380 tickets this year," he said. "We've never sold over 320-325 tickets. In this economy, it shows how much fun we're going to have."

Greer, a Leukemia survivor, said that he got involved to help raise funds and awareness for a



Tyler Sizemore/Collegian

A car was raffled off at the Coaches vs. Cancer fundraiser.

disease that affects so many and their families.

"I got involved because my family is entrenched in cancer. See FUNDRAISER, Page 2.

Borough, students talk title change

By Alyssa Sweeney
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Debate over a title: That was enough to slow the progress of student representation on the State College Borough Council, said T.J. Bard, University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman.

The proposal to add a Penn State student member of the borough council has been on the table since late last year.

Bard (sophomore-economics and political science) said a roadblock has been the title of "member," as detailed in UPUA's request.

"But now I have the feeling it's going to be moving fast," Bard said. "I think we're looking at having a draft in a work session in the next two to three weeks."



Filippelli

Borough Council President Ron Filippelli met with Bard and UPUA Vice Chairwoman of Governmental Affairs Maggie Quinn (sophomore-division of undergraduate studies) Thursday to discuss the idea.

"It was misunderstood that the title would violate the Home Rule Charter of the State College Borough Council, but the UPUA and borough council both seem more than happy to compromise the title to representative," Bard said.

"Member" implies an elected position and voting, Quinn said, but all UPUA wants was a student voice.

Filippelli said once the issue was cleared up, the idea seemed more feasible, and he is personally optimistic about the proposition.

"I think that previously there was not a clear understanding of what exactly was being proposed by the students," Filippelli said. "But I think we had a very good meeting, and we're on the same page."

Filippelli asked his staff to make a draft of a resolution for a student representative to present to UPUA to review.

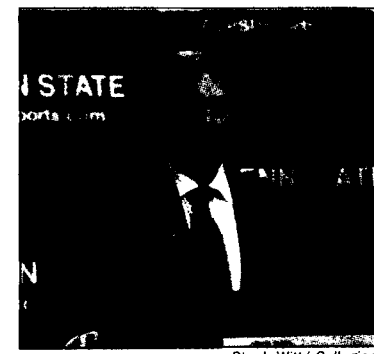
"Filippelli was so vital to this. See BOROUGH, Page 2.



Bard

Pegula's donation makes hockey happen

By Anthony Barton
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER



Steph Witt/Collegian

Terry Pegula discusses his donation of \$88 million to Penn State.

Terry Pegula had a vision. One day, after becoming successful in his business ventures, he wanted to give back to the university that gave him the opportunity to make something of himself.

That university is Penn State. And that day has arrived.

On Sept. 17, Pegula announced his donation of \$88 million — the largest philanthropic act in university history — to help fund a

state-of-the-art ice arena, as well as the addition of men's and women's NCAA Division I hockey programs to his alma mater.

"I have always been curious as to why Penn State did not have a Division I hockey program," Pegula said. "I enjoy the sport of hockey, and I thought I could take my good fortune and give it to the university that gave me the ability to have this good fortune with

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To read about the Iceers scrimmage this weekend | SPORTS, Page 14.