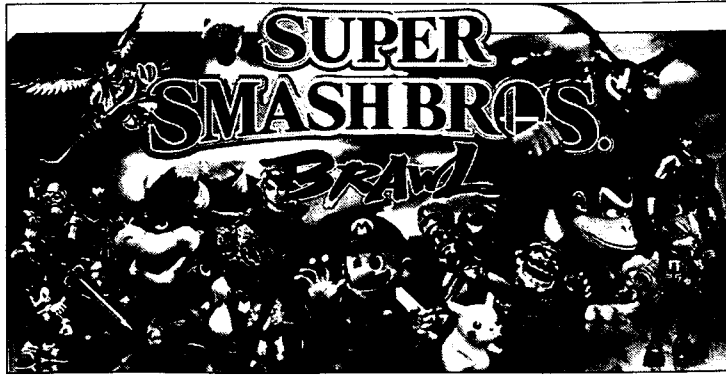


# Gamers to 'brawl' for charity

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Mario and Luigi are anything but a blast from the past to gamers looking for a win tonight.

The Game Design Club (GDC) is sponsoring a Super Smash Bros. Mega Tournament at 7 tonight in Room 208 of the Information Sciences and Technology Building. Gamers of all levels and expertise are encouraged to come out and show their love of the game.

Both tournaments, the Super Smash Bros. Brawl and Melee, will be featured at 7 and 9 p.m., respectively.

Registration will begin at the event at 6:30 p.m., though participants can register online in advance. Any last minute changes to the tournament will be posted on the GDC website.

Players will be randomly placed into brackets for Melee or Brawl upon signing up. Since Brawl play will occur first, participants have the chance to compete in both.

Once four players remain from each game, the matches will turn into a series of one-on-one battles until the final two players of each game are determined.

Alan Salkind, co-event chairman of the GDC, said the competitive nature of the game makes

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the event exciting.

"When the competitive community gets a chance to play for a prize, it brings out a lot [of people]," Salkind (senior-mechanical engineering) said.

As a special treat for avid fans, the two top gamers will face off at the end of tournament on the original Nintendo 64 Smash Bros. game, proving the ultimate winner and their prize — bragging rights.

"In the past, we've given out a certificate, but it's mostly done just for fun," Andrew Harden, events coordinator for the GDC.

He said the tournament attracts people of all skill levels.

"We do get people that consider themselves experts," Harden (senior-information sciences and technology) said.

"The first matches normally give way to who is going to be eliminated and who will be in the final rounds."

As for turnout, the club expects about 25 to 30 people per tournament, though the number may vary regarding preference of

games in the Super Smash series, Salkind said.

While some fans tend to be more involved in the game than others, some thresholds have not been crossed yet.

"There really is no dressing up. We mostly get students really interested in the particular game," said Ibrahim Yucel, secondary adviser for the GDC.

And though the group does not aim to counter the increasing party scene on weekends, it offers a good alternative for those don't want to participate, Yucel (graduate-information sciences and technology) said.

"I think it's a great alternative to the drinking lifestyle as you need to be sober to competitively play a fighting game," Salkind said.

In fact, the spring semester's tournament took place on State Party's Day and still drew a large crowd.

"It was too late to change the date, so we just went with it and ended up with a larger-than-expected turnout," Harden said.

# Philly becomes largest U.S. city with casinos

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PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia took the title Thursday of largest U.S. city with a casino when Pennsylvania's 10th gambling hall opened despite years of community protests and delays.

SugarHouse Casino drew a raucous crowd of well over a thousand people to the Delaware River waterfront for a chance to play among its 1,600 slot machines and 40 table games. A string band entertained.

"SugarHouse is the place to be in Philadelphia," said General Manager Wendy Hamilton. "Our doors are open."

Lawmakers and officials, in brief remarks before the opening, praised the creation of some 900 jobs and other economic benefits that came with the project.

The casino conducted test runs of the games on Monday and Wednesday, with the proceeds going to charity, before the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board gave it permission to open.

The business pushes Philadelphia (population 1.55 million) past Detroit (population 910,000) to become the nation's largest city with casino gambling.

Board Chairman Greg Gajaj said he was excited about finally getting SugarHouse off the ground after all the delays, caused mainly by litigation from

community protesters, government agencies and disgruntled bidders.

"There was a lot of litigation in Philadelphia that we did not have in other parts of the state," Fajt said.

"The public has to understand that these delays were not the result of the developer getting cold feet."

The protesters haven't gone away. The grass-roots group Casino-Free Philadelphia held an opening day protest and plans more as it tries to hurt business at the facility in the city's Fishtown/Northern Liberties neighborhood.

Members gathered outside the casino before the ribbon cutting and unveiled a mural depicting how they think the waterfront should look — without a casino. The mural was drawn by children who live in the neighborhood and included images of gardens and playgrounds.

After the casino opens, the group plans to have volunteers regularly patrol the area in search of problems such as alcohol violations or kids being left in cars while their parents gamble — in hopes of shutting down SugarHouse, said group spokesman Dan Hajdo.

The status of a second casino planned for Philadelphia remains in flux. For now, state officials say they're happy to be moving forward with at least one

# Wedding showcase brings cakes, dresses and more to BJC

By Joshua Glossner  
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Lace, cake and brides will overrun the Bryce Jordan Center Sunday as the Wedding Showcase returns to State College for the third time.

More than 70 vendors will attend the event — the area's largest showcase of wedding trends and professionals, said Alex Neta, 2010 Wedding Showcase head coordinator.

The showcase gets bigger every year, said Bernie Punt, marketing and sales director for the Bryce Jordan Center.

Planning weddings can be stressful, but the Wedding Showcase can help, he said.

"It provides a one-stop shop for anyone who is thinking or planning on getting married," Punt said.

Brides can bring a guest to the event and both people will get in for free, but other attendees have to pay \$5, Punt said.

Dan Myers, a Wedding Showcase coordinator, said there are vendors for everything from DJ companies to make-up and hair services.

The vendors provide options for those who want a budgeted wedding or an extravagant one rather

than an elaborate one, Myers said. "The showcase really gives us a chance to help out the local community," he said.

Drew Frank, owner of Meadow Lane Photography, said relationships between the bride and groom and their wedding team are very important when planning a wedding.

"The Wedding Showcase is a great way to meet people face-to-face rather than through the Internet," Frank said.

Rebecca Altmann, \*ndulge Cupcake executive pastry chef, said the showcase is a great way to spread the word about local business, including her newly

opened pastry shop.

"\*ndulge Cupcakes can provide an easy, hassle-free way to provide desserts for weddings," she said.

The \*ndulge Cupcake vendor will have samples of miniature cupcakes available for the attendees to taste, she said.

In addition to being able to talk with vendors, participants can win door prizes.

Neta said participating vendors had to provide a door prize worth at least \$50.

"Some vendors have been gracious enough to give well over \$50," he said.

Formalities, 710 Pleasant View Blvd. in Bellefonte, is donating the

grand prize — a free wedding dress, Myers said.

Various styles of wedding dresses will be showcased in a fashion show at 2 p.m. Sunday, Neta said.

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## If you go

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