



Rain batters students, campus

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Some campus buildings experienced roof leakage and one building was flooded during Thursday's heavy rainstorm.

Office of Physical Plant (OPP) officials were "flooded" with calls from people reporting problems stemming from the rain, OPP spokesman Paul Ruskin said.

A computer lab in Sparks Building flooded, but no damage has been reported, Ruskin said.

Between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., OPP

officials received numerous calls reporting roof leakage in several campus buildings, including Benedict House, the Telecommunications Building, Boucke Building, the Coal Utilization Lab, Tyson Building, South Henderson Building, Eisenhower Auditorium and Carnegie Building.

Ruskin said many additional buildings reportedly had roof leakage throughout the day.

Penn State has 941 buildings with about 19,818,339 square feet of roofing material. With that

amount of area, OPP anticipates occasional flooding, Ruskin said.

OPP will respond to the flooding incident by isolating the flooding, covering or moving the computer equipment and then containing the problem, Ruskin said. Staff members will wait until the rain stops to fix the roofs, he added.

Ruskin said incidents like this happens every few years. And there is one perk — a relief from the drought Centre County was facing the past week.

"We're happy to have the rain," See RAIN, Page 2.



Kelly Rootes/Murray, Collegian

Heavy rains on Thursday caused flooding in the basement of Sparks Building.

Indiana game benefits THON

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Students will get the opportunity to support two of the university's staples — THON and Nittany Lion football — at the Nov. 20 Penn State football game versus Indiana University.

And students who attend the game at FedEx Field in Washington, D.C. will receive an additional perk: a student section ticket at an away game.

FedEx Field officials agreed to donate 5 percent of all ticket sales from the game to the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon, Associate Athletic Director for Marketing and Communications Greg Myford said. There is a \$150,000 donation cap for the event, Myford said.

This is the first time ever THON and Penn State football have collaborated for a

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THE LION KING



Christine Reckner/Collegian

Max Levi opens up the Youngstown State University game as the Nittany Lion. Levi took over the position for a month after the original mascot was cited for public drunkenness and criminal mischief.

Mascot enjoys tenure

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Penn State student Max Levi always feared large crowds.

Despite braving a year with the Penn State cheerleaders, nothing could have prepared him for the stint of a lifetime: his tenure enlivening some of the biggest crowds in college football as the Nittany Lion mascot.

Levi filled the temporary mascot position just in time for the Youngstown State University home opener, after original mascot Clint Gyory's month-long sus-

pension by the Penn State Athletic Department following a citation for public drunkenness and criminal mischief on Aug. 1.

Levi (senior-mathematics and economics) said he could not put into words the exhilaration of walking onto the Beaver Stadium field for the first time.

"It's a completely indescribable feeling," Levi said. During his run as the mascot,



Levi

he said he was most surprised by the reverence fans have for the Nittany Lion — children and adults alike.

Levi's Russian family moved from upstate New York to Centre County after his father Mark accepted a position at Penn State as a math professor.

Levi excelled at gymnastics from an early age, quitting during his senior year of high school to devote two years to the Penn State diving team.

He said his father initially disapproved when he accepted the

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Writer talks books

Afghani author visits

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"Kite Runner" author Khaled Hosseini spoke candidly in front of a packed room about his novels, his past and present in Afghanistan and misconceptions about his home country Thursday night in Eisenhower Auditorium.

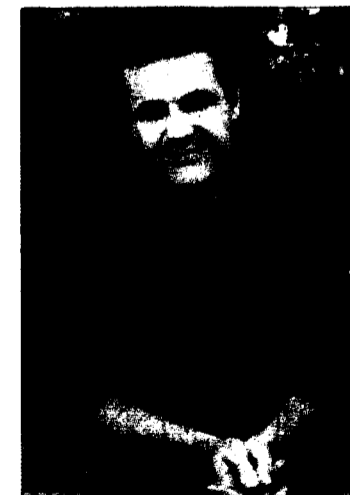
"This story is about very basic human things," Hosseini said. "People who read this rarely feel indifferent ... They see parts of themselves in these characters."

It was clear that Hosseini's novels have influenced Penn State students. Between 1,700 and 1,800 people came to hear him speak during his presentation as the first speaker in the Distinguished Speaker Series (DSS) sponsored by the Student Programming Allocation (SPA).

Hosseini's presentation was given in an unprecedented format. Instead of giving a speech, like past DSS speakers, Hosseini asked that students submit questions that he could respond to.

"I feel like I can get up and deliver a very polished 45 minute speech, but you won't get any sense of who I am as an individual," Hosseini said in a press conference before the event. "I like a lot more to sit and just talk."

Hosseini sat across from See WRITER, Page 2.



Courtesy of Time.com

Khaled Hosseini spoke Thursday night about his books.



Kelsey Morris/Collegian

Students line up to receive free ice cream from Cold Stone.

Ice cream satisfies 'Wishes'

By Anita Modi
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Cloudy skies and intermittent rain didn't deter more than 100 customers from stopping by State College's Cold Stone Creamery, 321 E. Beaver Ave., Thursday night.

For its sixth consecutive year, Cold Stone Creamery hosted the world's largest ice cream social to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The foundation, established in 1980, aims to better the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions by granting wishes from barrel-racing horses to trips around the world.

Cold Stone employee John Ruland (sophomore-crime, law and justice) said an hour after the event started, the store had served more than 150 people the signature flavor of the night: "Kate's Creation," comprised of caramel-apple ice cream with

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Iowa DE Clayborn shows two different sides

By Andrew J. Cassavell
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Charlie Neibergall/Associated Press

Adrian Clayborn, right, tackles Ball State player Eric Williams on Saturday.

James Jenkins knows two different Adrian Clayborns.

He knows his calm, shy half-brother, who gets nervous before visiting children in the hospital.

And he knows Iowa's star defensive end, who terrorizes Big Ten offenses and is on track to be a first-round pick in next April's NFL draft.

The latter, Jenkins said, is a product of the former.

"You can be a completely different animal on the football field," Jenkins said. "Shy people become very extroverted and passionate.

It's easier to become that person through a sport. His personality is somewhat shy. He is able to get around that when he plays football."

Intensity on the field despite an introverted personality off it is a shift Jenkins said stems from Clayborn's pure love for the sport.

Cliff Ice, Clayborn's coach at Webster Grove High School in St. Louis, agreed with Jenkins, adding his former player uses football as a positive means to release aggression.

"He's kind of a big ol' teddy bear kind of guy," Ice said. "He's a gentle giant kind of guy. He's not real See IOWA, Page 2.