

# Parents to descend on University Park

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Passersby might see the faces of parents high up in the Old Main bell tower this weekend.

The bell tower tour is just one of more than 70 events planned for the 2010 Penn State Parents and Families Weekend, said Kate Delano, associate director of strategic communications for the Penn State Alumni Association.

The weekend events kick off Saturday morning in HUB-Alumni Hall, where Vice President for Student Affairs Damon Sims and Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education Rob Pangborn will welcome parents to Penn State.

"I look forward to welcoming these parents and family members and conveying to them the university's deep commitment to their students' success," Sims said.

Saturday morning's welcome session is one of the most popular events of the weekend, Delano said.

The event was planned by the Penn State Parents Program and the Alumni Association. This is the first year the relatively new parents program has worked with the alumni association on the event, Delano said.

Jennifer Mallen, director of the parents program, said more than 4,000 parents are expected at the event this weekend.

Delano said the football tailgate party is historically one of the most popular events of the weekend, and is currently sold out with a waiting list.

The tailgate is hosted by the Alumni Association at the Nittany Lion Inn and will feature Penn State's football game against Iowa Saturday night.

The President's Open House, which will be held from 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m., is another main attraction for parents.

Faculty, students and parents will get the opportunity to talk with Penn State President Graham Spanier as they tour the heart of Penn State.

"The opportunity to talk with the president of a major university is something that you don't get at every university," Penn

"I look forward to welcoming these parents and family members."

Damon Sims  
vice president for Student Affairs

State spokeswoman Lisa Powers said.

"Visitors will get the chance to meet him in his office and see a more personal side of the president."

Powers recalled last year's open house, when a Penn State student told Spanier about how she wished there were shower hooks in her residence hall. Spanier listened to her concerns and within 48 hours, contacted the Office of Physical Plant — later, hooks were installed.

"President Spanier makes it a priority to talk to students and hear their concerns, no matter what their magnitude," she said. "This is the perfect opportunity to voice your concerns and create a line of communication between the students and administration."

Besides getting the opportunity to meet Spanier, the Penn State Graduate String Quartet and the Penn State Performing Magicians will be present to entertain the crowd.

Powers said there is a good chance Spanier will join the group and perform some magic tricks as well.

"He simply loves to entertain and he is excellent at it," she said.

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## If you go

**What:** President's Open House

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 2, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

**Where:** Old Main

**Details:** Parents and students will get a chance to tour Old Main and meet Penn State President Graham Spanier.

## CAN WE FIX IT?



Bryan Wade Heritage/Collegian

Students walk past Pattee and Paterno Library while construction workers perform maintenance Wednesday afternoon. The workers are repairing cracks and steel parts on the building.

# New type of condom debuts

By Lynn Ondrusek  
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

This weekend, State College will be just like that one day in high school health class.

State College bars will be the promotion site for a new type of condom this weekend, as sex educator Pamela Luu will visit various bars, giving participants a hands-on experience of sorts with the condoms.

Luu encouraged anyone going out for a drink this weekend to try them out.

A recent study that evaluated condom use mistakes among college-aged men found that 30 percent of them put a condom on upside down, causing it to flip inside out.

But the Sensis Condom with QuikStrips™ attempts to relieve that fumbling around and promises to "keep the mood."

"Sex is going to happen — safer sex should be happening," Luu said.

Luu is a local sex educator and is dedicated to improving sexual practices for the residents of State College, but she said she always tries to make sure her educational programs are presented in a fun and active environment.

The Sensis condom was revealed Wednesday night at the Phyrst, 111 E. Beaver Ave. The demonstration provided for conversation and laughter among the men and women in attendance.

Some men said it's not so hard to put on a condom, adding that Luu's wooden model wasn't realistic. But the female population laughed as they tested out the new condoms on the model that Luu carried around all night.

"It was really easy to do, but I'm not sure how it will work with a real penis," Kate Deuschle (senior-chemistry) said.

As Luu and her model traveled around the bar, small groups of people would congregate, making jokes and trying out the condoms. Though mostly women participated in the demonstration, some men tested their skills with it, too.

The new type of condom works by using strips on the side of it to pull the condom on in one motion. It acts as a guide for those who may fumble around with a regular condom, or those who might incorrectly wear it when trying to see in the dark or when intoxicated.

"It was pretty cool," Rich Peat, Class of 2007, said. "I wish it was wider, but it could work."

Luu said the demonstration

garnered a mixed reaction. "There were a lot of complaints from the guys," Luu said. "But the women were all about it."

Bar goers can test out the new condom this weekend when Luu comes to a slew of bars: 11 tonight at the 797 Lounge, 324 West College Ave., Saturday at Cafe 210 West, 210 West College Ave., or Sunday at The Mezzanine, 420 E. College Ave. Currently the only stores in State College that carry this brand of condom are McLanahan's Student Store, 414 E. College Ave., and McLanahan's Downtown Market, 116 S. Allen St. They will go on sale nationwide sometime in 2011, Luu said.

## If you go

**What:** Sex educator Pamela Luu's condom demonstration

**When/Where:** Friday, Oct. 1: 797 Lounge, 324 W. College Ave. at 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2: Cafe 210 West, 210 W. College Ave. at 11 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3: The Mezzanine, 420 E. College Ave. at 11 p.m.

**Details:** Participants must be 21 and order to enter the bars.

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