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PSU strengthens ban

Authorities will crack down on generator use during football tailgating.

By Casey McDermott
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When the fleet of Penn State fans sets out for this weekend's round of Homecoming tailgates, those relying on portable generators for electricity will be left in the dark — literally.

Citing safety and environmental concerns, the Penn State Athletic Department is cracking down on its existing ban on portable generators in all game day parking lots, Associate Athletic Director Mark Bodenschatz said.

University Risk Officer Gary Langsdale said the policy against these power sources has been in place for years, but the university generally relied on "self-policing" to keep it in check.

That changed this year,

Langsdale said, after Penn State started receiving complaints from fans whose carbon monoxide alarms were being set off by the fumes from nearby portable generators — sparking increased attention to the hazards of these devices.

"The plain fact is that we don't want anybody to get hurt," Langsdale said.

The university itself operates several portable generators. See **GENERATORS**, Page 2.



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Penn State will prohibit the use of generators at tailgates.

UPUA

Reps. await draft

Borough council hopes to decide on a non-voting student seat by their Oct. 18 meeting.

By Kathleen Loughran
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Penn State's student government is working on a presentation that will explain its role within the university's student body to the State College Borough Council.

The goal is to have the presentation ready by Oct. 18 — the tentative deadline for the borough council to draft a resolution that would add a non-voting student representative to the council, said T.J. Bard, University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) governmental affairs committee chairman.

Borough Council President Ron Filippelli said he would like to see the resolution by Oct. 15. But Borough Manager Tom Fountaine said it's more likely the resolution will be ready in the next 30 to 60 days.

Bard (sophomore-political science and economics) said he decided to create the presentation after he had meetings with council members and realized they did not know exactly what UPUA is.

After UPUA members had a meeting with Filippelli, he told them he would request a resolution to be drafted by his staff to outline the specifics of student representation on council.

Initially, borough council members denied UPUA's proposal because UPUA had asked for a nonvoting student member to sit on council.

Bard said the resolution should be presented to borough council members at the council's next work session.

Council member Don Hahn said he is looking forward to seeing the resolution.

"I want to see some sort of forward movement on it," Hahn said. "I certainly would encourage a more formalized role for students with respect to borough council."

After the resolution is presented to council members, it will be See **COUNCIL**, Page 2.



Bard



Katie Silvis/Collegian

Members of NOMMO perform a dance during the East Halls celebration in Findlay Commons on Monday to promote Homecoming. Other Homecoming events include a talent show tonight, a parade on Friday and the Illinois-Penn State game on Saturday.

East kicks off Homecoming

By Vera Greene
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

With the first month and a half of college under their belt, many Penn State freshmen are experiencing their first-ever Homecoming week — including their very own event at Findlay Commons on Monday called the East Halls Celebration. For students walking into the

commons, there was no mistaking what week it is — from the walls to the ceiling, Findlay was embellished with blue and white balloons and large Homecoming posters.

From 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Findlay was buzzing with the hustle and bustle of Homecoming committee members informing the new Penn Staters about the week's festivities.

The event included performances by different student dance troupes, a DJ and free popcorn and games.

For Jessica York, this Homecoming is going to be a time when she really feels like a part of the Penn State community.

Having never experienced Homecoming week, she said she didn't even know what it was, but she's glad she stumbled upon the

celebration while walking into the commons for dinner.

And although she's new to the school, she said the event inspires her to get more information and understand what Homecoming is all about.

"I was so confused when I

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To read more on Homecoming | **LOCAL**, Pages 3 and 5.



Aaron Favila/Associated Press

About eight million remain homeless following Pakistan's flood two months ago. Students have raised \$1,500 so far for relief.

Pakistan flood hits home for students

By Jessica Wabara
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The summer of 2010 was a summer Izzah Khan will never forget — she was in Pakistan, her home country, during a disastrous flood.

More than two months after a monsoon left many homeless and more than 1,000 people dead, Penn State's Pakistani Student Association leaders refuse to for-

get there are thousands of people in Pakistan who still need their help.

"People have the wrong idea about Pakistan. One person defines a nation — not all people in the country are like that," Khan (freshman-public relations) said. "People think Pakistan is the breeding ground for terrorists and that's not true."

Khan's eyes lit up as she began See **PAKISTAN**, Page 2.

Research spending surges

By Mike Hricik
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

A Steady Increase

Penn State's 2009-2010 research expenditures continue a decade of growth.

In the last ten years, Penn State has increased its research expenditures by a staggering 77 percent.

Now university officials want to make sure at least 50 percent of Penn State's graduates have had experience in research positions.

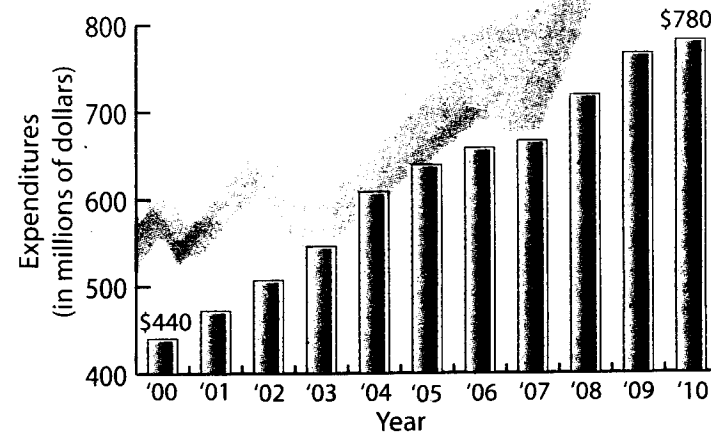
Penn State received \$780 million in expenditures for the 2009-2010 fiscal year for all university campuses, Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School Hank Foley wrote in an e-mail.

These expenditures increased two percent from last year's totals, Office of Sponsored Programs Senior Associate Director John Hanold said.

Included in the total was \$470 million in federal funding, Hanold said.

Foley wrote that the federal money is a step toward future expansion, along with aid from the Obama administration's stimulus package.

"Given the state of our nation's economy, this gain is nothing



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short of amazing," Foley wrote.

Foley praised the strength of faculty, the university's commitment to interdisciplinary research and an infrastructure he described as "second to none."

He wrote that research conducted includes studies on the effects of battle fatigue, discoveries of new exoplanets and

inquiries into infectious disease dynamics.

"There is too much new work," Foley wrote.

Hanold's office reviews grant and contract proposals on behalf of the university — the final step before a research project is initiated.

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