

# Borough hears project plans for State College

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The State College Borough Council welcomed two Penn State students to its meeting Monday evening, both of whom are looking to lend their talents to citizens living on either side of College Avenue.

State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham said she was pleased to have students bringing their ideas to the council.

"To me, that's what makes this Happy Valley," Goreham said. "It's

really dazzling, the breadth and energy of student activities."

First to address the council was Lienard Chang, who spoke about a bike share program for State College, rideBLUE. He reviewed different aspects of the program but did not present any concrete financial plans.

"I won't talk money tonight," he said. "What I'm looking for tonight is a blessing."

The program will be modeled after other programs that have been successful in Europe and across the United States. If

passed, it would include about 100 bikes tracked by an attached GPS. Chang (sophomore-engineering) said that the bike program would not include helmet rentals, but it would require users to sign a waiver regarding bicycle safety.

Borough members said they were interested in the idea of such a program for State College.

"I love the idea," said council member Peter Morris. "It seems sound to me."

Although Chang has not finalized any plans, he said that he is confident that rideBLUE will be a

success. "It's not really a matter of 'if' but 'when,'" he said.

Another Penn State student, Natalia Pilato, unveiled the image of her Calder Way mural, which will be finished in November and will cover 170 feet. The mural encompasses many images, all of which were painted by hand onto over 100 panels using a paint-by-numbers system.

The change of seasons is depicted across the mural, and it includes images of nature as well as local landmarks.

Community members between

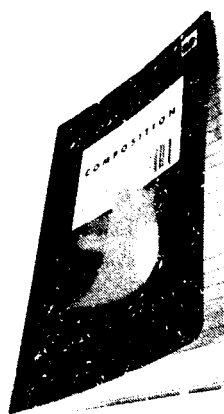
the ages of four and 88 have helped Pilato (graduate-art education) paint the mural's panels. Pilato said the mural should be in place by Nov. 13 when a ceremony will be held for its unveiling. As volunteers put the mural pieces up, they will cover those already in place so that the entire mural will be revealed at once.

"It looks beautiful," said Goreham after viewing the mural's design. "Thank you so much."

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## Class is a-Twitter

Professor Michael Elavsky encourages his students to tweet their thoughts to add to the class discussion in his Media and Democracy class.



SloaneSays: Stuff happens during war. Living in constant fear of attack isn't natural. I don't question things I know I can't understand. #psucomm118  
7:37 PM Sep 30th via Mobile Web

ChenJeral: Are the deaths of us soldiers the only important deaths in wars? Are they the most important? #psucomm118  
7:25 PM Sep 30th via Twitter for iPhone

MegaCoolMan: Less media isn't always good...during WWII people were fine with us bombing Hiroshima because they never had to see it #psucomm118  
7:25 PM Sep 30th via web

lighter3891: @mustachemenace: I feel every bit of anger to see innocent ppl die but that doesn't make it ok to go and kill other innocent ppl #psucomm110  
7:05 PM Sep 30th via web in reply to mustachemenace

aez5033: troops give their LIVES for our country. disagree with our countrys decisions all u want but dont disrespect the troops #psucomm110  
6:50 PM Sep 30th via web

dear\_Kayleigh: http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/content/view/full/446/897/ support shouldn't end when the troops come home either #psucomm110  
7:01 PM Sep 30th via web

Looneybin: when we went to war bush's ratings went through the roof #psucomm110  
6:49 PM Sep 30th via web

Source: Twitter: #psucomm110 thread

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# Class uses Twitter for forum

By Sarah Peters  
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Professor Michael Elavsky's Media and Democracy students are full of opinions — and they're taking them to the tweets.

Elavsky, an assistant professor in the department of media studies, encourages his students to express their opinions during class via Twitter, in addition to formal class discussion.

Though his lecture class once felt impersonal, the Twitter feed adds depth and dimension to the discussion and allows for more than just one-way communication, he said.

"What I'm hoping for them to also see is that the classroom, even though it's big, is a place where they can employ their voice," Elavsky said. "They're helping to construct a sense of the knowledge they're getting out of this course. That can't be more democratic."

Thursday night, Meg Krause, Class of 2008 — now a combat medic serving in the U.S. Army Reserves — addressed the class. Krause is also the associate director of military programs for the American Council on Education.

Krause provided insight on the role of media in war, touching on issues such as WikiLeaks, freedom of information and the Abu Ghraib prison photos. The presentation ended with a question-and-answer session on Krause's time served in the Middle East.

Elyse Smith (sophomore-political science) said there were a lot of touchy subjects that stemmed from Krause's talk that probably wouldn't have been brought up if it weren't for the class Twitter feed. Smith said using Twitter helps more people voice their opinions.

"It helps the discussion flow and evolve a lot more freely, just because of the sheer amount of opinions that can come out at once," Smith said.

Throughout the class, students had a Twitter discussion on the cause and justification of the war on terror, whether or not soldiers should be defined as heroes and the role of media in the public's perception of war, among other topics. The thread is labeled #psucomm110. Students also tweet links to news stories, videos and pictures to support their points.

Elavsky said he's been using Twitter to facilitate class discussions since last fall and this semester's class has even more focused tweets, Elavsky said.

Megan Springsteen (freshman-business marketing) said using Twitter helps students get their point across without verbalizing it in front of the class.

"There's a keyboard courage, but I think it definitely opens up the conversation a lot," Springsteen said.

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# Fair to supply students with study-abroad information

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Penn State students interested in studying abroad have the opportunity to change-up their daily routine from walking past Pattee Library eating in West Halls to walking by the Eiffel Tower every day and eating crepes.

The chance to learn about various Penn State-approved foreign study programs will come in the form of an education abroad fair today in HUB-Alumni Hall from 12 to 5 p.m.

Global Program Promotion and Outreach Officer Kristin Thomas said the fair will include information sessions on topics like the basics of studying abroad and financial aid.

Students will also have the opportunity to speak to representatives from different programs and countries, Penn State education abroad advisers and Penn State students who have already studied abroad.

Another unique feature of the fair is that exchange students currently studying at Penn State will answer questions about their home universities, Thomas said.

Expanding this year, the fair will

also include presentations from different colleges to help students learn which programs would be best for them and how those options might fit into their curriculum, she said.

One of the presentations features Pete Terbovich, Class of 2007. Terbovich will talk to students about how studying abroad during college helped him while working in central Pennsylvania for an international wood company, she said.

"We're just really excited for students to come in and talk to Pete about his experience," Thomas said.

Katie Waldeisen, promotions and outreach assistant, said the fair offers students the convenience of gathering information about multiple programs and opportunities in one location while also getting to talk to students who have returned from studying abroad.

Students will also be able to get a more "personal perspective of each program by talking to an organization's representative or department's representative rather than just going to a website," she said.

Elizabeth Tucker, a student volunteer who studied abroad in

## If you go

**What:** Study abroad fair  
**When:** 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. today  
**Where:** HUB-Alumni Hall  
**Details:** Students and representatives will be available

Florence, Italy, as a sophomore, said she attended the fair during her freshman year.

Tucker (senior-psychology) said she knew she wanted to study abroad and wanted to go to Italy but wasn't sure of which program she wanted to choose.

Going to the fair, it wasn't the representatives but it was the student volunteers who eased Tucker's nerves about the prospect of studying abroad, she said.

Tucker said studying abroad gave her a new perspective about people and the world — something she hopes to encourage other students to experience at the fair.

"Even if we can get one person to fill out an application that would be a success," she said.

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Students visit booths at the Education Abroad Fair in the HUB last September. This year's fair will be held from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. today. Students who have formerly studied abroad in addition to representatives from different programs and countries will be present.

# Memorial service honors Materials Research Lab founder

By Micah Wintner  
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As friends and family of late Penn State professor Rustum Roy walked out of the rain and into the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center, they saw Roy's picture projected onto the room's front wall.

Roy, a professor emeritus at Penn State and founder of the Materials Research Lab (MRL), was 86 when he died on Aug. 26. A memorial service was held for him Monday.

Ronnen Roy, Rustum Roy's son, spoke of his fond memories with his father.

"He enjoyed the simple pleasures in life the most," his son said. "Taking walks at night with the family, playing Frisbee in the backyard."

Ronnen Roy said his father instilled in him and his brothers a sense of wonder about the world, and stressed that people should welcome newness into their lives.

Perhaps it was that curiosity that drove Rustum Roy to the success he achieved.

Rustum Roy graduated from Penn State in 1948 and dedicated his life to studying materials science at the university.

Ronnen Roy said at the memo-

rial service that he remembers seeing a Centre Daily Times article written about a \$75,000 donation made by his father to establish the MRL in 1962.

He asked his dad for a raise in his allowance after seeing that article, he said jokingly.

The MRL is now part of the Materials Research Institute, currently directed by Carlo Pantano, who also spoke at Rustum Roy's memorial service.

"Rustum was fearless of conflict or criticism," Pantano said. "He stood up for his beliefs."

Rustum Roy challenged his students to be critical but to also

show respect for alternative ideas, he said.

Rustum Roy lived by that idea, once giving a student an A+ on his paper, but not without writing, "I don't believe a word of this," on the top, Pantano said.

Despite Rustum Roy's death, his legacy and work are far from over.

Rustum Roy's research will be continued by his colleagues, Dinesh Agrawal said at the memorial. Agrawal became friends with Rustum Roy upon his arrival at Penn State in 1975 as a graduate student.

Now a professor of engineering

science and mechanics at Penn State, Agrawal said Rustum Roy's guidance and advice never failed to teach him something new.

"His eternal message was: Think positive, be persistent in your pursuit and you will attain success," Agrawal said.

Despite the gray skies and rain, the mood at the memorial service remained positive.

"Rather than a time of sadness and grief, I'd like to suggest today be a day of happiness," Penn State Vice President for Research Hank Foley said at the memorial.

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