

Movin' On, Last Stop to combine

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The groups behind last year's spring festivals — Movin' On and Last Stop — will unite to organize one concert, thanks to a resolution passed at Wednesday night's UPUA meeting.

Since Movin' On separated itself from the Association of Residence Hall Students (ARHS) and is now an independent organization, the executive board of Movin' On will lead the formation of the new con-

cert with the help of liaisons from other organizations.

The five liaisons will represent the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA), the Graduate Student Association (GSA), the Student Programming Association, The Lion 90.7 FM and ARHS.

"The idea behind having five



Ragland

organizations and Movin' On came from the organizations who were involved in last year's concerts," Movin' On Executive Director Tim Haynes said. "If we don't limit it, then every organization will come into play wanting to say they want to be a part of this. We know that this number of people involved are going to be proactive in the festival."

The idea for a unified concert began this summer, when UPUA President Christian Ragland said he took the initiative to reach out

to the other organizations that planned concerts last spring.

After multiple conference calls, four of the organizations and the executive board of Movin' On were on board for a unified concert.

But plans to include UPUA in the process of organizing the concert could not be solidified until Wednesday night when the resolution was passed through the assembly.

Organizers have yet to decide a name for the new concert, Ragland said.

UPUA Programming Committee Chairwoman Ali Cook said she supported the resolution.

"The concert is definitely looking to be a bigger thing this year instead of having a few smaller concerts," Cook (sophomore-finance and economics) said. "It shows a sense of student unity coming out to support this one concert."

The specifics of what each organization will contribute to the concert are yet to be determined. See **CONCERTS**, Page 2.



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Students greet the Nittany Lion on the Old Main patio on Wednesday night during the Best of Penn State Carnival and Field Day. Despite the rain, the second annual Homecoming carnival enticed both students and State College residents.

Second annual carnival a hit

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Beverly Black set a personal record at the Best of Penn State Carnival and Field Day: for 30 seconds, she kept her balance on a mechanical bull.

"It's nerve-racking because you don't want to fall off," she said. "It's actually kind of fun."

Black (sophomore-management) was one of many students to stop by the second annual Homecoming carnival and par-

take in tailgating games and inflatable challenges Wednesday evening.

She attended the event with the Student Minority Advisory and Recruitment team, which hosted an obstacle game booth. Homecoming competitors organized the many booths, while the Homecoming executive board brought in inflatable games lining the perimeter of the Old Main lawn.

Many student groups organized tailgating games, while

booths took different approaches to the carnival theme.

After plans for an East Halls-themed booth fell through, members of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity and the figure skating club decided to offer free hugs instead.

"Do you want a free hug?" Haley Blum (junior-journalism) asked a passerby.

"Of course," one student replied, getting a hug and a sticker.

Blum joked that her male partner was receiving more of the

hugs, but said that overall, their last-minute booth was a big success.

Members of organizations competing for Homecoming spirit points wandered from booth to booth, playing cornhole, pinning the tail on the Nittany Lion or putting together a puzzle of Penn State President Graham Spanier's face to earn spirit points for their group.

Across the lawn, some attendees ate donuts dangling from a See **CARNIVAL**, Page 2.

BEAVER CANYON

Plan draws outcry

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A plan to potentially re-zone Beaver Canyon to include more student housing was met with opposition from some State College residents Wednesday afternoon — including Penn State administrator Damon Sims.

Most of the community members who attended the meeting spoke out against plans to place more student housing in that section of the Highlands neighborhood — at 254 E. Beaver Ave, where downtown businesses like Canyon Pizza are located.

On Oct. 14, the council will vote on a motion suggesting the property be designated as a residential office. This would include an overlay and the construction of nine additional feet of height to the building.

Additionally, certain restrictions would be placed on first-floor parking and residential space would not be permitted on that floor.

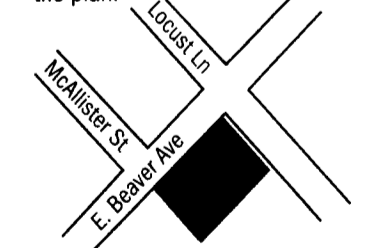
The proposal leaves open the possibility of more student housing downtown, creating a situation many community members said they oppose.

Vice President for Student Affairs Damon Sims attended the meeting and said he spoke as a State College resident — not on behalf of the university. He opposed the proposal, citing past incidents, like the Ohio State riot that occurred in Beaver Canyon in 2008, as potential threats to the neighborhood.

"It doesn't take a whole lot to See **ZONING**, Page 2.

Potential Re-zoning of Beaver Avenue

A proposal to re-zone 254 E. Beaver Ave to include more student housing has been on the table since last spring, but some local residents oppose the plan.



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Congressional candidates Mike Pipe, left, and Glenn Thompson, right, answer questions Wednesday night.

Candidates square off

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Candidates in the upcoming midterm elections — from state Senate hopefuls to contenders for the U.S. Congress — had the chance to take questions from Centre County residents Wednesday night at Candidate's Night, a debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Centre County.

As attendees arrived at the Council Chambers in the State College Municipal Building, they were handed slips of paper to write down any questions they had for the candidates. The debate is an event the League of Women Voters tries to hold before every election — even the primaries, said Lydia Vandenberg, a member of the League of Women Voters Candidate's Night Committee.

Congressional candidates Glenn Thompson, R-Centre, and Michael Pipe kicked off the debate by answering a question about partisanship in Washington.

Thompson said the topic is one of his biggest See **CANDIDATES**, Page 2.

Marshal ready to lead

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Speed skating Olympian and 2010 Homecoming Grand Marshal Allison Baver didn't have the typical college experience.

But that doesn't mean she has any less Penn State pride than others.

Baver, Class of 2003, said she can remember being in elementary school and telling classmates she was going to attend Penn State one day.



Baver

She said her alma mater is still something she is bragging about.

"When I say I graduated from Penn State, everyone is like, 'Oh wow, really?'" she said. "When it's recognized like that from a global standpoint, it has a greater sense of pride."

Baver said she enjoyed the normal college life during her first two years as a student at Penn State Berks, a Commonwealth Campus. But then she moved to Michigan to train for the Olympic games.

Her hard work paid off when she won a bronze medal at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Games in the 3000-meter relay.

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Theater group thrives on reinvention

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111 Forum transcends space and time.

The lecture hall has been transformed into a modern apartment in New York City, a town in ancient Greece and hell — all over the course of a few weeks.

No Refund Theatre performs a free show in 111 Forum nearly every weekend of the semester. These shows are almost entirely student-run, though occasionally alumni in the State College area come back to perform.

This past weekend NRT performed a rendition of "Dr.

Horrible's Sing-Along Blog," an effort that began on Aug. 29.

The Show "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog" was written by Joss Whedon of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" fame, his two brothers and Maurissa Tancharo during the 2007 Writers Guild of America strike. The production had a low budget and was posted online in three acts, despite Neil Patrick Harris, Nathan Fillion and Felicia Day starring as Dr. Horrible, Captain Hammer and Penny respectively.

Meredith Ringer (senior-film and video) and Chris Park (senior-crime, law and justice) both See **THEATER**, Page 2.



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No Refund Theatre acts out a scene from "Dr. Horrible's Sing-A-Long Blog" last weekend.