

Eco-Action and Greenpeace march between the HUB and Old Main on Monday afternoon. The group signed a petition and delivered to Penn State President Graham Spanier's office in Old Main.

Events promote sustainability

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Blue and white were mixed with green across campus the past few days, as the community came together behind one cause: environmental sustainability.

Students and faculty participated in a variety of events, all of which revolved around recycling, renewable energy and combating greenhouse gas emissions.

One of those events, organized by Eco-Action, gathered students on Monday during an on-campus Renewable Energy March to promote the utilization of clean ener-

Stefan Nagy (junior-economics energy business and finance). vice president of Eco-Action, said that in order to advance environ-

mentalism at Penn State, efforts delivered a written proposal to on an administrative level need to the office of Penn State President become more transparent and Graham Spanier. student-involved.

able energy use, Nagy said he administration a side of the student body that will become increasingly present.

We are hoping that adminisstudents are about environmentalism," he said. "We have a lot of student support and are glad that Penn State to provide energy for people are seeing this as more students that is damaging to our than just a campus issue.'

The march began outside of the major cause of environmental concern. From there, participants marched through campus to Old Main, where they hand-

The proposal urged adminis-Aside from promoting renew-tration to work with students to transition Penn State University hopes the march will show the Park into an entirely carbon neutral campus, according to Eco-Action's Greenpeace student representative Braden Crooks. The letter also furthered the message tration will see how passionate of student involvement in the cause, he said.

"We don't think it is ethical for planet," Crooks (senior-landscape architecture) said. "We coal plant, which has been a think the march was a huge success and we hope to continue the movement at the university."

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Error leads to early admission

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Less than two months into his senior year of high school, North Hills Senior High School student Nick Treser was ecstatic Sunday morning.

The Pittsburgh resident awoke a notification on his MyPennState web page saying he may not be accepted to had been accepted to Penn State University Park.

But then Treser checked the website Monday only to see the acceptance message removed.

"My day was demolished,"

Treser said. Because of a computer error, the Penn State Undergraduate

Admissions Office website noti-

fied more than 700 prospective students that they had been accepted to the university. The Penn State Admissions Undergraduate Office removed the messages

from MyPennState after applicants questioned the results, State spokeswoman Annemarie Mountz said. But messaged applicants

should not take the removals from the website as bad news: Mountz said the acceptances would be honored despite the possible, Mountz said. mistake. Applications to Penn State

University Park as a first choice breathe a sigh of relief. and those requesting admission at a Commonwealth Campus as a

first choice will be honored for students who received notices, and would have been accepted regardless, Mountz said.

Acceptance notifications for students who selected University Park as a first choice but were referred to a Commonwealth Campus will not be honored. Instead, these applicants may or University Park in the coming months. If they are not, admission will be given to a Commonwealth Campus, Mountz said.

She stressed that computers do not decide admissions results applications must be organized according to admissions criteria to streamline the process.

'Believe it or not, people go through all these applications individually," Mountz said.

The acceptance notifications were sent when the admissions office computer systems began a process that should not start until Nov. 1. The computers organize applicant data according to major, standardized test scores and other criteria, Mountz said.

The admissions office will get in contact with applicants who received the message as soon as

Since his acceptance has been confirmed. Treser said he can

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Council hears presentation on bed bugs, Highlands safety

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From bed bugs to police programs, Monday night's State College Borough Council work session featured a number of preparations that addressed the community's safety.

Edwin Rajotte, an entomology the series of presentations by of the Centre Region Bed Bug

The coalition was established taking the bugs with them.

last spring to raise awareness about the growing number of bed bug infestations nationwide over the past ten years.

What puts State College at particular risk for the spread of bed bugs, however, is its status as a college town, Rajotte said.

have a very good highway to move professor at Penn State, started around," he told the council. "They're hitchhikers and ride on speaking to the council on behalf backpacks, clothing, everything. As students walk around campus or go to parties downtown, they're

Rajotte said while State College already educates people about adequately, the community could use a central system intended to monitor future bed bug infesta-

"In a college town, bed bugs nies individually calculate how many infestations they treat, but a comprehensive database collecting information from every company in the Centre County region would allow the coalition to pinpoint and target specific problem sites in the community, he said.

about bed bugs, State College and treats — bed bug infestations Police Chief Tom King updated the council about a new project designed to target crime in the Highlands neighborhood.

Neighborhood Currently, pest control compa- Enforcement and Alcohol Team established last August assigned two police officers and two Penn State student auxiliary officers to patrol the Highlands neighborhood on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m.

By having the same officers stationed around the area every

A few hours after Rajotte spoke weekend, a level of consistency and ownership to the neighborhood is maintained, he said.

> One aspect of the project, "preparty contacts," involves officers offering partygoers flyers about responsibility before they begin to consume alcohol, he said.

King said decreases in thefts and fights have been observed in the area since the start of the project and said he plans to expand NEAT to the Holmes-Foster neighborhood.

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Amnesty group rallies against capital punishment

By Mike Hricik COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Candles lined the Allen Street President Brian Flowers said. Gates in remembrance of Americans lost to the death penal- U.S. tend to discriminate against as an option for criminals. ty as members of Amnesty International at Penn State held a vigil against capital punishment Monday night.

Amnesty International at Penn ence) said. State, part of a global activist organization, works to protect has executed hundreds of row prisoner Troy Davis in partic-

documents like the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Co- Kiessling said the U.S. rem ins of only testimonials from nine wit-

minorities and the poor.

ultimate denial of human rights," Flowers (junior-computer sci-

human rights in accordance with American prisoners who are ular. Davis was incarcerated in

international standards set by found innocent after the fact.

Flowers said executions in the tries to still use the death penalty since recanted their statements.

"Taking someone's life is the our country and there's good reason for that," Kiessling (seniorpublic relation) said.

He said the U.S. government the treatment of Georgia death

1991 after being found guilty of Public Relations Officer Sarah first degree murder with evidence one of the few industrialized counnesses — seven of which have

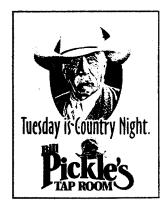
Amnesty International member "We're becoming very alone in Holly Jones said everyone has the right to live regardless of crime.

"The right to your life is a human right in its most basic Flowers said the vigil protested form," Jones (senior-anthropology) said.

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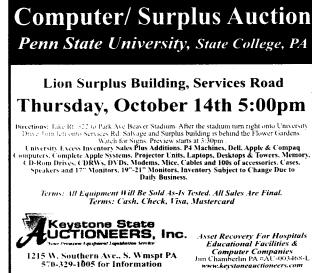


A student lights a candle at a vigil









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