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The Break Zone, formerly known as The Corner Pocket, underwent renovations and will be holding a launching party today.

New name chosen for billiards lounge

By Danae Blasso
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Two weeks and 25 name submissions later, the billiards lounge formerly known as the Corner Pocket will have its new name revealed today.

Laura Atkins (sophomore-marketing) created the winning name and logo. The room is now The Break Zone, and it was chosen because students said it fits the new atmosphere of the room. "I like the name change because it changed away from just being pool, but still has the pool subtext to the name," said Phillip Krosnar (junior physics), the president of the Gaming Association. "We are looking forward to talking with them now that they've added new features."

The Break Zone has added video game stations that are all equipped with X-Box 360 consoles, along with billiards and music.

The room has also been decorated with Penn State decals.

"It'll be a major event and we are expecting thousands of people to pass through it," said Keith Somers, the manager of The Break Zone.

There will be a lineup of activities and entertainment that will be completely free and open to the public. There will be no cost to play pool or X-Box 360 or eat the food provided, Somers said.

"Our main sponsor and partner, Grublif, will be here with

free food and giveaways along with a prize wheel from 12 to 2 p.m.," Somers (junior-finance) said.

Grublif won't be the only thing to look forward to at the launch party. From 2 to 6 p.m., the campus rep for Ubisoft will be releasing the new Shaun White Skateboarding game on X-Box 360. There will be a contest involving it and whoever has the highest score gets free video games, Somers said.

Anna Jepson (senior-integrated arts) will perform from her EP, released on Oct. 1.

"The EP is relaxed. It has soul to it. It will be me performing with an acoustic guitar," Jepson said. "My EP is called 'Something About Sunshine' and I will be playing the four songs that are on it."

After the short ceremony to reward the winner of the renaming competition, the night's activities will kick off and DJ Sebastian will conclude.

"The objective of the launch is for everyone to come out and see that the Break Zone has a lot to offer," Somers said.

With all the work he has put in, Somers hopes people have fun.

"The challenge was bringing all these different companies or organizations together but we are making it happen," Somers said. "I'm putting a lot of hard work into the launch and I'm confident that everyone who comes out will have a great time."

Greeks to treat community

By Vera Greene
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

On Sunday morning, members of all four greek councils will walk around the State College area with garbage bags in hand, in hopes of tidying up after Halloween weekend.

Following the "Greek Sweep," from 3 to 6 p.m., there will be the first annual "Greek or Treat," where children from the area can walk around to different fraternities and trick or treat.

Wanting to make Oct. 31 a total day of service, the Interfraternity Council decided sweeping the neighborhood of trash and then providing candy and activities for children would be a good way to give back.

After State Patty's Day, Vice President for Communications Dan Cartwright, said the Greek Sweep was very successful, and he thinks it will be the same this year after Halloween weekend.

And once 3 p.m. rolls around,

the campus will be more presentable for the families who decide to partake in Greek or Treat.

Cartwright said the kids will not be let down.

Depending on the house, there will be pumpkin carving, face painting, games and even prizes, he said.

"Since it's the first time, we really hope it continues year to year," Cartwright said.

"The community gets a lot out of it and we're looking forward to it."

Marina Matteo, Panhellenic Council vice president for communications, said she thinks the event has a lot of potential to start a new tradition.

After heavy advertising — and with the amount of involvement from the IFC, PHC, National Panhellenic Council and Multicultural Greek Council — Matteo (senior-public relations) said it's sure to be an event above and beyond what's expected.

"We're encouraging everyone

to dress up and make this day something special and really cool for the kids," Matteo said.

Alison Magaziner, a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, said she's especially excited for the Greek or Treat event because she loves kids.

"When you're in college, you don't usually get to see the trick or treat aspect like you used to when you were younger," Magaziner (junior-psychology) said. "My sorority can't wait — we're all getting dressed up."

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If you treat

What: Greek or Treat
When: Sunday, Oct. 31
Where: Fraternity Row and various fraternity houses
Details: The event is open to the community

Trick or treaters welcomed at dorm

By Anna Orso
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Little ghosts and ghouls from the State College area trick-or-treated in Beaver Hall Wednesday evening, but they weren't the only ones enjoying the Halloween season.

Kyle O'Neill (freshman-engineering), who dressed as a lumberjack for Halloween, said he enjoyed handing out candy to the younger kids trekking through the halls.

"Halloween was always a big part of my life and made me so happy," O'Neill said. "I wanted to instill the same happiness in the kids."

Stacie Swartzentruber, the Beaver Hall resident coordinator, said she organized the trick-or-treating event because she wanted to give community members a warm and safe place to celebrate the holiday.

But Swartzentruber said the kids weren't the only ones who benefited.

"This gives the opportunity for the residents to interact with the community around Penn State so that they can be leaders not just in the building, but in organizations throughout campus,"

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Kyle O'Neill
freshman - engineering

Swartzentruber said.

A steady flow of costumed children, who ranged in age from two to 12 years old, worked their way through the eight floors of Beaver Hall, encountering many Penn State students who participated in the event by handing out candy.

Cheyenne Miller (freshman-division of undergraduate studies), who dressed as the Queen of Hearts, said she decided to go all out with Halloween festivities.

Standing in front of a decorated dorm room blaring Michael Jackson's "Thriller," Miller said buying candy for the kids was a good investment.

"It's Halloween, you know? It's really great. It makes me feel like I'm at home again," Miller said.

Throughout the evening the children were escorted in groups by Resident Assistants like Jana Clinton, taken to the various floors and rooms to meet the residents.

"Things like this gets students involved in the community and it also gives the kids the opportunity to see what campus is like," Clinton (junior- Spanish and international studies) said.

Swartzentruber advertised the event to children throughout the community through a variety of organizations including the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program. Conor Nelson, Class of 2003, brought his "little brother" to the event.

Nelson said he's been mentoring Kenneth Murray, 10, for two years and thought this would be a great opportunity for Kenneth and his younger sister, Marin, to trick-or-treat in a safe environment.

"When I was a kid I had older influences and this program is a great way to spend time with kids," Nelson said. "And I thought tonight would be fun for the kids to come and get some candy."

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