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Mascot permanently dismissed

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Nittany Lion mascot Clint Gyory has been permanently released from his duties as mascot after he violated a team rule, Penn State Cheerleading Coach Curtis White said in a statement. Gyory (junior-business management) could not be reached for comment by press time Monday, and the specifics of which team rule was violated were not released.

The Penn State Athletic Department previously suspended Gyory for one month as a result of a citation for public drunkenness and criminal mischief on Aug. 1.



Gyory

Though Max Levi took the place of Gyory during the suspension, no information regarding the current mascot replacement could be

released by press time Monday.

Levi (senior-mathematics and economics) declined comment. Levi handed back the position of mascot to Gyory on Sept. 28, when the suspension ended.

Though Steven Herb — who co-authored the book "The Nittany Lion: An Illustrated Tale," which chronicles the history of the mascot — said people have "stepped down" from the mascot position for "a variety of reasons," he said he does not recall anyone ever being dismissed.

"In my recent memory and in my research, I don't recall that that's happened, so I guess that's why I'm surprised," said Herb, who is also the head of the Education and Behavioral Sciences Library at Penn State. "He was a terrific mascot while he was a mascot, and I'm sorry to see him go."

During the spring semester of his freshman year, Gyory was named mascot, which made him the first freshman to serve as mascot in 15 years.

Before Gyory, James Sheep — who was also previously cited for alcohol-related problems — claimed the title as the Nittany Lion mascot.

On November 2, 2008 then-mascot Sheep was found to be under the influence of alcohol while driving.

Sheep was later suspended and did not attend the 2008 Rose Bowl because of a violation of team rules.

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Union pursues strike

By Mike Hrick
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Union workers picketing the \$215 million Millennium Science Complex expanded their protests to include the Gary Schultz Childcare Center at Hort Woods and Moore Building — all in an attempt to get their subcontractor to pay higher wages and use union workers.

Members of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, of Monroeville, Pa., will protest until the building's subcontractor hires union workers on all its campus projects, IUPAT District Council 57 Business Manager Tom Tyger said.

He said protesters will not stop until the union and subcontractor Allegheny Interiors and Drywall reach an agreement — but Penn State officials said they'll remain neutral in the negotiation process.

"We'll stand out here for however long it takes," Tyger said, holding his sign. "This is our living and naturally when we see guys from out of state taking over, it makes us mad."

Altoona-based contracting firm Leonard S. Fiore, Inc. hired Allegheny Interiors as a subcontractor for the project.

A representative from Allegheny Interiors declined comment.

The union workers walked off the job Friday to begin picketing for employment reforms after Tyger said negotiations disintegrated between the two parties.

Picketers began standing in the cold on Pollock Road starting at 6 a.m. Monday.

The workers braved the early morning cold, holding signs saying "Allegheny Interiors does not have a contract with IUPAT." Non-union employees continued working despite the chants.

Tyger said they plan to picket throughout this week.

Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers wrote in an e-mail that the university is an "open shop," hiring employees without union requirements.

She wrote that Penn State will still take a neutral stance in negotiations for now.

"It's not really our role to mediate these issues," Powers wrote. "We're most concerned with our contractors meeting our quality expectations, project budget and established construction timeline."

Tyger said IUPAT contends that Allegheny Interiors continues to hire out-of-state and non-unionized employees.

He said Allegheny Interiors has consistently disobeyed prevailing wage laws, failing to pay workers salaries required by the state.

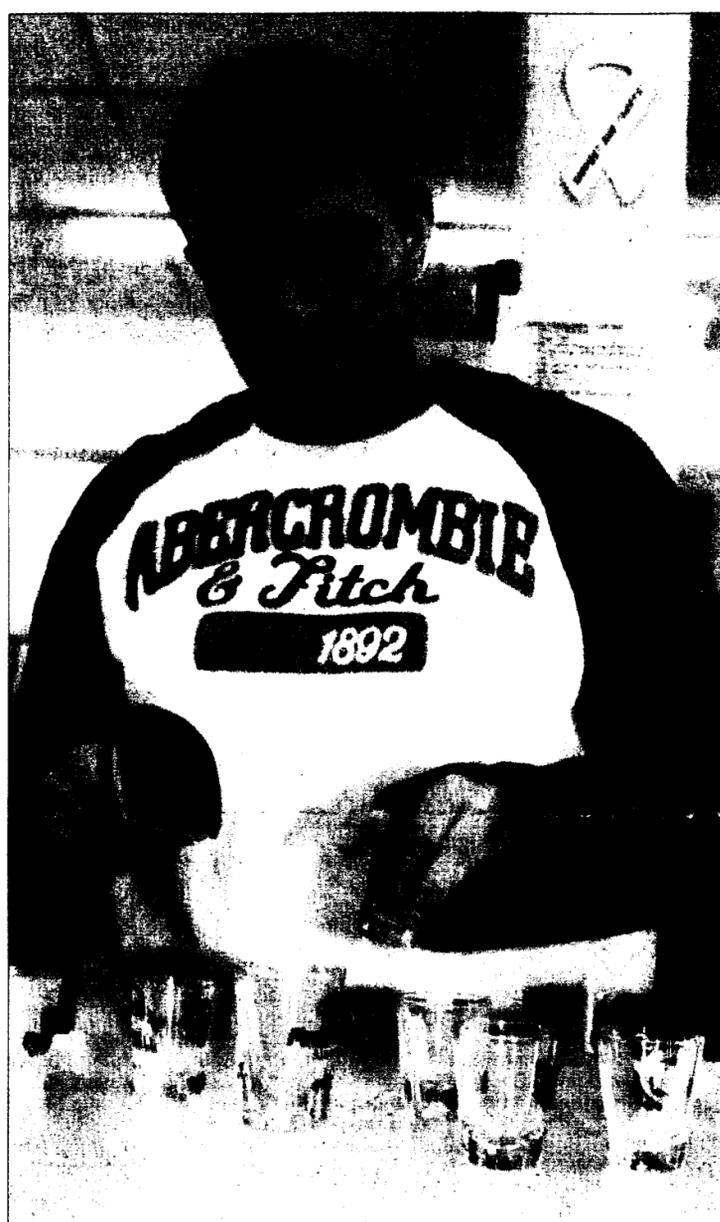
Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry Deputy Press Secretary Christopher Manlove said both Allegheny Interiors and LSF have clean records.

LSF Superintendent Rob Morrow said his contracting company is not taking part in negotiations between IUPAT and Allegheny Interiors.

Morrow said he could not comment on the fairness of Allegheny Interiors' employment procedures.

The Millennium Science complex is scheduled to be completed by summer 2011, according to Powers.

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Tyler Nolf (senior-mechanical engineering) rings up some Penn State logo shot glasses for a student at the Student Book Store on Monday afternoon.

Shot glasses sell Downtown rush follows logo ban

By Megan Rogers
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Student Book Store cashier Tyler Nolf said Monday was a crazy day, as students swarmed the store to purchase shot glasses after learning of the university's decision to ban its name or logo from them.

At the Student Book Store, 330 East Beaver Ave., most of the purchases Monday afternoon were for shot glasses, Nolf (senior-mechanical engineering) said.

Normally, the Student Book Store doesn't sell many shot glasses on weekdays, he said — but Monday was the

exception. One male student came in and bought \$85 worth of shot glasses, he said.

Other students bought up to ten glasses in one purchase, Nolf said, and students have been stopping in to the store between classes.

"It seems like everyone has been in here," he said. "Today is crazy."

Nolf said there are still shot glasses left, but cautioned that they are selling fast.

Penn State isn't the first university to restrict the use of logos on alcohol-related products, said Tammy Purves, Collegiate Licensing Company spoke

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Surge in turnout expected

By Katrina Wehr
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With numbers reflecting an unexpected surge in Penn State student voter registration this year, polling places across the borough opened their doors to voters at 7 a.m. this morning.

On campus, 12,856 people are eligible to vote today, said Jodi Neidig, supervisor of the Centre County Office of Elections and Voter Registration.

"Typically, it's only with presidential elections that we get a huge number of student registration applications," Neidig said. "This time it was much more than what we expected."

Centre County has a total of 101,660 voters registered and eligible to vote in today's midterm elections, Neidig said.

Of those registered, 44,103 registered with the Democratic Party and 39,171 with the Republican Party, Neidig said.

The student turnout in the last midterm election was about 18 percent of those registered, Neidig said, but she anticipates the turnout this year will be much higher based on the number of registrations received.

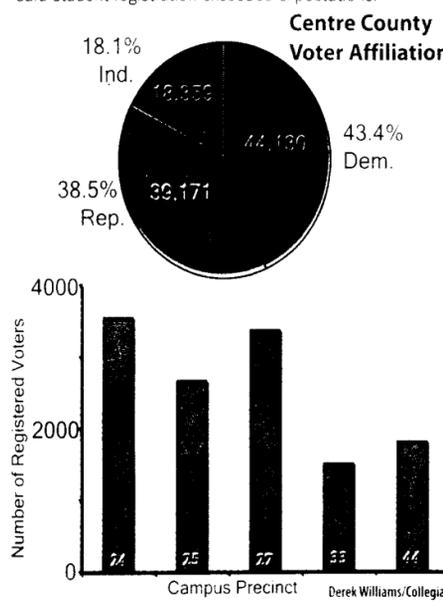
TJ Bard, Governmental Affairs committee chairman of the University Park Undergraduate Association, said he hopes for the same high turnout. Members of the committee will be in the HUB-Robeson Center from 12 to 4 p.m. handing out flyers, food and drinks to voters, Bard said.

The flyers include basic information about each candidate including their positions on major issues.

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Voter Registration 2010

Jodi Neidig, supervisor of elections and voter registration, said student registration exceeded expectations.



Borough discusses Beaver Canyon

By Colleen Boyle
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A student walks by Canyon Pizza. The State College Planning Commission and borough council discussed rezoning 254 East Beaver Ave., which includes Canyon Pizza, at a meeting Monday.

After the State College Planning Commission was unable to agree on a single plan, the issue of rezoning 254 East Beaver Ave. returned to the State College Borough Council on Monday evening. The Council discussed the issue and voted for further dialogue about the issue at a later work session.

Since April, the commission and the council have worked to produce a feasible plan to rezone the property, which now includes Canyon Pizza.

Commission members said the decision is a difficult one because of all of the different factors at

hand. Council members agreed — Theresa Lafer described the issue as a "conundrum wrapped in an enigma stuck in the middle of downtown."

One of the only solutions on which the commission could agree is the removal of a student overlay requirement. Other factors such as parking, height and density drew different opinions from commission members.

Herman Slaybaugh presented the council with five different options, including no action, the original plan presented by the developer and three others. Commission members, he said, were leaning toward a hybrid of zoning options.

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