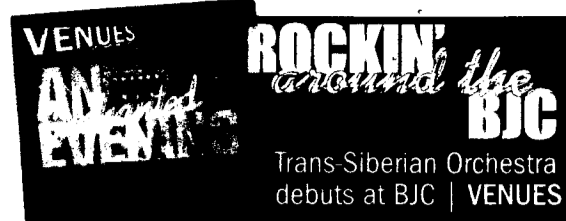


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## UPUA elects Pugh as student rep.

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University Park Undergraduate Association member Ben Pugh was elected the first non-voting representative to the State College Borough Council by a vote of 25-13. Pugh beat out UPUA Vice President Colleen Smith for the seat.

The two nominees spoke to the assembly about their qualifications and plans to start off the new relationship at a meeting

Wednesday night.

Pugh (sophomore-actuarial science), a lifelong State College resident, said his local contacts and knowledge of the community made him good for the position.

"I'm a member of both groups, and I want to find a happy medium for everyone living under the same law," Pugh said. "When talk-



Pugh

ing to the town, we want to start open communication, not a list of demands nailed to a door."

Pugh detailed his long and short-term goals for his representation, which included improving relations of students and residents, tenants and landlords.

The floor was opened for debate, which centered on Smith's experience versus Pugh's local ties and passion.

UPUA Chairwoman of the Assembly Jessica Pellicciotta said she thought Pugh's enthusiasm

had an edge over Smith's relations.

"This being in its inaugural year, we need to define what we want to see it as," said Pellicciotta (senior-political science). "Ben proved through his speech that he was going to take this position, and that he was going to own it."

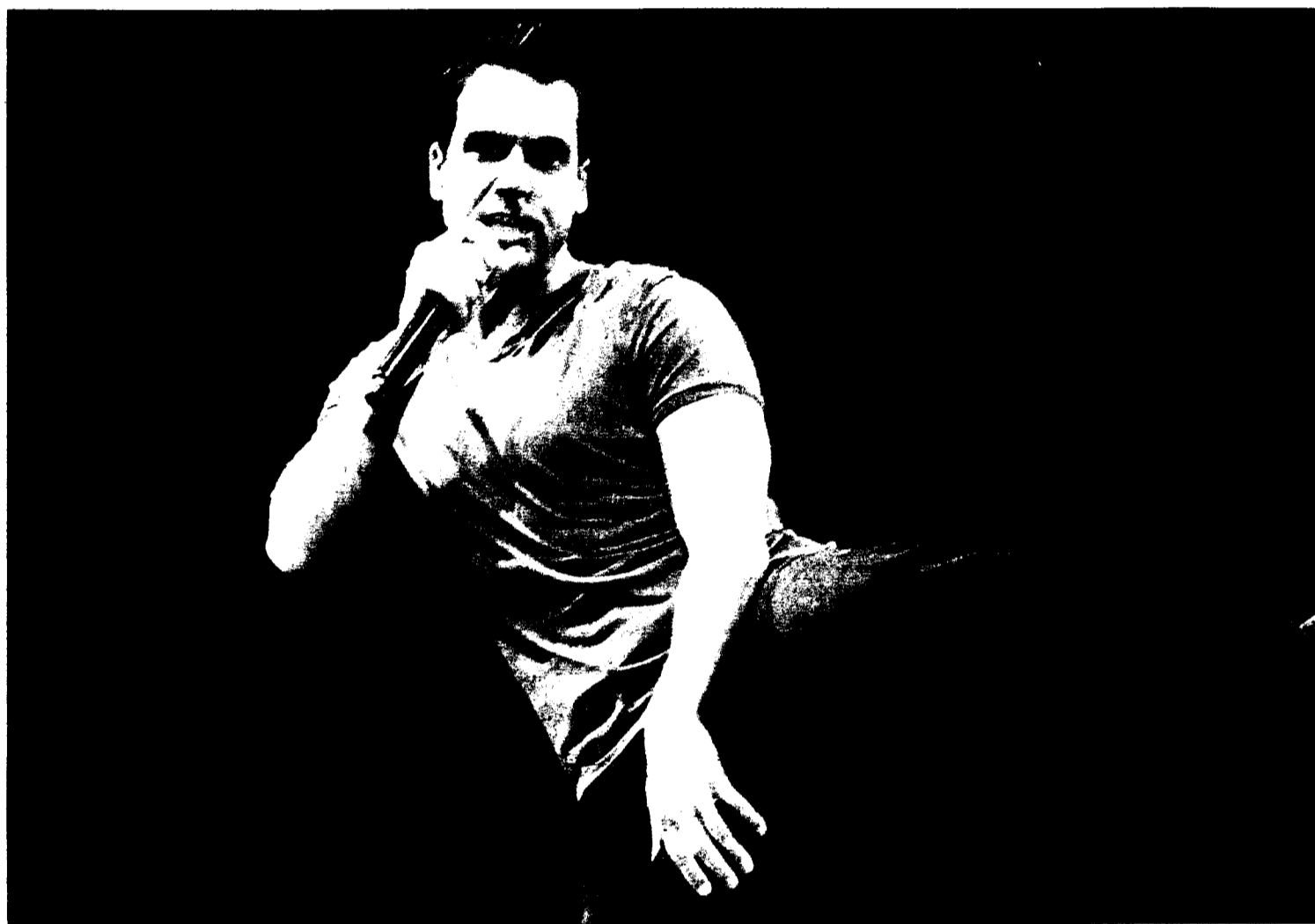
Many members argued that Smith's close relations with the borough council would make for a smoother transition into the role.

UPUA President Christian Ragland, who was unable to

attend the meeting, said he thought Smith would have done well because of her experience.

"She knows all council members personally, a couple council members actually thought Colleen would be a good pick," said Ragland (senior-political science). "But that's democracy, and I do think that Ben will do just as well."

Governmental Affairs Chairman TJ Bard said Pugh's connection to State College is  
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Dane Cook performs a comedy skit at the Bryce Jordan Center on Wednesday night as part of his Dane Cook Live! tour.

## Cook delights crowd with favorites

By Karina Yücel  
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The Bryce Jordan Center was filled on Wednesday night with Dane Cook fans of all ages.

One of the fans that packed the BJC was Shana Davies (junior-broadcast journalism) who had just won a contest that Cook was having on his Twitter hours before the show.

"He wanted people to send in pictures of themselves with their tickets," Davies said. "I thought

why not? And took a quick picture."

Davies said that while she and a friend were out at dinner before the show, she received an e-mail on her phone saying that she was the winner of the meet and greet with Cook after the performance.

Davies and her friend said they couldn't stop shaking in anticipation for their introductions with Cook after the show.

"I'm a huge fan," Davies said. "They even gave us much better seats, right in front of the stage."

Samantha Berkihiser (junior-nursing) said that she also loves Cook and has been a fan for so long she can't even remember.

"He's awesome," Berkihiser said. "We love him," she said, pointing to herself and her friend.

With idolizing fans in the audience, the BJC turned into a Thunderdome, with camera flashes and screaming fans going crazy at the sight of Cook running onto the stage.

Cook took the audience on a ride of highlights from his last few

years for the comedy set, telling stories covering everything from past girlfriends to his future fantasies with a girl he saw on TV.

Cook even divulged into a few segments in which he gave attendees good advice.

For instance, if you want to commit a crime, Cook said, don't try to commit the perfect crime.

"You can commit any crime, as long as you have witnesses that will be too embarrassed to call the police," he said.  
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## MIDTERM ELECTIONS

# Dems look ahead

By Casey McDermott  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITERS

For Penn State College Democrats President Rob Ghormoz, Tuesday was "a tough night to swallow."

In this year's midterm elections, Republicans picked up the largest congressional gain of either party since 1948 — taking control of the House of Representatives and narrowing the Democratic advantage in the Senate.

Ghormoz (senior-political science) said the results were definitely a disappointment for him and other Democrats.

But even factoring in the party's large-scale losses, it could have been much worse for the Democrats said Matthew Woessner, associate professor of political science and public policy at Penn State Harrisburg.

"Notwithstanding the fact that Democrats lost more seats than any party in power in half a century, they did win some critical races that will minimize the  
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## UPUA reacts to elections

By Kathleen Loughran  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Despite the results of the election, student government leaders said they are not going to shy away from advocating for one of their main initiatives: a decrease in tuition expenses.

"I'm not looking at tuition affordability as a political issue," University Park Undergraduate Association President Christian Ragland said. "Whoever is in office, it is their responsibility to find ways to make sure higher education is met. I need to go in and advocate for students — it's a cliché, but students are my political party."

Though Council of Commonwealth Student Governments Committee Overall DJ Ryan said he is a registered Democrat, having more Republicans in office is going "to help Penn State tremendously."

"While I don't share a lot of beliefs Republicans have, they've been a lot more supportive of Penn State," Ryan (senior-communication arts and sciences) said.

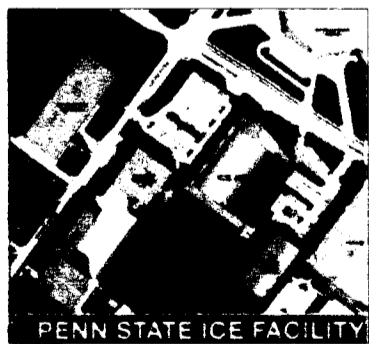
But UPUA Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman TJ Bard said the fact that governor-elect Tom Corbett does not have a detailed plan to deal with higher education and tuition — unlike his opponent Dan  
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Corbett

## Arena architects to present designs

By Anthony Barton  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER



Shown above is a possible design for the hockey arena.

The three finalists vying to be the new hockey arena's architect will make presentations to the Board of Trustees Architectural Selection Committee this morning, with a final selection expected for Friday.

Office of the Physical Plant spokesman Paul Ruskin said the three presentations will be held today from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The prospective candidates, whose names Ruskin said he

couldn't release, will each give 30-minute formal presentations followed by a 30-minute question-and-answer session with the committee.

Ruskin said a recommendation will be made to the Board of Trustees on Friday and, barring board disapproval, a decision will be finalized.

The Board of Trustees Architectural Selection Committee is made up of Board of Trustees members, OPP representatives, an architecture professor and a student.

Associate Athletic Director for Ice Arena Operations Joe Battista said last month that all three candidates have worked with Penn State in the past and have experience building hockey arenas.

When the committee looks for architects, Ruskin said they need professionals to supply quality designs and construction plans to meet the university's standards.

"Whenever we build a new building at Penn State, we want them to be long-term buildings,"  
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## Yonder Mountain plays original sound

By Josh Bollinger  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The mood of the Yonder Mountain String Band concert was set from the very beginning.

Yonder Mountain String Band played to a full house last night at the State Theatre, 130 W. College Ave., bringing their mix of bluegrass and jam music to State College.

"We're feeling energized and ready to go," Jeff Austin, mandolin player for the band, said.

Most of the crowd agreed with the band.

About three songs into the concert it was rare to find someone

sitting in the whole venue, with audience members standing to clap, dance and sway along to the music.

In case anyone in the audience couldn't see over the person standing in front of them, Austin offered the crowd a description of the band: "We all have capes on with a huge A on the back for awesome," Austin said.

Fan Jack Ressel reiterated what Austin said.

"In the serious form of the word, they are awesome," Ressel (sophomore-art education) said.

Jake Precone (junior-wildlife and fishery science) said that he  
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Tom Ruane/Collegian

The Yonder Mountain String Band performs at the State Theatre.