

Corbett may halt ban

By Nathan Pipenberg
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In the wake of Republican victories in Tuesday's election, opponents of the expanding gas industry and the controversial process known as fracking could find themselves in a losing battle. Shortly before the elections, Pennsylvania's outgoing governor, Ed Rendell, enacted a moratorium that would halt further leasing or drilling on state forest land. Now, Republican Governor-

elect Tom Corbett has said he wants to overturn the ban, and Republican legislators called the move a symbolic and political gesture. Rendell said he signed the moratorium to protect the state in the absence of a severance tax, one legislators had publicly agreed to — but failed at — passing by Oct. 1. Rendell's moratorium protects only state forest land that has not already been leased, and will only be active while he remains in

office. When Corbett assumes the role of governor in January, it's his choice whether Rendell's executive order stays or goes. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources spokeswoman Christina Novak said the moratorium does not affect more than 700,000 acres of state forest land that has already been leased for drilling. Of the 700,000 acres leased, 135,000 acres have been added in just the past two years. Novak said See CORBETT, Page 2.



Gene J. Puskar/Associated Press
 Governor-elect Tom Corbett may overturn a drilling moratorium.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Room rates could rise

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Penn State's Board of Trustees will meet at 10:15 a.m. today in the Nittany Lion Inn Boardroom to discuss a possible increase in room and board rates for the fall 2011 semester, among other topics.



The Committee on Financial Plant will propose an increase to room and board charges for the fall 2011 semester because of "increased operating and facility maintenance costs." Senior Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Rodney Kirsch wrote in an e-mail. According to the meeting's agenda, the largest increase in a meal plan would be \$80 for meal plan 6, and the increase for a standard double residence hall room would be \$125. Officials will also announce the architect for the new hockey arena.

After opening statements from Penn State President Graham Spanier, Kirsch will deliver the progress report on the "For the Future" campaign, which started January 2007.

The campaign is slated to end June 2014, Kirsch wrote in an e-mail, placing it roughly at the halfway point.

"We measure progress toward the overall campaign goal by the amount of time elapsed on the calendar," Kirsch wrote. "A campaign less than 50 percent of its goal is behind and a campaign more than 50 percent of its goal is ahead. We are ahead."

The "For the Future" campaign has set several Penn State fundraising records in this difficult economy and has achieved several milestone gifts, Kirsch wrote. "The trustees have been very generous, and we are very pleased with our progress at the mid-point," he wrote.

University Park Undergraduate Association President Christian Ragland will attend the meeting and said he "applauds" for the campaign.

"The 'For the Future' Campaign is a big deal," Ragland (senior-political science) said. "As students we need to make sure we were informed about it."

Ragland said UPUA is working to schedule a meeting with the recently elected legislators, including the governor-elect, to discuss tuition issues.

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If you go

What: Board of Trustees meeting
When: 10:15 a.m. today
Where: Nittany Lion Inn
Details: The board will discuss a possible increase in room and board rates.

CHASING 400



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Penn State head coach Joe Paterno is on the verge of winning his 400th game. This would make him the only Division I-A coach to achieve this. True to form, Paterno is playing down the achievement and looking at the upcoming game against Northwestern as just another game.

JoePa humble in face of milestone

By Audrey Snyder
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With each win, the separation between Joe Paterno and the rest of college football's Division I coaches becomes more and more noticeable.

In a coaching career of two national championships, 38 winning seasons, 24 bowls victories and counting, there's not much Paterno hasn't accomplished.

As the 83-year-old coach paces

up and down the Penn State sideline with a walk that is a little slower than it used to be, and delivers an earful to his players, some of which are the third generation to be coached by him, Paterno is in a league of his own.

Though he won't admit it, and for the time being doesn't even enjoy talking about it, Paterno is on the verge of another milestone.

With 399 wins to his name, a victory Saturday against

Northwestern would make Paterno the only Division I-A coach to win 400 games. Though just 10 coaches in the history of college football are members of the 300-win club, Paterno would join former Grambling coach Eddie Robinson and current Saint John's coach John Gagliardi as 400 game winners.

"It takes a lot of wins a year to even think of totaling 400," the 84-year-old Gagliardi said. "If you win 10 games a year, you got to do

that for 40 straight years, and that's a lot of winning. And it's not easy."

Though it's a milestone no other Division I coach may ever achieve, as former Florida State coach Bobby Bowden was closest with 377 wins, the milestone is a testament to Paterno's longevity and his desire to spend

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Alumna elected to N.H. Senate seat

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Associated Press photo
 Kelly Ayotte won a Senate race.

She may have graduated two decades ago, but former Panhellenic Council president and current New Hampshire Senator-Elect Kelly Ayotte has not forgotten Penn State on her rise to political success.

Ayotte, Class of 1990 and a University Scholars Program graduate, defeated Democrat Paul Hodes in the New Hampshire U.S. Senate race

Tuesday night. Previously, Ayotte was the first woman to serve as attorney general in New Hampshire before resigning in 2009 to focus on her campaign.

Penn State gave Ayotte opportunities to be a student leader, she said, and her experience at the university helped foster her desire to give back to the community.

"I met some wonderful teachers and professors and students at Penn State who helped me form interpersonal and leader-

ship skills that I hope will also help me in the United States Senate," Ayotte said.

In her time at Penn State, Ayotte majored in political science, was a member of Delta Gamma sorority and served as president of the Panhellenic Council in the 1989-1990 academic year.

Cheryllyn Cecchini, current president of Delta Gamma, said Penn State's chapter is incredibly proud of Ayotte's accomplishment. See ALUMNA, Page 2.

Collector to show off wooden bike

By Lynn Ondrusek
 FOR THE COLLEGIAN

For Allentown resident Bob Swaim, getting a couple of people on one bike is enough to start a party.

Among his vast collection of bicycles, he also has a few "party" bikes — those that can hold five or seven riders at one time.

Swaim will bring his most recent addition to his collection to State College today. He will show-

case a bike made of 80 percent recycled wood at the State College Municipal Building before he centers it from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

A few State College locals will have the opportunity to ride the bike, including State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham.

The bike, which Swaim bought at a trade show in Las Vegas last September, was made by woodworkers at Masterworks Wood and Design in San Jose, Calif. The

only non-wooden parts of the bike are its wheels and gears.

"Most people have never seen a wooden bike," Swaim said. "I get to bring back a piece of Las Vegas with me, which contradicts the phrase 'what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas.'"

Swaim is known as something of a bike aficionado in the borough, as he has showcased some of his most interesting bikes in State College for the past 15 years.

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Courtesy of Bob Swaim

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