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## Icon rolls back to BJC

By Chris Dilenno  
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

For the past few decades, folk music has seemingly belonged to one man: Bob Dylan.

Dylan will perform with his band at 8 tonight at the Bryce Jordan Center. Tickets are \$47.50 for the public and \$25 for college students with a valid ID. As of press time Monday, there were still tickets available for the show at the BJC, Eisenhower Auditorium, Penn State Theatre Downtown, the Altoona Campus Outlet, and online at [bjc.psu.edu](http://bjc.psu.edu) or by phone at 865-5555.

### If you go

**What:** Bob Dylan  
**Where:** Bryce Jordan Center  
**When:** 8 tonight

**Details:** Tickets are \$47.50 for the public and \$25 for students with a valid university ID.

No figure in American music history has been more important than Dylan, said Richard Aquila, a Penn State history professor and expert in U.S. pop culture and music.

"If there was a Mount Rushmore for the most important singers of the past 100 years, he would be right up there with Elvis Presley, the Beatles and other major stars," he said.

Aquila, who teaches at Penn State Erie, cites Dylan — who has written such hits as "Like a Rolling Stone," "Blowin' in the Wind" and "Hurricane" — as changing the way an entire generation wrote songs.

"Without a doubt, Bob Dylan is one of the most influential living

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### DOWNTOWN ZONING

## Plan won't take effect

A request to rezone the area around Canyon Pizza, 254 E. Beaver Ave., was withdrawn.

By Anita Modi  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Over the past six months, Henry Sahakian's request to rezone 254 E. Beaver Ave. has passed through the hands of over a dozen people, traveling from the State College Borough Council to the State College Borough Planning Commission and back to council again.

Yet, Sahakian, the landowner and proposed developer of the property, unexpectedly withdrew his request at Monday night's borough council work session.

The land is currently listed as R2, a designation that limits the uses of the property to fraternity houses, single family dwellings, elderly housing, churches, day-cares, community center offices, nursing homes, or private schools.

Sahakian, proposed landowner and developer, requested the land to be rezoned as CID with the intention of constructing an eight-story building accommodating 42 units of new student housing. The building plan also included a parking floor and a floor dedicated for commercial use.

His original plan created a small uproar in the Highlands neighborhood, as permanent residents routinely attended borough council and planning commission meetings and spoke out against increasing student density merely a few blocks away.

Rezoning discussions have been occurring since the proposal was submitted last spring. While the need for more student housing was acknowledged, concerns were voiced about age diversity in the area.

Voting was postponed over the summer.

Council member Theresa Lafer agreed that East Beaver Avenue already hosts a large population of undergraduate students and suggested alternative uses for the property.

"I cannot see the density of student housing suggested in a neighborhood prone to riots," she said. "That would be very foolish and somewhat negligent of us."

"I would prefer to see an alternative way of using this space so another set of housing could be developed for permanent residents," she said.

While some council and commission members similarly appreciated the concerns of the Highlands residents, others argued that the university already has a housing shortage and added student housing and added student housing. See **ZONING**, Page 2.



Chloe Elmer/Collegian

Stephfon Green (21) runs away from a Northwestern player during the 35-21 win in Beaver Stadium on Saturday night. The game ball used during Joe Paterno's 400th win and the biggest comeback in Beaver Stadium history, is currently being auctioned off on [goPSUsports.com](http://goPSUsports.com).

## 400th-win football up for auction

By Megan Rogers  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Fans can own a piece of Saturday's football game legacy — if they're willing to pay a price.

Penn State Athletics is auctioning the game ball used in Saturday's game against Northwestern University — Joe Paterno's 400th win and the biggest comeback in Beaver Stadium history. Bids can be placed at [goPSUsports.com](http://goPSUsports.com).

Bidding began at \$25. Stephanie Petulla, associate director of athletic communications, wrote in an e-mail. As of press time on Monday, the highest bid was \$1,655, according to the website. 63 bids had been

placed as of press time Monday.

That's a "little too expensive" for students, but still a part of Paterno's legacy any student would love to own, Dana Robinson said.

Robinson (sophomore-agricultural sciences) said if she had the money, she would pay well over \$1,000 for the game ball.

"It's a valuable piece of memory," Robinson said.

While some students were worried Penn State might not pull off a victory on Saturday, Robinson said she never doubted that Paterno would earn his 400th win.

Fans have until 5 p.m. Wednesday to submit a bid, according to the website. Bids See **FOOTBALL**, Page 2.



Courtesy of goPSUsports.com

The football used in Saturday's game against Northwestern is for sale on [goPSUsports.com](http://goPSUsports.com).

## Talk brings Marcellus close to home

By Nathan Pipenberg  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Penn State students might start seeing the first signs of the Marcellus Shale gas industry around town soon.

Though there are no wells nearby — and there's no shale under State College at all — Marcellus Centre for Outreach and Research liaison Dave Yoxtheimer said sectors of the industry are being implemented locally.

He said industry workers could find themselves staying overnight in State College hotels, and that

the University Area Joint Authority has begun selling water to the industry to be used in the hydrofracking process.

Yoxtheimer was speaking Monday night at a talk hosted by Sigma Alpha. Penn State's professional agriculture sorority. In the audience were mostly Sigma Alpha members, some of whom will be entering the gas industry after graduation.



Yoxtheimer

Yoxtheimer's talk was one of a number that have been occurring across campus and downtown, and most have been sponsored by MCOR. Slides and pictures that have been used in presentations by MCOR Directors Michael Arthur and Thomas Murphy showed up in Yoxtheimer's talk, and much of the information presented was similar.

Industry workers showing up in State College can be attributed to the fact that the shale play exists underground just north of Happy Valley.

"Fifteen miles north of here, there's probably four rigs running

as we speak," he said, pointing out the classroom window.

Yoxtheimer is also MCOR's water treatment specialist, and a former consulting geologist in the gas industry.

Water quality problems are often raised as points of opposition to Marcellus Shale drilling, because the fracking process has contaminated well water in some towns, like Dimock, Pa., Yoxtheimer said.

He stressed that MCOR was devoted to unbiased research, and said that some other reports that have come from the university See **MARCELLUS**, Page 2.

## Alumnus uses Web to raise funds for film

By Lauren Ingeno  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Penn State film and video graduate Rob White is about \$28,000 short of making his Hollywood movie-making dreams come true — editing a type of movie he never imagined he'd work on — and he only has 20 days to do it.

In the winter of 2009, just months after moving to California, White began working for a man transformed by a "ridiculous phenomenon."

Paul Croshaw, a long-time "liberal activist," became a churchgoing "conservative Christian" after listening to nationally syndicated Jewish radio host Dennis Prager,

White said. Croshaw said he grew up in a very progressive family that was always skeptical of God. When he began listening to Prager, the memory of a miraculous homerun he hit when he was 12 came back to him.

That homerun is the background story of Croshaw's documentary, "Baseball, Dennis and the French," that includes home movies, re-enactments and interviews with Prager.

Croshaw had been making the documentary for about five years when White, Class of 2008, joined him 10 months ago. A tight budget has made it harder to finish the film. But a possible solution was just one e-mail away.

When a friend sent White, 24, an e-mail about [kickstarter.com](http://kickstarter.com), he thought it was a great idea.

On [Kickstarter](http://Kickstarter.com), different projects' monetary goals are posted and anyone can pledge money. If the project reaches its target amount, it earns the money.

But if the project does not obtain complete funding, none of the pledges are collected.

White and Croshaw's goal is \$39,000.

So far 86 contributors have pledged \$10,778, but the film only has 20 days left to reach their goal, as the donation period ends at noon Nov. 29.

The money will be used to pay White and the producer, for stock

footage and "a whole laundry list" of bills, White said.

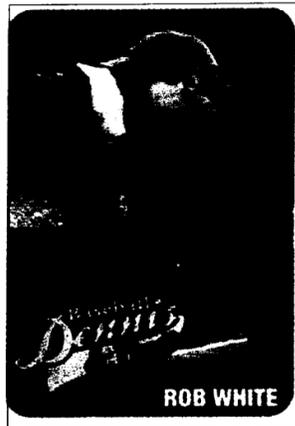
"If we don't make the money, I'm not sure what we're going to do," he said.

But even if the website falls through, White said he is hopeful the film will be completed.

Student Film Organization President Sam Broscoe said there is a potential for a strong financial backing because of the subject matter.

He said he thinks White could easily earn enough money on the site. But Broscoe said he would never use [kickstarter.com](http://kickstarter.com) for one of his own films.

"From a producer's standpoint See **ALUMNUS**, Page 2.



Courtesy of "Baseball, Dennis and the French"

Alumnus Rob White, is using the website [kickstarter.com](http://kickstarter.com) to raise funds for a documentary.