Coke dealer found guilty

A Centre Hall man arrested in 2009 was found guilty for his involvement in a cocaine ring.

> By Zach Geiger COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Edwin Rhoades, 39, was found guilty on Tuesday night for his involvement in a \$1 million cocaine ring operating out of the State College area.

Rhoades, of Centre Hall, was convicted on six counts of possession of cocaine with the intent to sell, the Attorney General's office said. He was also convicted on one count each of criminal conspiracy and criminal use of a communication facility, the Attorney General's office said.

He was also acquitted on four counts each of selling cocaine and two counts each of corrupt organization, the Attorney General's office said.

Rhoades with helping to operate a cocainedealing ring that brought 20

County to Centre County.

In January 2009, an investigation dubbed "Operation Rhoade Block" was launched to focus on the distribution of "several humdred ounces of cocaine" throughout State College.

Five men, including Rhoades. were arrested in December 2009 in connection with the drug smuggling operation.

Andre Spangler and Brian King, both of Media, Pa., pleaded guilty earlier this year for their involvement and await their sen-

A fourth man involved, James Losch, of Howard, Pa., has yet to go to trial.

Hasan Bradley, 29, was also charged for his involvement in the drug ring but the Attorney General's office could not specify what counts he was charged with.

According to court documents. Spangler and King transported the cocaine to Losch and Rhoades, the two men named was arrested in as the local Centre County deal-December 2009 in connection ers. Losch and Rhoades then distributed several ounces of cocaine and also purchased pounds of the drug from additional cocaine in Harrisburg Philadelphia and Delaware and Delaware County to distribute in the State College area.

Charges

Convicted:

- Six counts of possession of cocaine with the intent to sell
- One count of criminal con-
- One count of criminal use of a communication faility

Acquitted:

- Four counts each of selling cocaine
- Two counts each of corrupt organization

according to court documents.

Through court-authorized wiretaps on Bradley and Spangler, authorities learned that the two discussed "cutting" cocaine, prices and difficulties in acquiring the drug, according to court documents. The men commonly called cocaine "the work," "jawn." "baby jawns." and "funnylooking stuff," according to court documents.

Rhoades will be sentenced in January 2011, the Attorney General's office said.

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TODAY'S DRIVE

Christian Castillo (sophomore-mechanical engineering) holds a sign

Competitors each top 2,000 units of blood

By Danae Blasso and Kristin Stoller Thursday, "Penn State is a school

After three weeks of herce annual Blood Donor Challenge ended Thursday with the outcome still uncertain.

A tentative first count suggest ed Penn State had beat Abelian in State by only three units at blood. Penn State Red Cross represent tative Wendi Keeler said the competitors will have to a until Saturday to find out for sia

The official numbers will not be available until Saturday, Keck said. Students can check psuredcross.org then to find out wise won the drive. Keeler said.

Michigan State collected have than 2,000 units of blood for the first time this year. Violet State Donor Header Representative for the of drive, Kelly Weber

"We met and streetgoal here. Weber said "To our hospital needs

While Penn State storagets as a collected 2,000 units of loos of this year, it wasn't the first shell are university has done so Keeler

Region the Ponn States Representative, said the wollder season is the most difficult base. donations.

"We have 40 people on him which shows me that there is excited." Keeler said as the blood 100 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 'drive wrapped up arraped a seas. One 2, also at the HUB.

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Each individual donated a unit competition. Penn State and of blood, which is about 500 milli Michigan State University's 13th liters, said volunteer and mem bet of the Student Red Cross 🕧 lab Joshua Conrad (senior and hematics:

> After giving blood, donors are strouraged to eat foods high in sugar content to get their blood organ up, he said.

> Keeler said every prospective area was entered into a raffle to Ga various prizes, such as oat lash, a TV and ski lift tickets ski resorts like Jack Frost or

> Scale College resident Deb de Laughlin said she was watch. ing a story on the drive on the Levil news and saw Penn State is behind. She and her daugh ter were one of the 428 people who signed up to give blood Coursday.

McCaughlin said she and her daugnter arrived at the HUB Fisher on Center Mumni Hall at 3 a mand did not get their blood 🤳 sken until around 7 p.m.

Although McLaughlin's daugh to a senior at State College High School, was a first-time blood monon Student Red Cross Club ter's Donor Resource, being Provident Rino Sato (senior prepredicines was not. She said she donates every 56 days the min for the Red Cross to obtain blood amount allowed for white blood or 4s to replenish.

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Spanier wrote that students

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By Mike Hricik COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Penn State's Board of Trustees is now accepting applications for its student trustee — the only student position on the board.

student trustee Rodney Hughes will vacate his position when his term ends on June 30, 2011.

Hughes (graduate-education) has acted as student trustee since 2008

University officials praised the work of students who previously held the position.

Penn State President Graham Spanier wrote via e-mail that he student commended recent trustees for their work. "We've had truly superb stu-

dent trustees, and I'd be delighted if we found students as capable as [former trustee] Nicole Lobaugh and Rodney Hughes," Spanier wrote. Hughes said a roster of student

leaders as well as non-voting administration members will interview candidates for the trustee position starting in **February**

He said interviewers will narrow down the list of candidates to five for further interviews

"They need to be individuals of great character with strong interpersonal skills. Graham Spanier

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Hughes and a representative Penn State offers from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of the

"They need to be individuals of great character with strong interpersonal skills who can fully appreciate the student perspective but who at the same time can Hughes said serving as a understand the broader experience that more senior members ing - inspired him to go to Penn of the board may have." Spanier Applications can be sent to

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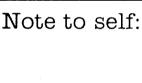
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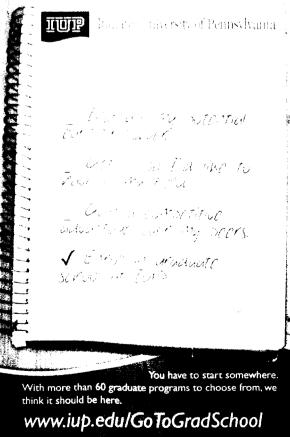
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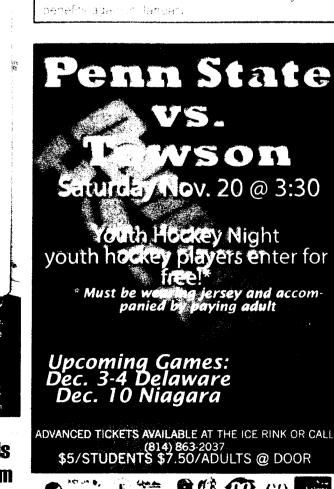
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