

## Wendkos reflects on term

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Since Max Wendkos was a sophomore at Penn State, he knew he wanted to serve as Interfraternity Council president. Two years later, his goal became a reality.

But with the semester ending, so is Wendkos's tenure.

After a year of dealing with hazing, alcohol and fraternity reputation controversies, Wendkos said his term has not been easy, but the experience was a worthy one.

"Anytime you're in a position of leadership, you develop a lot of skills and that's

what I've done over the past year," Wendkos (senior-marketing and psychology) said. "This job has pushed me harder than I've ever been pushed in my life."

Wendkos said he'll remember two defining moments in his presidency: eliminating alcohol from recruitment and the strong

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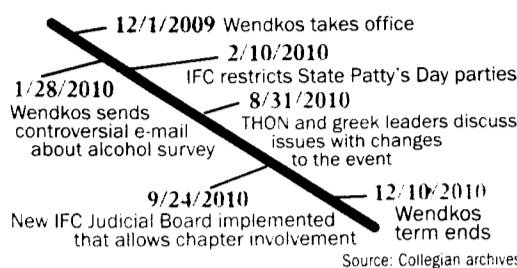
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### A YEAR in REVIEW

Max Wendkos - IFC President



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### FRASER CENTRE

## Site may see delay

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Final payments for the Fraser Centre will likely be stalled after the site's developer asked the State College Borough Council for a yearlong payment extension, Borough Manager Tom Fountaine said.

Jack Kay, president of Susquehanna Real Estate — the company heading the project — said the company needs more time to reach the 80 percent total project commitment sufficient to start construction on the site.

"We find ourselves with a number of unresolved issues that we're making progress on but will not be resolved by the end of the year," he said.

The Fraser Centre, which will be located on the 100 block of Fraser Street, is set to include retail and office space, luxury condominiums, a cinema and possibly a boutique hotel.

Fountaine said he expects the extension to be an item for discussion on the council's agenda on Dec. 6.

"If the extension on the real estate agreement is not approved then the borough would have certain remedies to reacquire the site," Fountaine said.

But Fountaine said he doesn't think that will be necessary.

"Council has to make that determination," he said, "but I don't have any reason to expect that it will not be approved."

Council member Jim Rosenberger said he thinks it is wise to grant such an extension and proceed with the project.

"Otherwise we just have an empty lot, and we'd have to start over," he said. "The recession

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## ALL-AMERICAN



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Stefen Wisniewski (61) fights off opponents in September's game against Temple. Right guard Wisniewski was named a first-team All-American on Monday by the American Football Coaches Association. He was also named a first-team All-Big Ten guard.

## Wisniewski recognized with title

By Brendan Monahan  
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The American Football Coaches Association named Penn State right guard Stefen Wisniewski a first-team All-American on Monday.

"It's been a dream of mine ever since I came to Penn State to try and put forth the effort it would take to be considered for All-American," Wisniewski said in a press release. "All the glory goes to my Lord and savior Jesus

Christ, for he has carried me through ... my career at Penn State."

Wisniewski, also named a first-team All-Big Ten guard by the coaches Monday night, is the 95th Nittany Lion to receive first-team All-America honors. Defensive tackle Jared Odrick was the last Penn State first-team All-American after winning the accolade last season. Wisniewski, though, isn't yet considered a consensus All-American.

In order to receive that distinc-

tion, he must win All-America honors from four other organizations — the Associated Press, the Football Writers Association of America, The Sporting News and the Walter Camp Foundation.

Wisniewski joins 10 other Penn State offensive linemen on the first-team list. Center A.Q. Shipley was the last offensive lineman to take home a first-team honor in 2008, though tackle Dennis Landolt was a third-team All-American last season.

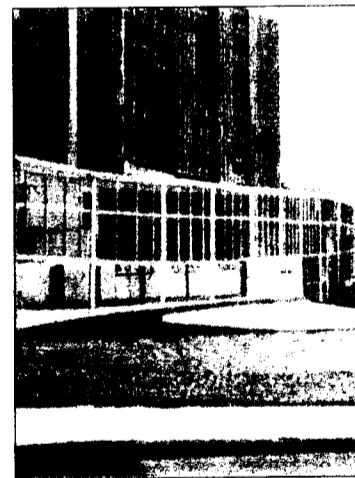
Wisniewski's uncle, Steve, was

a first-teamer as a guard for the Lions in consecutive years — 1987 and 1988.

Steve said he was proud of his nephew for earning the title. For him, his own honor didn't sink in until years later when he saw his picture hanging on the Penn State wall of All-Americans. Now, his nephew will join him there.

"Stefen is as fine a representative of Penn State athletics as anyone who wore the uniform," Steve said.

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The Fraser Centre's developer recently asked the borough for a payment extension.

## Student debts highest in Ten

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Kushal Patel said he is going to owe a ton of money when he graduates — about \$100,000, to be exact.

"It makes me want to transfer," said Patel, a North Carolina native. "I actually have sent papers to another school."

In addition to paying \$28,000 of out-of-state tuition, Patel (freshman-biology) said he also must pay travel costs.

"I have to do graduate school and make sure I get a good

### Number Comparisons for Big Ten Universities

Penn State received almost \$200 million less than Ohio State and Indiana University in-state appropriation, and charges the highest tuition for a Big Ten public university.

	PSU	OSU	IU
STATE APPROPRIATION (2010-2011)	\$347 million	\$529 million	\$534 million
TUITION (2010-2011)	\$14,400	\$8,994	\$9,000
GRADUATING DEBT 2009	\$31,000	\$18,426	\$23,963

Source: Institute for College Access and Success 2009 report on Student Debt in Public Universities; 2011 fiscal budget; Ohio State University; 2010-2011 Student Financial Budget.

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job to pay it off," Patel said.

Though Patel has a larger debt than most students, the average Penn State student will graduate with \$31,000 of debt — nearly \$8,000 higher than the national average for a four-year public university, according to a report delivered by Robert Pangborn, vice president and dean for undergraduate education and professor of engineering mechanics, at this month's board of trustees meeting.

By contrast, Indiana University

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## Borough named third safest

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State College lost its title as the safest metropolitan area in America this year, falling two spots to No. 3 out of 347 areas ranked in Congressional Quarterly Press's annual report.

Glens Falls, N.Y., edged Happy Valley out of the No. 1 spot in the CQ Press 2010 Metropolitan Crime Rate Rankings, while Logan, Utah, took the No. 2 spot, according to the report released last week.

Though its ranking has fluctuated, for the past five years State College has snagged a spot in the top three.

In 2009, State College topped the CQ Press rankings, after coming in at No. 2 in 2008, No. 3 in 2007 and No. 2 in 2006, according to the reports.

And that track record, State College Chief of Police Tom King said, is something to be proud of.

"Knowing that the rankings could be anywhere from No. 1 to

350 or so, it's pretty pleasing to be in the top of the rankings," King said. "When you're talking about so many departments studied I think it's a real credit to this community."

The rankings are determined using crime rates from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program taking six categories into account — murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft — according to a press release. Those rates are then compared to national averages and indexed to come up with the scores used to determine the "safest" areas, according to the release.

CQ Press also takes into account other factors when drafting its lists, such as the frequency and percent change of reported crimes, according to the release.

When you consider the community's low crime rates to begin with, King said, it makes sense that even a small increase or decrease would impact State

### State College Ranked No. 3 Safest Metropolitan Area

The area fell from its position as the safest metropolitan area in 2009 to the third safest this year according to a report by the Congressional Quarterly Press.



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