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All eyes on State College board

I don't subscribe to the view -- although I hear it occasionally -- that State College exists for the rest of the county's amusement.

Of course, I hear a lot in this job and roll with it. You have to. But I will observe that the eyes of the county will be on the State College Area school board Monday night for its meeting packed with agenda items.

The one that has the county's interest, from feedback I get, is not necessarily the David Paterno two-school alternative, which clearly is a top item. It's actually the board's vote on the school calendar and whether it will decide to start classes after Labor Day and after the Grange Fair.

The board has a real chance, with Labor Day coming early, to reverse the decisions of the past two years and embrace the fair, allowing students to attend the final day's events rather than the first day of school.

This topic has been written and blogged about previously, as you know, so I won't go into it any further now, other than to report that it's on the board's agenda as expected Monday night.

It's the first item in the information/discussion segment, pretty deep into the meeting. The Paterno plan discussion will follow, along with other matters.

As for the Paterno plan, here's what the board agenda says: "Presentation of administrative review of David Paterno's materials."

Sounds like it won't be much of a discussion, does it? We'll certainly wait and see.

Centre Daily Times readers will read about Paterno's plan in a column he wrote for us on Saturday's opinion page. And we'll offer our view on the matter on Sunday, as we often do.

As I said at the top, the county's eyes will be on the board Monday night. It should be interesting. Looks like a long meeting ahead with a lot of reaction to follow. I've actually cleaned out my e-mail inbox to make room for a flurry, if needed.