

NEWS

National and world news in brief

By Patrick Webster
assistant news editor**Roberts sworn in as 17th U.S. Chief Justice**

WASHINGTON: The 17th Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, John Roberts, was sworn in on Thursday after Senate confirmation.

The Senior Associate Justice, John Paul Stevens, presided over the ceremony, which took place in the East Room of the White House.

President Bush, a witness at the ceremony, said, "The Senate has confirmed a man with an astute mind and a kind heart."

The Senate vote of 78-22 put an end to the three month long fight to get Roberts installed as the Chief Justice after his nomination by Bush earlier this year. While the outcome was never in question, many are relieved now that it is over.

Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY), was optimistic of Robert's term as Chief Justice: "I do not know, none of us do, the mark that Chief Justice Roberts will leave on the court," he said. "With his many fine qualities he may be a great administrator, he may leave some great reform of our court system, he may revolutionize some area of law -- but he will be a successful leader."

Mouse causes airline delays

MANILA, Philippines: A mouse riding in the economy class caused an airliner to delay departure for over thirteen hours as airport engineers formulated plans to capture the rodent.

The mouse, which was spotted shortly before takeoff, was never found, despite numerous efforts to detain it. Airport engineers tried many methods, including fumigating and trapping, but the mouse's whereabouts remained a mystery.

Eventually, the aircraft took off, presumably with its furry passenger still on board.

"There was an incident before with a cockroach," said Octavio Lina, airport operations chief, "but it's the first time that we had to deal with a mouse."



Source: CNN.com

Republican leadership under investigation

WASHINGTON: Congressional Republicans fill in leadership gaps left by the forced removal of Tom DeLay as House Majority Leader after his indictment by a Texas grand jury, as Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist also battles allegations of illegal financial practices. To replace DeLay, House Republicans elected Roy Blunt (R-MO), who will take over the administrative duties of the position, which include the scheduling of voting and floored debates.

The Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert (R-IL), was confident that business would continue as usual in the capitol.

"The conference has to go on. We have work to do. We have an agenda that we want to move through," he said at a Wednesday news conference. "The wisdom of the conference today was to move forward."

DeLay, who is being brought up on a charge of conspiracy, remains publicly confident that he will be exonerated.

Similarly, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TX) is coming under close scrutiny for stock transactions which may have not been legal. An investigation is continuing.

Chilean Antarctic Patrol trapped in crevasse

SANTIAGO, Chile: Three Chilean military officers are trapped in a 131-foot deep crevasse on Wednesday while rescuers continue to search for a way to rescue them.

The three officers, a captain and two sergeants, were part of an eight-man team on patrol when their insulated vehicle plummeted into an unseen fissure in the ice. The five other members of the team were able to leap to safety before the vehicle was swallowed by the gap.

Colonel Miguel Santibanez, head of the Chilean Antarctic Command, remarked that the missing officers should be relatively safe for the time being, noting that their vehicle was "a snow car, similar to a double-cabin truck," and that the vehicle contains several days' worth of food and water. He also stated that "as time passes things turn more complicated."

The Chilean Army has firmly repeated statements that all efforts at rescue will continue until such a time that "all personnel have been accounted for."

ROTC recruits future leaders

By Tanya Doggwiler
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Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have changed the nation, and military programs are feeling the effects. The army reserves, the National Guard and even Penn State Erie's very own ROTC program can say "We've helped."

Our student body is lacking in two fellow students and 2 professors that have willingly and dutifully devoted their time and effort to help those hurricane victims in need. National Guard member Adam Gorniak has been down helping with the relief efforts since September 4th, 2005. In regards to the War in Iraq, the ROTC program shields members from deployment unless; once again they are a member of the National Guard or Army Reserve.

Most people, when asked about ROTC, assume it's a recruitment program for the army. This is a widely mistaken perception of many people, including students here at Behrend. ROTC is a course given to enhance or develop team work and leadership skills and yes, if one chooses, they can continue on and become part of our nations military services, but this is not the goal of the instructors.

When asked about the goals of the ROTC program here at Behrend, SFC William C. Clark the assistant professor, said, "Our biggest emphasis is on participation. It's a leadership course, not recruitment for the army, and we're just instructors here to teach about skill. In programs like this you make friends for life."

Behrend, a part of the Eastern Brigade made up of 20 schools, which is broken down further into an Army

ROTC unit which includes Gannon and Mercyhurst, all work together in making this program a success and building its future. The program is "growing quickly, we average 40 students at P.T." Clark stated. P.T. stands for physical training, and this part of the course occurs at 6 a.m. It's the more vigorous aspect, yet class time and labs serve as extremely important ingredients. As far as commitment to the army there is none, not at least until the third year if one chooses to continue with the course. Many students believe that because of our current war situation and natural disaster relief efforts joining ROTC enhancing the chances of them being deployed. This can only happen if you are already involved in the National Guard or Army Reserve.

Like many government oriented programs, these professors are expected to attain a certain number of students who do continue on and join the military, yet along with this information Clark emphasized that "in this program those individuals that sign up are college students first and foremost" there is no pressure on their part to be anymore than students of a leadership course. When asked for a general statement about ROTC, its future and goals, Clark stated "I'd like to clarify people's perceptions, there ARE people just like them that join and it's a great experience. We look for two kinds of people, those that knew from day one that wanted to be in the military and those that we can develop into leaders who can take the skills and apply them in the real world." To learn more about and/or joining ROTC you can contact them at (814)898- 6630 or their offices are located in the Logan Carriage House Room 1.

they break it," says Bowen.

There is a higher tendency for damage to be caused closer towards spring break, when students are leaving the campus. With the start of classes, the students have been quiet compared to other years, according to Mr. Bowen. Mostly, the maintenance crew cleans up vomit, as the most common form of mess made.

Comments from maintenance staff could not be received in time.

The only form of prevention is to educate, to punish those that are caught, and to try to get the students to see past the fact that the where they live is more than just a dorm.

"We try to encourage students to make this campus their home away from home," says Bowen.

CDC expands services to students

By Emily Zimmerman
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Thanks to the Career Development Center, a new ANGEL link has given Penn State students the ability to locate internships, summer jobs, and career jobs for graduates. According to Carrie Payne, the Assistant Director in the Career Development Center, only 171 students have used the new On-Campus Recruiting program (OCR) this year so far, and 137 have registered through the new recruiting system called Nittany Lion Recruiting (NLR).

By adding yourself to the OCR program through ANGEL, you will be able to locate local and national internships as well as interview opportunities much easier than before. Another advantage to this program is that you can then register for the NLR. There is a \$15 registration fee for the 2005-2006 academic year, and it will take 2 business days to complete the registration and is most useful to senior students.

However this program will also help all students to succeed in their future careers by giving the students the opportunity to experience what their future careers hold for them.

This brand new system is much more efficient than the old system, which were hard copy binders that were difficult to keep updated as well as overwhelming email sent to students, to the point in which they could not keep up with. This made finding the internships just as difficult as updating the binder. The new system keeps students informed of every opportunity that they have available to them the moment they become available, and then informs the students when that program is no longer available as well. An important point Payne made was that deadlines for

summer internships vary. Some engineering and competitive communication majors will have a sooner deadline, and others vary. Another advantage about the new system is that the information is available to every student 24 hours a day seven days a week through the ANGEL link. There are also archives available that will direct the student to other work that is necessary for completion before they can apply to the internship.

Payne has sent out the directions in every one of her emails to inform students on how to register. This year's incoming freshmen will be receiving these emails in the near future, however all other students have the ability to access these programs now. Payne is concerned, however, that the emails are not getting read because of how few people have signed up for the programs. She believes that these programs are "much easier for students to use once they get the hang of it. Once they get both the CDC group and NLR set up they are both easy to use. There are kinks with every new system but they are working to improve it."

The Penn State ERIE ANGEL website contains many more programs that many students don't know are available to them through the Career Development Center, such as career fair information and registration, Human Services and Liberal Arts Newsletter, job shadowing opportunities, email etiquette teaching, as well as information on what you should know before accepting a financial services job.

It is important for all students to realize that if the student body does not take advantage and apply to these available internships. The recruiters will stop coming, which will only lead to fewer opportunities, and no one wants less.

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"A lot of crimes that you see, whether it be on a campus or municipality, can be tied to alcohol," offers Amann.

This is a more visible trend with Police and Safety occurrences. Mr. Bowen cannot say that there is more likely a tendency to cause damage on one certain day.

"If their going to break something,

Classifieds

"Politeness is the art of choosing among one's real thoughts."

— Adlai Stevenson II, politician, U.S. presidential candidate (1900-1965)

Janet Neff Sample Center
for Manners & Civility

By Melissa Whitten
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You may have thought you were in the midst of a video game if you've walked past the Senat Hall circle or the sidewalks in front of Perry and Lawrence Hall lately. Students walking around these buildings on campus can almost hear Goldfinger playing in the background as swarms of skateboarders attempting kickflips and ollies scurry to recover when something goes wrong on a trick. What some have noticed, though, is that these on-campus pro-skater hopefuls aren't exactly scurrying to get out of the walkway, making it difficult, and often irritating to get to class. The question remains: however, task should be interrupted, the skater or the strider?

The majority of students who were asked about the skaters expressed little to no concern for their own safety in regards to the makeshift skate park. Freshman, Max Polinski assures that "they always move when people walk

through" and, furthermore, says that, if anything, they are entertaining not bothersome. A student who wishes to remain anonymous expressed a slight concern, though and stated that, "sometimes they move, sometimes they don't, it just gets annoying when you're trying to get to class and you can't use the steps because they're skating on it." Sophomore Zach Petruska has been skating for two years and has not noticed a problem among pedestrians on campus. He is sure to be courteous to walkers and holds off on any skating or stunts until they are out of skateboard-shot. He says that everyone he skates with is the same way. Some concern may be directed to the safety of the skaters too, as they have undeniably been seen "eating cement" at times as freshman Brad Trainer put it.

Whatever the case, it is always a good idea to take notice of your surroundings and avoid doing things that would put any student's safety at risk. While no known official complaints have been filed with Police and Safety, students are asked to be aware that according to Behend policy; "The use of skateboards on campus is prohibited."

Who rules the sidewalks?