

World News



1. Obama aid considers Chicago mayoral post

White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emmanuel is considering stepping down from his current position to run for a position as the Mayor of Chicago, BBC sites "unnamed sources" close to Emmanuel that say a decision could come as soon as Friday on whether he will stay on. Possible replacements for

Emmanuel as Chief of Staff include Deputy National Security Advisor Tom Donilon, vice-presidential aid Ron Klain, former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, or ex-Clinton Chief of Staff John Podesta, according to Politico.

2. North Korea prepares for transfer of power

The first meeting of the Workers' Party in 30 years oc-

curred Tuesday, paving the way for North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il to hand off power to his son, Kim Jong-un.

At the party meeting, Kim Jong-Il was re-elected as leader. However, a day prior, Kim Jong-un was appointed to the position of general within the North Korean military.

Japanese foreign minister Seiji Maehara said that the promotion signified a "clear assertion of intentions" to have the family dynasty continue.

3. Police strike in Ecuador

Chaos continues to overwhelm the country named for the equator as the police force continue to protest.

Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa was taken to a hospital in Quito after sustaining injuries during a speech at a police barracks.

"The people who have come to see me are very polite," said the President.

Correa says that he refuses to negotiate with the protest-

ing officers while he is held in hospital captivity. He specified that he would talk with them when the protests died down.

Law enforcement in Ecuador are protesting over plans to cut benefits. They have used the current legislative turmoil within the Ecuadorian National Assembly as a stage for their grievances.

In their stead, the military has been called upon to act not only as a peace-keeping force during the protests, but as the police force as well.

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LOCAL NEWS

Cemetery vandals strike 14 headstones

Thousands of dollars worth of damage occurred in the Edinboro Cemetery before Wednesday, say officials.

"I was sick to my stomach. It is something I do not see every day," said Edinboro Police Patrolman Todd Eaglen. "Somebody's gravestones topped and damaged. It is disturbing."

It is likely that police are looking for more than one suspect, as many of the headstones were too large for any one person to tip over or break.

FACT OF THE WEEK

Did You Know?

A car that shifts manually gets 2 miles more per gallon of gas than a car with automatic shift.

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~bing-bin/>

Lack of privacy leads to tragedy

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Tragedy struck Rutgers University after a freshman jumped off the George Washington Bridge into the Hudson River.

Tyler Clementi, 18, committed suicide Sept. 22 after his friend and roommate streamed private situations over the internet.

It began Sept 19, when Dharun Ravi, Clementi's roommate posted a Twitter update saying, "Roommate asked for the room till midnight. I went into Molly's room and turned on my webcam. I saw him making out with a dude. Yay."

Molly Wei, a classmate of the two, assisted Ravi in streaming the video online.

The two have each been charged with two counts of invasion of privacy carrying a maximum sentence of five years.

Ravi has also been charged for additional counts of invasion of privacy for attempting



photo taken by Andrew Howard / The Daily Targum

Student protested outside of a building on Rutgers campus after Tyler Clementi's death

to stream additional moments of Clementi, posting additional Twitter updates telling classmates to watch. Ravi claims that the videos were an accident.

According to posts from various websites, Clementi had known that his roommate was spying on him and had

reached out to others for help in how to handle the situation. Clementi went to his RA in an attempt to solve the situation before he took his life.

His death and Rutgers' actions surrounding his death have been a source of controversy.

Many students demanded

that the campus officials look into their bullying policies and demonstrations have occurred across campus resulting in many students having to be separated.

Clementi was an accomplished musician, accelerating in playing the violin. He was 18 at the time of his death.

Campus Connection

A brief look at what's up on the campuses of Erie's other colleges

Gannon University

New programs made in science, math

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Career Development and Employment Services will host Gannon's annual Graduate and Professional School Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Vahl Room.

All Gannon students are encouraged to attend this year's fair.

More jobs require master's degrees than they did 10 years ago. As a result, more undergraduate students need to be looking at graduate schools.

Joe Finegan, Gannon's director of career services and cooperative education, said, "It's a good opportunity for students to meet with grad school administrators, representatives and learn firsthand about entrance requirements, application process, financial aid, and scholarships."

Finegan said it's important that students get as much information about potential grad schools as possible. They should also start looking at programs earlier than most students realize. Students should be looking

at grad schools as early as freshman and sophomore year. By senior year, they should have a good idea of where they want to go. For juniors and seniors now is the time to apply, Finegan said.

Senior history major Eli Coppock, who is interested in applying for international studies programs, attended the fair last year and will be going again this year to see what's new.

More than 50 schools participated in the event last year, and more than 300 students attended the event.

Coppock said last year he got too many ideas at first.

The array of schools and programs was overwhelming at first, but Coppock said, "It helped me narrow down my choices and now I know what to look for."

He said the event will be especially helpful this year because he already has a couple ideas in his head. Now he can compare and contrast schools to come up with a solid list.

More than 50 schools are scheduled to participate in

this year's event and close to 100 graduate programs will be represented.

The schools participating in the fair come from around the Erie County region. Finegan said it's important for students to remember that this is just a selection of what's out there.

Nevertheless, he said the fair is a perfect starting point for Gannon students.

Programs representing humanities, business, law, engineering, science and health sciences will all be present at the fair. Finegan stressed that there will be something for everyone at the event.

There will also be cash prizes for the clubs and organizations with the most attendees.

For more information on the fair, students are encouraged to visit the Career and Development website, www.gannon.edu/depts/cdes.

Students can find a list of the schools participating in the event at www.gannon.edu/depts/cdes/grad2010.asp.

Mercyhurst University

Detection pens to prevent counterfeiting

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After two counterfeit money incidents occurred on the Mercyhurst College campus in 2010, employees who handle money are encouraged to use counterfeit detection pens.

The first incident occurred in the spring. Purchasing Clerk and Cashier Corrine Cassa said by the time she realized the \$50 bill was counterfeit she was not able to find out where the money came from.

"The person passing it may not even know," Cassa said. "We're not accusing anyone."

The second incident occurred this month. Police and Safety received another fake \$50 bill.

Chief of Police and Safety Robert Kuhn sent an email to all staff and faculty to tell them about the counterfeit incidents on cam-

pus and to encourage them to check money with counterfeit detection pens.

Everywhere on all campuses that deals with money, such as the bookstore, C-store and Laker Inn should start using counterfeit detection pens, Cassa said.

"As they bring the money to me, I'm checking to see if they used the pen. If not, then I contact them and use the pen," she said.

It is the responsibility of each department to provide their own pens. Kuhn said it costs about \$40 for a dozen pens.

"A dozen [pens] is cheaper than getting taken by a \$50 bill," Kuhn said.

Kuhn said the \$20 bill has been the most commonly counterfeited bill in the past because it's a small amount, which makes it easy to pass around. Kuhn recommends using the pens on \$50 bills and higher. Cassa said she hopes Mercyhurst employees check \$20 bills as well.

"There are too many \$20 bills to check them all," Kuhn said.

If a college department turns in counterfeit money to Cassa, she will deduct it from their deposit.

"We can't bring the counterfeit money to the bank," she said. "We'll lose out on money. That's why we use the pens."

In regard to the two counterfeit incidents that occurred on campus, Cassa said, "I'm hoping it won't happen again."

There is a chance that it will though. According to both Cassa and Kuhn there have been recent counterfeit cases in Erie County.

Therefore it's important for employees that handle money to take the advice to use the counterfeit detection pens.



photo by Ethan Magoc/The Merclad

The new pen holds promise for stopping fake bills