

# Campus News

## Beef 'n' Beverage 2012 Preview

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On February 24th, 2012, Penn State Brandywine will be having the 4th annual "A Night with the Pride" Beef 'n' Beverage Event. It will be held at the Ballrooms at Boothwyn at 6:30 PM and admissions will cost \$25. The event is not open to students. It is a fundraiser that raises money for the athletic department and international affairs. The money will go to the Tiz Griffith Athletics Fund as well as the Global Programs. Athletic director James Gastner sat down to give us some information about the event.

The fundraiser was started by six members of the faculty who are not involved with the athletic department: Susan Fredricks, Michelle Johnson, Jean Palladino, Matthew Shupp, Theresa Walls, and Gail Wray came together and started this event to help out with funding for athletics. Their help has led to great things such as jackets for the women's basketball team and bleachers for the baseball field. The money raised is not a part of the operating budget. Also, some of the money will be going to the Global Programs which is the study abroad trips offered at the Brandywine campus.

Last year the event raised \$6000 and for this year the goal is \$10000. There will be baskets that are donated to be raffled off. Some of the prizes this year will be tickets to a Phillies or Flyers game. There are also two beach house rentals, one in Avalon, New Jersey and the other in Ocean City, Maryland. That is just a few of the many great items that will be raffled off. There have been baskets that were filled with books and Microsoft products, such a wide variety of baskets. Make sure to come out and see what will be raffled off this year yourself.

It is a great event that gathers together faculty, staff, community, and friends and family of the students. Everyone comes in and has a nice dinner and dancing with great music. And if you want you can walk away with some great gifts that will benefit the athletic department. Last year 150 people came by to support the event. Hopefully this year the turn out will be even better. It is a fun-filled evening.

This is a great cause that supports our campus and can benefit the students greatly. The event is open to staff, faculty, community members, and friends and family of the students. Anyone who is willing to support the cause can come out to have a wonderful evening put together by great people to help out our athletic department as well as international affairs. Let everyone know about this great event as it benefits the students of our own campus and can lead to help funding many different things.

## KILL-ADELPHIA UNTIMELY URBAN DEATHS IN THE CITY

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A symposium on the crime that has plagued Philadelphia took place this past Wednesday, February 15th in the office of Student Affairs conference room. Brittany Walker and Ronika Money were the mediators and produced some staggering statistics that made me cringe. It is so alarming that everyone needs to take heed.

An opening exercise in emphasizing the reality of the violence in and around Philadelphia, the question was posed; how many people here know of someone that has been a victim of a violent crime? Of the fifteen people attending, all but four responded in the affirmative. If that doesn't raise an eyebrow, I am not sure what will.

After a brief discussion and some personal stories relating the degree of separation they were from the violence another question was asked. When did fifteen become middle-aged? In response to this startling question, an even more startling statistic was revealed. The most common age group involved in violent crime is the age group between 18 -24. Of all the groups this group represented 41 percent, the rest of the age groups are proportionally smaller percentages.

There is speculation that those that participate in these activities adopt a group mentality. Individually, an individual would not seek to out to hurt someone, but when the group they associate with acknowledges an affront, they can be coerced into crime. Unfortunately, these can lead to violence.

As of February 15th, there were 48 homicides in 45 days in Philadelphia alone, an alarming number.

More questions keep coming to mind. Where does a 17 year old go to get a gun? How can we hold ac-

countable those that sell weapons to under-aged individuals? I don't have the answers to these questions, but there needs to be serious investigation, discussion and finally a method developed to stop the madness.

The maddening apathy that is rampant needs to be curbed, especially when commentary regarding these sorts of crimes can be so disparate. One example of the commentary can be heard; If a 16 year old Caucasian girl is shot and killed, most reflect and say "How sad." Conversely, when a 16 year old Latin or Black male is shot and killed the response is, "They got what they deserved." Why couldn't it be the other way around?

When thinking about how these crimes occur, it was discussed as to the "randomness" with which these acts seem to occur. There two examples that have made the news in recent weeks. A man is on trial for shooting a neighbor because the neighbor's dog defecated on his lawn. An argument broke out, and then shots fired. Another episode equally violent which began as inane was an argument that started through a social media site. Evidently happening over a number of weeks, ended up with one of the aggrieved taking it to the next level and shooting his verbal assailant.

As a result of the fast pace of crime and deaths associated have pushed funeral homes to provide installment plans for the parents of children who have died. This is unprecedented in the annals of funeral homes. No one expects to have to take out insurance policies on their children to pay for funeral expenses. No one should outlive their children.

## THON Date Auction - Price Review

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Wednesday, February 14th, the Lion's Den flooded with students bidding for a date at Penn State Brandywine's Thon Date Auction. All of the bids started at one dollar with the highest bid ending at twenty-six dollars. The following is a list of students with the bidder, auctioned date, and final bid price in order:

Jason - Cara (11 dollars)  
Gabe - Anthony (15 dollars) and Andrew (5 dollars)  
Nicole - Ana (11 dollars)  
Brittney - Meata (20 dollars) and Nicole F. (20 dollars)  
Hayley - Gabe (16 dollars)  
Toan - Audrey and Annie (22 dollars)  
Brian - Toan (9 dollars) and Amanda (26 dollars)

The Thon Date Auction raised a total of 155 dollars. Thon overalls Alexis Cicala and Amanda Rasley explained to the students that they were to take their dates to the Thon Dancer Send-Off on February 16th in the Lion's Den. Brandywine Thon T-shirts will be available at the event for 10 dollars. The Dancer Send-Off was organized by Brandywine Thon to show the campus' appreciation and support for our dancers each year. This year the Dancer Send-Off will be celebrating Nicole Foderaro and Shawn Danzi as Brandywine's 2012 Dancers.

Foderaro and Danzi will be representing Brandywine in the Bryce Jordan Center at University Park February 17th through 19th. They will dance 46 hours without sleeping, sitting, or depending on caffeine. The dance marathon is a Penn State fundraiser and awareness campaign for children that have Pediatric Cancer. All of the proceeds from the THON Date Auction assisted Brandywine Thon in their attempt to find a cure for the kids.

## "We Are ... Girl Scouts Across Time:" Celebrating the Year of the Girl

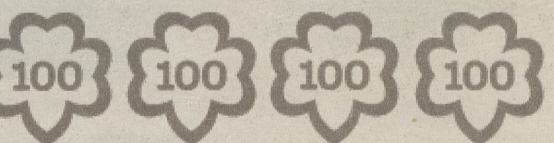
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Two thousand and twelve has been declared the Year of the Girl and Penn State Brandywine is joining the celebration. The campus' Laboratory for Civic Engagement is hosting a Girl Scouts of America Time Capsule Project in honor of the organization's 100-year anniversary. The capsule creation will take place in March, to coincide with the campus' Women's History Month celebrations.

Laura Guertin, associate professor of Earth sciences and head of the Laboratory for Civic Engagement, has named the program "We Are ... Girl Scouts Across Time: The Girl Scout Time Capsule Project."

"The goal of the project is to invite students, staff, faculty and alumni to write a statement about their Girl Scout experience or their thoughts about the impact of Girl Scouts USA," Guertin wrote on her blog (<http://engage.bw.psu.edu>).

On Monday, March 12, the community is invited to write or drop off a letter to be enclosed in the capsule. The next day, Guertin will host the "Show-and-Tell Sealing Ceremony" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. During this event, the capsule will be hidden somewhere on campus until it is unsealed and reopened in 25 years—the Girl Scouts' 125th anniversary. Both events will take place in the Tomezsko



Classroom Building Lounge. Letters can also be submitted online at <http://tinyurl.com/girlscouttimecapsule> for those who are unable to visit campus.

A few faculty and student Girl Scout troop leaders have arranged for their girls to help with the project and be present for the "burial" of the capsule. Guertin and the troop leaders are working to create a special civic engagement badge for the girls' green sashes to reward their hard work.

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