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Maes to face fraud charges

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Local authorities are expected to return reputed Kaleidoscope travel agency owner John Maes to Centre County to face charges of fraud in connection with a Sugar Bowl trip which failed to materialize.

Maes was apprehended late Tuesday night at a Grand Rapids, Mich. airport by local police.

Charges of fraudulently converting property were filed against Maes last week by Centre County District Attorney Charles Brown after Maes collected about \$20,000 from 110 local residents for

a Dec. 31 trip to the Sugar Bowl. The residents claim they were not reimbursed when the trip fell through.

The trip was sponsored by the Interfraternity Council but the booking arrangements and the collection of money were handled by Kaleidoscope. When the State College residents arrived at the Harrisburg airport, they discovered no plane had been scheduled for them, and no hotel reservations had been made in New Orleans.

Pennsylvania State Police began the search for Maes and early this week received a tip that he would be on a plane from Buffalo to Grand Rapids Tuesday night.

Brown said Grand Rapids Police are

holding Maes until a Centre County official can travel to Grand Rapids and serve the arrest warrant. This should happen Friday or Saturday, Brown said.

Grand Rapids police reported Maes was taken to court and waived extradition, which means he does not plan to fight his return to Centre County.

Brown said that the district attorney's office is deciding who will go to arrest Maes and how they plan to return him to Centre County.

He added when Maes is returned to Centre County he will face two charges of fraudulent conversion of property.

These charges stem from complaints filed with District Magistrate Clifford H. Yorks by Frank Royer and Matthew

Lucchesi, local residents who were scheduled for the Sugar Bowl trip.

Even though complaints have been filed against Maes for other trips that never materialized, he will be brought to Centre County because this is the only place where an arrest warrant was issued for him.

The expected return of Maes may not affect a planned suit against Penn State's Interfraternity Council to obtain the missing payments.

Matthew Lucchesi, one of the local residents who has not been reimbursed for the aborted trip, said the residents will hold IFC responsible if Maes does not come up with the money.

Lucchesi said a letter has been sent to IFC President Bill Lear informing him of their intentions to sue.

"We want to talk with Lear and IFC before we file suit," he said, so we can decide if Lear or IFC should be held responsible.

If a suit is filed, Lucchesi said, his lawyer will represent all 110 patrons.

"It all depends on when Maes comes back and what happens at the hearing," he said. "If he doesn't have the money, then we won't drop the suit."

Lucchesi's lawyer was unavailable for comment.

Frank W. Royer, another trip patron who has not been reimbursed, said he knew of no suit against IFC.

"I have not talked to any lawyer about such a suit and have no intention of suing," he said.



'You wanna buy

Photo by Phil Troy

SOME APPLE BUTTER? Butch Fitzpatrick of Zeta Psi fraternity said yesterday while selling this goodie near Hammond at the foot of the mall. The proceeds from the sale will go to help retarded children.

To close weekends Spring Term

Lion's Den to cut hours

By MAUREEN KEELY
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Because several food directors say the HUB Lion's Den has not been doing a roaring business between 7 and 11 p.m., late night operational hours are being cut.

Beginning Spring Term the Lion's Den will offer counter service from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and will close Saturday and Sunday, according to Robert C. Proffitt, director of food services at the University.

Saturday and Sunday breakfast

usually served in the Den will be served in the HUB Terrace Room at the same prices, Proffitt said.

These steps are being taken to help ease the economic squeeze rising food prices are placing on student services and to keep Lion's Den food prices down, Proffitt said.

The Den will still be open to students as a lounge until 11 p.m. and additional vending machines are expected to be installed by spring, Proffitt said.

Proffitt cited Kern Graduate Center and more town eateries as possible

explanations for the light night turnout at the Den.

"People are not using the facilities late at night as they did in the 50's and early 60's, and the costs of keeping the Den open for a handful of people are just too high to continue," Proffitt said.

Recent surveys taken by Food Services showed only 20 to 30 students in the Den at one time after 9 p.m., Proffitt said.

The planned HUB expansion, soon to be formalized by ground-breaking ceremonies, may result in an entirely new situation for the Lion's Den, according to Proffitt.

The plan calls for a new Terrace Room to be built, leaving space for an expanded snack bar and a possible need for late hour service. The result of the expansion will be more business-like management and greater economizing, Proffitt said.

The Lion's Den, a completely self-supporting service in operation since 1955, recently has been the target of complaints concerning increased food prices.

Proffitt said prices have risen up 10 per cent because food costs are on the rise nationally and because the Den is not subsidized by the University to cover these cost increases.

The Terrace Room will experiment with the new breakfast policy March 22 through March 25 to give the employees experience in handling morning service.

Proffitt said he feels the new policy will be successful because "without affecting many people, the Lion's Den will better serve the students without increasing prices."

Former BCC director releases explanation

Editor's note: the following is a statement released yesterday to The Daily Collegian by James L. Carter, former director of the Black Cultural Center at the University who resigned March 2. Carter, now out of town, was unavailable for further comment.

"The controversy surrounding my departure as Director of the Black Cultural Center, while unfortunate, was unavoidable. An individual committed to doing an effective job is bound to become a controversial figure. My record shall speak for itself.

"While disappointed, I am in no way bitter over my experiences at Penn State. I am leaving with a good feeling that I've tried to the best of my abilities, and through trying have left behind a

stronger center than that which I inherited.

"In February I raised an issue. No one was willing or able to debate that issue, thus leading to my departure.

"I do not have to be defensive about my stance, for I was cognizant of the inherent risks. A career which I have built up over the past 15 years has probably been destroyed. Destroyed through conscience rather than through a lack of productivity or stupidity.

"My employment at Penn State has not been in vain if some people began to have hope and if I had inspired someone. My forte is personal and intellectual growth which is what the University is supposed to be all about."

McClure resigns over bypass

By CARL DIORIO
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The chairman of the Centre Regional Council of Governments last night resigned over a disagreement on COG's approval of the State College bypass.

State College Borough Councilman James McClure announced his decision at a bypass meeting sponsored by local groups.

Although in favor of completing the project, part of which would place a four-lane highway next to East Halls, McClure said he could not accept plans for the bypass in their present form.

McClure urged a new plan be drawn up by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

McClure said building the highway to class one, four-lane standards was unnecessary. He also rejected the proposed trumpet interchange between the bypass and College Avenue.

McClure presented PennDOT 1990 traffic projections as evidence of what he called "over-designing" the bypass.

The figures estimated that while Park Avenue will handle 23,000 cars daily, the northern section of bypass traffic will be only 11,000 — roughly equivalent to the traffic volume of Pugh Street.

McClure said present plans would jam State College traffic and would alienate surrounding communities.

David Sims, PennDOT deputy secretary, said present four-lane, limited access specifications would be kept.

He said completion of the bypass might begin by the end of this year at an additional cost of \$18 million.

"I will not suggest changing this plan unless I have the complete cooperation of regional governments," Sims said. Differences of opinions between local government bodies resulted in the present "compromise" plans, he said.

Robert Schmalz, professor of geology, said State College will be a "laboratory" of ecological disaster if the bypass is completed in its planned form.

The bypass would do "irreparable

damage to ground water in the Nittany Valley," Schmalz said. Lead and herbicidal poisoning of local water would be possibilities, he said.

Schmalz predicted massive traffic jams at the intersection of the bypass and the proposed Park Avenue extension.

The bypass could cause floods where it touches Big Hollow during heavy rains, Schmalz said.

Thomas Larson, director of University traffic and safety, said bypass plans should be "redesigned to serve more effectively" the community's needs. He asked for a relaxation of class one specifications for the project.

Weather

Mild with occasional light rain possible early this morning and a few periods of sunshine this afternoon, high 55. Cool tonight, low 38. Partly sunny tomorrow and continued mild, high 53.

Finals: Cheating persists as one way to get by exams

By JOHN H. JOHNSON
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The University calls it "academic dishonesty." Practicing students call it a "survival tactic." Some just call it "cheating."

Whatever you call it, rest assured (or anxious) that this tenacious underground art form is alive and well adapted to college life.

General University policy on cheating is stated in the rules and regulations.

"Cases of alleged academic dishonesty," it says, "will be resolved between the faculty member or the department chairman and the accused student. However, the accused student has the right to have his case adjudicated by the University Hearing Board." According to assistant director of USG Department of Legal Affairs Kevin Smith, no one has appealed for "at least a year." Which could mean the "faculty members or department chairmen" are very just. Or just blind.

How much does the faculty see? Are they really fooled by eye-shielding, hair-hanging, sideways-sitting students glancing past their papers to democratically poll the majority opinion of the answer that's right "on the tip of their tongues?"

"No," said Steve Lucchetti, astronomy graduate assistant, and matter of factly pointed out two violators in the quiet mass of Astronomy 1 students under his proctorship. What is Lucchetti's policy on minor dishonesty?

"When I see a student cheating, I stare directly at him until I'm sure he sees me and understands I see him — that generally stops him. Then we mark his paper to keep it (cheating) in mind and run it through (the computer, for grading). When final grades come up, I keep it in mind. If I catch someone flagrantly cheating two times he gets a flag (F) for the course."

In his five terms of assisting and teaching Lucchetti has "caught one guy twice."

Astronomy Professor Peter Usher has a similar three

step system of memorizing the violators, warning them, and when that fails to bring them to reason, failing them. Like most of the professors polled, he said he is quite ready to give the benefit of the doubt to suspicious students.

"There is such a thing as accidental cheating, you know. Eyes wander...of course, students tend to forget that the person they are taking answers from may be equally bad off." Usher said he takes care in preparing his quizzes so "sheer memorization or written formulas will not help — a student must understand the material to do well." He said he feels cheating has diminished since his Astronomy 1 course began having section meetings once a week.

"People are more involved in the course and as a result, cheat less," he said.

Methods of cheating are as varied as the cheaters themselves. Most involve a special tool.

"A slide rule is a science student's best friend," spouts one Chem 12 student whose calculator "just happened"

to have many formulas inscribed on it's surface. Those minor formulas left unsaid by the slide rule company are easily penciled in.

One miscalculating music major has a lifetime supply of clear plastic pens whose miniature advertising banners are easily replaced with needed information. When she was once caught on a number 2 pencil exam she got off with a sob story and an oral test.

One ambitious student has devised a "Magic Pencil Maker." Composed of a needle inserted in an aging "Flair" tip, it ever-so-delicately inscribes on the enamel of number 2 pencils.

Of course for the less ambitious there are always tissues, gum wrappers, crib-sheets, fingernails, lockets, nearby book covers, sneakers and blue books, on which to outline and code.

The subtle and simple methods will always be around but be consoled — statistics have shown the average cheater does more poorly on a test than a non-cheater. And think of the eyestrain.

Study till morning — sleep over term break

By TERRY WALKER
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They usually become more conspicuous during mid-terms and finals week and can be seen late at night running up and down stairs or jumping into showers.

These people are "pulling an all-nighter" — trying to stay awake to do last minute cramming for the big exam or finish an important project.

Maybe only a small segment of University students do all night studying. Those who do use a variety of methods ranging from sheer endurance to gallons of coffee to speeding.

Caffeine, a popular artificial stimulant, is found in tea, coffee, cola, No-Doz and Vivarin. One No-Doz tablet contains 100 mgs. of caffeine, the equivalent of one cup of coffee, while one Vivarin contains 200 mgs. of caffeine.

According to Maurice Shamma, professor of chemistry, tea contains more caffeine than either coffee or cola. Tea and cola also contain theobromine, an alkaloid similar to caffeine.

J. Robert Wirag, health and safety director, said, "Caffeine affects the centers of the brain which keep us alert. Caffeine is a mild stimulant. It merely speeds up the body processes.

"Concentrated caffeine tablets are just like another cup of coffee," he said.

According to Wirag, caffeine affects people in various ways. "In some people it can cause headaches when consumed in large amounts," he said.

Norman Deno, professor of chemistry, also said caffeine affects people differently. "Some people are more sensitive than others, but continued use can reduce a person's effectiveness. A person can also build up a tolerance to it."

Students speak from haggard experience:

George Marshalek (5th-electrical engineering) said, "You have to know when to start your work. If you finish all your work by 4 o'clock and decide to lie down for a while, you're going to wake up at four the next afternoon."

"You have to space your work so that it'll keep you busy all night," he said.

Jim Rinck (3rd-computer science) said, "If I have to do it, I do it naturally. I tried No-Doz once, but it made my teeth hurt."

Rosa Clark (3rd-human development) said she usually talks to someone, takes a shower or rubs her face in the snow.

An East Halls coed said, "I drink black tea, run up and

