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Have a nice winter break. Today mostly sunny, high 28. Tonight increasing cloudiness, low 20. Tomorrow mostly cloudy with snow showers, high 26.

— by Paul Markowski



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Neighbors of local assault victim raise safety concerns

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More than 150 concerned residents turned out last night at the State College Free Methodist Church, 848 N. Science Park Road, for a question-and-answer meeting about the recent assault of a Ferguson Township woman.

The victim of the assault, Laura Schneider, 22 Nittany View Circle, was found in her home last week with multiple wounds to her head and face. She was assaulted in two separate areas of her home, said Ferguson Township Police Chief Edward Connor.

Residents were concerned about the condition of the victim, the police investigation and community safety.

Connor gave details of the assault at the meeting.

"The wounds were so traumatic, I can't believe the woman is alive," Connor said. "I really can't."

Schneider is listed in satisfactory condition at Geisinger Medical Center and has been taken off all forms of life support, Connor said.

Police have not yet determined the weapon used in the assault.

"Some of the wounds were not consistent with others," Connor said.

Police said there were no signs of forced entry into the home. However, police believe the assailant or assailants came through the back door. The doors were unlocked prior to the assault, Connor said.

"Eighty-five percent of burglaries occur through unlocked doors," said Bob Barry,

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Ferguson Township Police Chief

crime prevention specialist at Ferguson Township police.

"She may have just walked in on a total stranger," Connor said.

Several items have been removed from the home for further investigation. Carpeting, paneling, the toilet contents and bed linens have been removed, Connor said.

"The first 36 hours are prime time," Connor said. "We ran straight for 72 hours hard."

Police have ruled out Charles Schneider, the victim's husband, as a suspect. Connor said he would be very surprised if he had any involvement.

Police are following several leads, Connor said. He refused to comment on specifics, however.

"I'm scared to death," Connor said. "I don't know what we are dealing with. We are dealing with a sick SOB."

The assault drew communitywide con-

cern about safety in the local area.

"Happy Valley isn't as happy as it used to be," Connor said.

Barry suggested that residents buy pepper spray, lock doors and windows and have houses well lit.

"I go to my mailbox without locking my door," said Ruth Spell, a neighbor of Schneider. "I'll try to remember, but common sense is not too common all the time."

"Keep an out for your neighbors," Barry said. He suggested residents stay aware of any unusual activity, cars or persons and take note of them.

Neighbors of the victim expressed concerns for personal safety and precautions.

"I'm disappointed that if my wife wants to take a walk that she has to lock the door," said Dave Allison of Science Park Road in Ferguson Township.

Lightning Rod strikes center

By DAVID SCHONFELD
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The audience clapped along with the filler music in anticipation. The mostly middle-aged crowd whistled and politely applauded in anticipation of Rod Stewart's appearance last night at the Bryce Jordan Center.

"My mom's a really big fan," said Katie O'Neill (freshman-exercise and sports science). "She got me a ticket. I think it'll be a good show."

The stage was set up for the musicians to play in the round. A blue curtain surrounded the stage. Then the lights were dimmed and the monitors above the curtain showed Stewart playing soccer. A voice, presumably Stewart's, said that he had a few things to do before starting the show. These included video clips of Stewart changing the diaper of his new baby, shopping at the supermarket, and stealing away for a drink at the pub.

Then the curtain rose, lights flashed and Stewart and the band exploded into a rendition of the Beatles' "Get Back."

Wearing a blue silk jacket, tight black pants and a pair of black Chucks, Stewart was greeted by the screams of the large number of females in the audience who mobbed the stage with cameras.

Stewart ran through hit after hit, making his way around the stage as he twirled his microphone stand. The audience screamed and danced to such songs as "Maggie May" and "Stay With Me." Stewart didn't stay still, as he moved from one point of the stage to another, displaying himself for the audience to see. When he sang "Tonight's the Night," he sat on the edge of the stage for an intimate moment with the audience, allowing himself to be photographed by the screaming horde of females.

Stewart was full of energy, kick-

ing soccer balls into the audience, including one that sailed into the upper level of the packed center. Even though it was obvious that Stewart is trying to revamp his image from bad boy to family man, on occasion he would revert back to his old style by blowing kisses to the audience and flaunting his buttocks.

"I love him," said Kim Roach (senior-mechanical engineer). "I think he's the most wonderful thing in the world. For a 51-year-old man, he has a lot of energy."

And he had enough energy to inspire the audience into dancing along with the songs "Hot Legs" and "Do Ya Think I'm Sexy?"

Before singing "You're In My Heart," he asked, "Are you awake?" The audience responded with an enormous cheer. He even treated State College locals by changing a lyric to "you have the best football team I've ever seen."

Stewart played for well over two hours, touching all his popular hits from his career. What was surprising was that nearly completely ignored his new album, *A Spanner in the Works*, in favor of his hits.

Even though the 22-piece orchestra that were promised earlier did not appear, Stewart's band carried him well throughout the show. Stewart kept the suspense alive by changing after every few songs.

The crowd responded loudly when he played the hits "Forever Young" and "Downtown Train," a song he introduced as "a lovely Tom Waits song."

After playing over 20 songs, Stewart sunk into the stage, the curtain went down and the lights dimmed. The audience cheered for an encore, and almost immediately the curtain went back up.

"All For One," and Chuck Berry's "Sweet Little Rock 'n' Roller" comprised the encore as Stewart ran off the stage, leaving the audience satisfied with his performance.



Rod Stewart strikes a note in a rendition of the Beatles' "Get Back." Stewart performed last night at the Bryce Jordan Center.

Shuster may face criminal inquiries

By JIM KINNEY
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As U.S. Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Blair, faces increasing scrutiny of his relationship with Washington lobbyist Ann Eppard, local Republican leaders are examining the impact the scandal may have on the 9th Congressional District.

The Congressional Accountability Project, a Washington, D.C.-based watchdog group with links to consumer advocate Ralph Nader, has called for a criminal investigation of contacts between Shuster and Eppard.

Gary Ruskin, the group's director, said he called for the probe because Shuster may have accepted gifts from Eppard in violation of federal law, not just House ethics rules.

"This is a violation of federal law for which you can go to jail," he said.

Shuster told the Harrisburg Patriot-News the charges are politically motivated from a liberal group.

Ruskin said The Congressional Accountability Project is a nonpartisan group and has called for investigations of liberal Democrats in the past.

"This is the old song we hear," he said. "We do ethics work against a lot of folks."

John Russell, spokesman for the U.S. Department of Justice, said the charges will be considered before an investigation is launched.

"We review all allegations against members of Congress when the allegations come from responsible parties," he said.

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Students build houses during break

By T.R. DECKMAN
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Hammering and sweating at the crack of dawn for free.

While that might be a heat-induced nightmare for many sunbathing students on spring break, that is exactly what some students will be doing for Habitat For Humanity.

On three separate trips to South Dakota, Michigan and Mississippi, students will work with Habitat For Humanity community groups to build houses for low-income families.

Courtney Butler (sophomore-geography) went on a trip to Mississippi last year. She described an average day on the site last year: "You got up early, went to the site, hammered and nailed until lunch, (then) hammered and nailed."

So why would students want to work for a week during their break from studies?

Craig McSparran (senior-secondary education and social studies) went on the Mississippi trip last year and will be going to Michigan this year. He said he thinks students will get a sense of satisfaction from aiding other people who are in need.

"I think people will feel really good about what they accomplish and that they spent their spring break helping people," McSparran said.

The trips cost students \$100 to \$200 for expenses

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— Courtney Butler
sophomore-geography

and donations to the work sites. Habitat For Humanity, through Collegians Helping Aid Rescue Missions, held fund-raisers in which students could earn money for the trips. CHARM also received money donations from residence hall associations. Students will receive free housing from churches and most of their meals from community organizations.

Butler said trips such as these are a great opportunity to help a community.

"We were all working together to do something for someone else," she said. "It wasn't a selfish spring break."

Butler will be building houses again this year — this time in Michigan with 14 other students. Christine Muchi, co-director of the trips, said the Michigan trip should be unique.

"That'll be a neat experience because we get to work with other college students," said Muchi (sophomore-labor and industrial relations).

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Travelers to study peace firsthand in N. Ireland

The group will have the opportunity to learn about the effects of negative attitudes toward others.

By CHRISTINE KOSOVAC
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Twenty-one members of the University community are taking a "Journey Towards Peace and Justice" today as they embark on a weeklong trip to Northern Ireland to learn about the peace-making process and to experience it firsthand.

The group, which consists of 11 members of the Penn State Catholic Community and 10 members of the United Campus Ministry, will leave from the HUB this morning and head to New York City, where they will catch a flight to Belfast.

"We want to have the Northern Irish situation to be a mirror for us," said Rev. Carl Synan, director of the United Campus Ministry and one of the chief organizers of the event. He said he knows an attorney on the city council in Belfast who was able to organize the trip.

The group will have the opportunity to learn about the effects of negative attitudes toward others, he said. Participants will learn to get in touch with their own negative attitudes and learn how to address eliminating those attitudes, he added.

Rev. Fred Byrne, director of the Penn State Catholic Community, also helped to organize the trip.

Byrne said the purpose of the trip is for students to learn how to be peacemakers themselves. Students will learn about the peacemaking ministry and meet with religious, political and

social leaders who are working for peace.

Participants such as Kathleen McKeone are excited about the opportunity.

McKeone (junior-nursing), whose family heritage is Irish, said she hopes to do some peace-keeping and to set an example.

McKeone said she is not worried about danger caused by the recent end to the IRA cease-fire with several bombings in London.

"You have to be careful and use your head," she said, adding that the organizers would not intentionally send students into a situation that was not safe.

With the prospect of danger, Elaine Bradley (sophomore-pre-medicine) said, she is not apprehensive about going because the bombings were in England, not where the group is going.

The IRA ended a 17-month

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