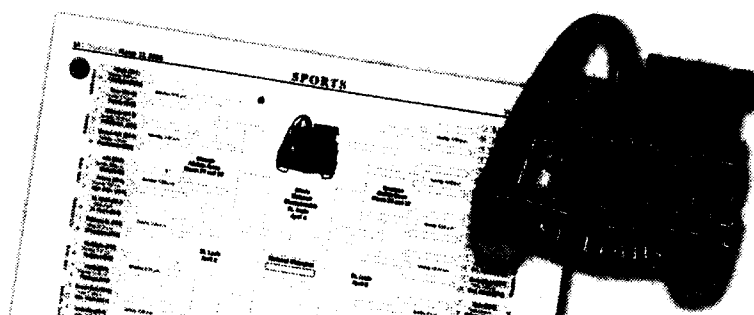


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Police prepared for St. Patrick's Day

Undercover officers will be stationed around the area for the day's festivities

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After handling dozens of alcohol-related crimes on St. Patrick's Day last year, the State College Police Department is stepping up enforcement for this year's celebration.

Extra officers from State College Police and other agencies will be stationed throughout the borough from 4 p.m. today until 4 a.m. tomorrow.

"The ultimate goal is to make the streets, sidewalks and neighborhoods safer and more orderly," Sgt. Dana Leonard said.

"I'm hopeful people will adjust their behavior," he added.

Leonard said that the holiday brings an increased amount of alcohol-related activity.

"Last year it was on a Wednesday, and we had 45 alcohol-fueled crimes," Leonard said.

"Those are significant numbers for a routine night. ... They're numbers we might encounter on a Penn State football weekend," he added.

Leonard said that Pennsylvania State Police and the Centre County Alcohol

Task Force (CCATF) would be assisting the efforts.

"At a minimum, we have nine additional State College police [officers] and eight state troopers," he said.

Ferguson Township Detective and CCATF Coordinator John Conti said undercover officers will be stationed in state stores and bars throughout the Centre Region.

"My team is made up of plainclothes officers from the Centre Region. ... We'll have close to 15 plainclothes officers scattered throughout the Centre

Region," he said. "They're looking for those that purchase alcohol for those under 21 years of age."

Conti said St. Patrick's Day is typically as busy as New Year's Eve for alcohol incidents.

"After what we've been seeing with the numbers ... this seems to be the No. 1 date that we have problems with alcohol-related incidents, so we've stepped up our efforts," he said.

Leonard said extra officers will also be focused downtown and in the See POLICE, Page 2.

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Cesareo Manansala (senior-journalism) holds up the ID card that will not grant him access to local bars.

ID troubles prevent student from enjoying local bar scene

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Cesareo Manansala has lived in the United States for more than two decades.

The 21-year-old is Filipino, not Irish, but either way, he won't be chugging pint after sludgy pint of Guinness at the bars today like some other Penn Staters. In Pennsylvania, Manansala (senior-journalism) isn't allowed in.

Manansala doesn't have a driver's license or state ID, nor is he on active military duty. But he has an employment authorization card, issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services from the Filipino consulate. It's a

photo ID, and it lists his date of birth, like a driver's license. But state law says he can't use it to purchase alcohol or get into bars.

"It's not a fake, but they say they need something more real," he said. "Apparently it's not good enough."

Molly McGowan, a Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) spokeswoman, said Pennsylvania looks for specific criteria when making laws for bar entry.

"There are so many different types of IDs," she said. "You need to have something official from a government agency to ensure it's valid."

Aside from driver's licenses, state IDs and military IDs, there's another

form that bars will allow: passports.

Most managers of State College bars said that if students don't have at least one of the four forms of ID, they'll be turned away.

Most Penn State international students are in luck; they can use their passports to get into bars.

But Manansala, who has lived in the states longer than most freshmen have been alive, hasn't needed his passport for years.

It no longer features a stamp it needs to be considered current under the law.

Although he obtained his U.S. citizenship late last year, he has had difficulty. See ID, Page 2.

Man accused of resident's death will go to trial

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The man accused of driving the vehicle that struck a Park Forest resident on his way home from work was bound over on all charges yesterday at his preliminary hearing.

The Patton Township Police Department identified Jack Chencharik, 38, of Julian, as the driver of the Ford pickup truck that struck Leon Shee Sin, 68, while he was walking home from work at Wegmans, 345 Lowes Blvd.

Sin was found lying on the sidewalk still alive and was later pronounced dead at the Mount Nittany Medical Center.

During the hearing, four people testified, including a borough resident who found Sin alive; an employee at Kentucky Fried Chicken, 2020 N. Atherton St., who administered CPR; Centre County Deputy Coroner Judy Pleskonko; and Patton Township detective Chris Federinko.

Chencharik faces charges of acci-

dents involving death or personal injury and summary offenses of driving with an expired license, failure to stop and render aid, and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

His attorney, Brian Manchester, said Chencharik did not know he had hit a person until he saw news reports days later.

"Someone who is in an accident only has a duty to stop and render aid ... if he believes he was in an accident with a human being," Manchester said. "He didn't realize that he hit a human being until later."

Manchester said Chencharik feels "terrible" about everything that has happened.

"He got scared, and that happens to people," Manchester said.

Sin family spokesman Laurence Tien said the family is just waiting for the trial to begin.

"It seems like the person feels some degree of remorse," Tien said.

He added that the family will be satisfied with whatever decision the jury makes.

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'Meet the Candidates' attracts few students

Those running for Undergraduate Student Government president and vice president campaigned yesterday.

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Clad in colorful T-shirts and armed with fliers, the presidential candidates for the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) spoke with students on the first floor of Findlay Commons last night.

Most students kept their heads down and walked by the candidates and their staff. Many said they were confused by the groups' presence and did not know what was going on.

"I stopped because of all the colorful shirts," Toni Gibson (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said. "I am not really sure what USG is."

The candidates were not very disappointed in the lack of interest. They used whatever time they had to inform students about USG, the elections process, and their goals and platforms.

"With the average student, you get five seconds," said Matt Ritsko, campaign manager for candidates Scott Sherbine and Alex Ibrahim. "If they are interested, then you get a little bit

longer and more ideas can get projected."

USG Presidential Candidate Michael Peters said while many students did not want to listen to their campaign goals, he understood why.

"I think generally the audience tonight was hungry," he said of all the students hurrying to the dining commons. "But all it takes is one interested student."

The "Meet the Candidates" session, held during dinner hours in Findlay Commons, was the first formal promotion in this year's USG election

campaign. "This is a time [the candidates] get to promote themselves," said Erin Grady, voting and publicity elections commissioner. "This is also a good way to get students to talk to candidates." See CANDIDATES, Page 2.



Foulke

Rosenberger may face trouble in future

Reviewed by Nicholas Norcia

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If things were getting predictable week to week as the Koror tribe kept trouncing the Ulong tribe challenge after challenge, last night's episode of *Survivor: Palau* featured quite a few surprises.

The first of these came when host Jeff Probst announced that Koror — the tribe that includes Ian Rosenberger, Penn State's former Undergraduate Student Government president — would finally have to vote someone off the island.

Both tribes would be ditching a member, he explained, and the day's challenge — a St. Patty's Day-appropriate deep-sea dive for sake bottles — would not be for immunity, but a cooked dinner, along with the voyeuristic thrill of watching the other team's tribal council in person.

Koror won (surprise) thanks, in part, to Ian who, after a brief moment of confusion, found his bearings and delivered the last two bottles to clinch victory for his tribe.

The tribe decided instantaneously that they would vote off Willard, Koror's curmudgeonly grandpa, at that evening's tribal council. The day's interesting development was not this vote, but a clandestine allegiance shift that occurred just before it.

To recap briefly, firefighter Tom is the tribe's muscular father figure, and Ian the foremost breadwinner, or fish-winner. Tom, Ian and Gregg, the curly-haired business consultant, bonded instantly during their testosterone-fueled feats of adventure early in the series.

Cheerleading them along the way were the tribe's requisite hotties, Katie and Jenn, while the other four quietly

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CAN IAN SURVIVE?



Student-run sketch show to be held this weekend

Phroth Phest, a student-directed, written and acted sketch comedy show, will be held for the third year in a row. | VENUES



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