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Bed bugs detected in dorms

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Penn State officials have investigated 12 reports of bed bugs in university dormitories — and confirmed one — since the start of the school year.

Dave Manos, assistant director of housing, stressed that while there is not a bed bug infestation on campus, students do need to be aware.

The university had previously seen confirmed 10 cases of bed bugs over the past two years, Manos said. More cases are anticipated this year.

The university has launched an awareness campaign on campus, distributing posters with instructions on how to identify bed bugs in dormitories.

Penn State Director of Housing Conal Carr said the department has also employed Orkin, an extermination company, to treat rooms with an identified bed bug problem.

"It's not because we're infested — it's because students are the carriers," Manos said. "Treatment is no fun, and it is very disruptive to the student to quarantine a room ... [Bed bugs] are hitchhikers and they come with students. Students need to be aware of their surroundings."

The resident of the room confirmed to have brought the bed bugs from home, Carr said.

Bed bugs can be identified through dark stains on a mattress or small bites — typically three in a row — similar to a mosquito bite, Manos said.

But bed bug bites are more annoyance than a health concern, housing officials said.

One female bed bug will produce about 345 eggs during her lifespan, and the bugs can survive for 18

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Bed bugs procedure

■ Once bed bugs are located in a residence hall room, the room and all the belongings in it are quarantined.

■ Student occupants are asked to provide a set of clothing that the Housing staff can treat through a 30-minute high-heat process.

■ While the set of clothing is being treated, the students are asked to thoroughly shower. The heat-treated clothing is then given to the students after they have showered.

■ A local pest control company inspects all belongs in the room and treats as necessary.

■ The remainder of the student's clothes are transported in plastic bags and are heat treated in clothing dryers for a minimum of 30 minutes.

■ Mattresses are treated or discarded.

■ Students are relocated to another living space anywhere from three days to 24 days while the room is being treated numerous times and is reinspected.

■ Exterminators use insecticides and a combination of heat and cryogenic treatments as appropriate.

Source: Penn State Housing and Food Services

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Samantha M. Shah/Collegian

Lisa Teklinski (sophomore-economics) dyes a T-shirt at Holuba Hall on Wednesday. The Great Show Squad held the event to make shirts for this Saturday's "Classic Day" football game. For the story | **NEWS**, Page 5.

Committee rejects Miller

By Laura Nichols
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Three new members of the University Park Undergraduate Association were sworn in by President Gavin Keirans Wednesday night, but three spots still remain open — including Director of Assembly services, for which Samantha Miller was nominated on Tuesday night but was rejected.

The Internal Development Committee voted "no" on three of six nominations made by Keirans (senior-business management), who said

Wednesday there needs to be a better dialogue within the assembly. He added that quality individuals were nominated, and all should have been accepted.

"We're going to fix this in the coming days — it's a minor step back" said Keirans. "But it's definitely positive to have Chris, Matt and Greg on board."

The three new members of the executive board are Chris Smith (senior-



Miller

political science) as Director of University Services, Matthew Sheroff (senior-finance) as Director of Internal Affairs, and Greg Tallman (senior-finance) as Director of Encampment. Keirans said Wednesday each will bring dynamic leadership to UPUA and enhance the executive board.

Miller ran against Keirans in the Spring 2009 UPUA presidential election and lost. Keirans and Miller have been in talks since the beginning of this semester regarding her return to UPUA.

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Penn State community split on Obama speech

By Brittany Stoner and Evan Trowbridge
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Across the nation, Americans set their televisions to President Barack Obama's address to Congress last night, during which the President focused on the health care reform currently facing Congress.

"I am not the first President to take up this cause, but I am determined to be the last," Obama said.

In State College, students and residents came together in groups to watch the speech and to share their own opinions.

Elizabeth Shirey, of State College, said the speech was particularly encouraging for her because her own 19-year-old daughter is currently one of the millions of Americans without health care.

I thought it took a lot of courage for him to put out a public plan and face the opposition head on," said Shirey, who watched the speech with about 15 others at the house of State College resident Anne Ready. Ready hosted a "Health Care Speech Party," one of many across the nation that were organized by my.barack-obama.com.

Greg Stewart, a member of the Centre County Democrats, said he thought the speech was positive and clarified some of the misconceptions about health care



AP Photo/Charles Dharapak

President Barack Obama gestures while delivering a speech on health care.

reform that have been going on all summer.

"I think we're going to pass something in 2009," Stewart said.

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The new student ID swipe station stands outside Gate A at Beaver Stadium. Last week's game against the University of Akron was the first to feature the new entry system.

UPUA tackles ticket system

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After some students were left disgruntled and confused by the new ID-based ticket system on Saturday, the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) has decided to take action.

Student Life and Diversity Chairman Christian Ragland said he met with

Associate Athletic Director Greg Myford on Wednesday morning to act as a liaison for all students that either needed problems solved or wanted clarification on Saturday's new process.

"We can't change the system, but we can address the issues," said Ragland (junior-political science). "UPUA is used as a resource to field concerns and get a feel for what people were saying."

Despite some students' problems with the new system, Myford said 95.5 percent of students gained entry on their first swipe and that there will not be any excessive changes made to the new system. Communication is a major factor in making sure the new process works for everyone, he said.

"Feedback from the students on this is really

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