

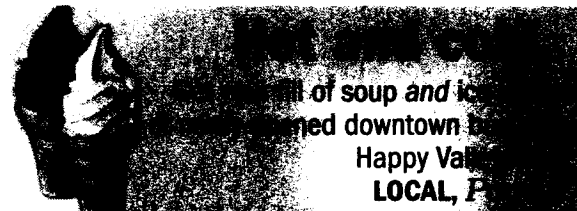
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Fiji suspended pending inquiry

IFC discourages parties for two weeks

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As police investigate whether fraternity members provided drugs or alcohol to Penn State freshman Joseph Dado, the Interfraternity Council has suspended the fraternity where he was last seen before being found dead on campus Monday.

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) held a private executive board meeting in the HUB-Robeson Center on Tuesday night

in response to Dado's death.

In addition to suspending Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity, the IFC also issued a request for all member fraternities to refrain from having social functions until Oct. 2, IFC President Luke Pierce (senior-economics) said.

Fiji will be suspended until the conclusion of the police investigation, Pierce said. Under the terms of the suspension, the fraternity cannot vote or participate in council business and is barred from holding social functions.

Fiji members can still continue to participate in the recruitment process and extend bids to potential new members, he said.

Fiji fraternity officials had no comment Tuesday night.

Dado — who Pierce said was registered for fraternity recruitment — was last seen leaving Fiji, 319 N. Burrowes Road, at about 3 a.m. Sunday.

Maintenance workers found him dead in an exterior stairwell near the Steidle Building at about 3 a.m. Sunday.



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Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity was suspended by the IFC on Tuesday.



Friends of the late Joseph Dado mourn him Tuesday night on Pollock Road. This candlelight vigil happened a day after Dado's body was found in an exterior stairwell between the Hosler and Steidle Buildings on Monday night.

Student's death was accidental

By Kevin Cirilli
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The day after the body of a missing Penn State student was found, authorities continue to uncover details surrounding Joseph Dado's death, which a coroner ruled accidental Tuesday afternoon.

Dado, 18, died of head trauma after he fell off a wall near an exterior stairwell of the Steidle Building, Centre County Coroner Scott Sayers said.

Now, toxicology test results expected in the coming weeks will determine whether Dado had drugs or alcohol in his system.

Dado was last seen by Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity members at about 3 a.m. Sunday, leaving the 319 N. Burrowes Road house for his East Halls dorm, Penn State Police said.

At about 6 p.m. Monday, Penn State maintenance workers found the freshman's body at the bottom of the stairwell, about 75 yards away from the fraternity, Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers said. Powers said all evidence indicates that Dado was alone, including a witness who saw the freshman walking by himself in the area. Police have been looking for footprints in the area, she said.

An 8-foot brick retaining wall connects the front of the Steidle and Hosler Buildings on Pollock Road. In a parking lot behind the buildings, a middle section with a mechanical room connects the two buildings.

A gray wooden fence near the mechanical room encloses a grassy rectangular area between the mechanical room and the Steidle Building. A mechanical room door is located at the bottom of four concrete steps in the rectangular area.

Police believe Dado fell about 15 feet from the top of the retaining wall to the concrete steps below.

Penn State Police were assisted Monday by the FBI, Pennsylvania State Police and the State College Police Department.

The FBI had "very limited involvement" in the search and is no longer working on the investigation, FBI Special Agent J.J. Klaver said. He said the FBI was notified as a "heads up" in case the search extended beyond Pennsylvania borders.

A state police helicopter flew over west campus at the request of Penn State Police, Powers said.

The State College Police Department provided "staffing at all levels," including detectives and commanders who assisted Penn State officers, said State College Police Department Capt. Dana Leonard.

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Official: Too late to PSUTXT

By Lexi Belcuffine
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Penn State officials opted not to send PSUTXT messages Sunday or Monday to alert the community that Joseph Dado was missing, though 50,436 people have subscribed to University Park's text message alert system, PSUTXT administrator Annemarie Mountz said.

"We made the decision that it did not serve a good purpose that late in the situation," Mountz said, adding that many students already knew about his disappearance from fliers and through Facebook.

Penn State's Office of Public Information was informed of Dado's disappearance early Monday morning, Mountz said, adding that "everyone knew about it" by Monday afternoon when the helicopter and FBI were called in.

Mountz said PSUTXTs are used to break news, while the Penn State Live newswire is used as a follow-up for such events.

Penn State released a newswire report Monday afternoon, informing students about the situation.

"On the newswire, we let people know what is happening — in this case, that the search was under way. It wasn't an



An officer runs with a search-and-rescue dog from Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house, 319 N. Burrowes Road, toward West Halls on Monday afternoon.

announcement of the fact that he was missing," Mountz said.

The newswire for University Park has 34,807 student subscribers at all of the Commonwealth Campuses, she said.

Though Interfraternity Council (IFC) President Luke Pierce said he feels the most efficient way to reach students is

through text messaging, he said the IFC supports the decision.

"The IFC trusts the judgment of the university on the way they choose to communicate with and notify the student body. If that was their deliberate decision, we support it," Pierce said.

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Students call for no-party Thursday

By Caitlin Sellers
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In response to Joseph Dado's death this past weekend, some students are calling for students to abstain from drinking Thursday.

An account called Penn State Spirit created a Facebook event titled "No Parties October 1st" — to which more than 2,300 students had already been invited as of press time and more than 900 had listed themselves as "attending."

"Penn State is a family and even if you never knew Joe the entire Penn State family has lost a member," reads the

event description. "Since we can't all reach out to the Dado family the idea of no parties Thursday has been proposed. Take a night off in honor (sic) of a fellow Penn Stater."

Penn State spokeswoman Annemarie Mountz said Tuesday the proposal is an example of students responding to a tragic and unsettling event.

"People have different ways of responding and reacting to tragedies," she said. "This is one group's way of acknowledging a death."

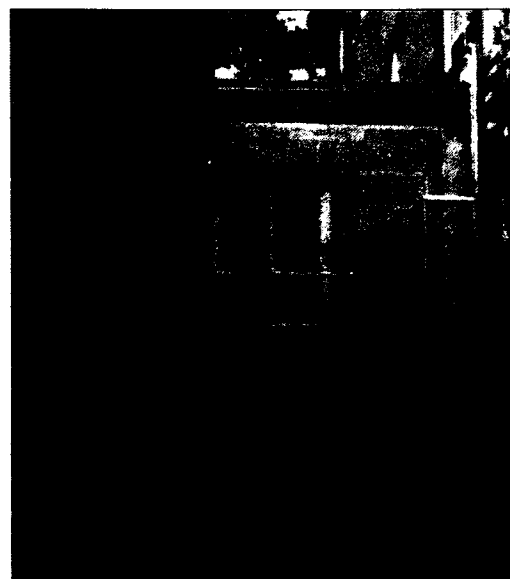
She said the university hopes the abstinence of drinking extends beyond Thursday.

"The university does lots of different things to try to educate students on the dangers of binge drinking and underage drinking," she said. "That would be 365 days of the year that we hope students not engage in underage drinking and other risky behaviors."

Erin Barnes (junior-biology) said the most frightening aspect of Dado's death is that so many students have found themselves in similar situations before.

She added she is glad students are honoring Dado but is unsure that abstaining from drinking Oct. 1 will make enough of an impact.

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The body of Joseph Dado was found in this stairwell by maintenance workers Monday evening.