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Foley to replace Pell as grad school dean

The Board of Trustees approved Henry C. "Hank" Foley on Friday to replace Eva Pell as the new vice president for research and dean of the university's graduate school, three months after Pell announced she was leaving Penn State.

Women meet to discuss leadership roles

Female student leaders from across the campus met Sunday night for doughnuts and discussion at the Women's Leadership Symposium.

Borough Council considers raising taxes

The State College Borough Council is considering raising taxes in the area to keep the overall budget of State College in balance.

Lions

Pryor showed Lion fans exactly what they were missing out on in the third quarter, firing a 62-yard touchdown pass to DeVier Posey near the Penn State sideline to put Ohio State up 17-7 with 1:47 to go in the frame.

Students promote wild food with feast

Puff ball and nettle lasagna, chestnut sauce and acorn bread were some of the dishes that filled the table of Eco-Action's first wild food feast Sunday.

Community remembers Vietnam War vets

A single candle burned at an empty table set for one — a symbol of hope at the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Ceremony that took place Sunday at the Bellefonte Area Middle School.

- Kimberly Phillips, of Penn State, will give a lecture entitled "Vanishing Tassel2 Encodes an Auxin-Biosynthesis Gene Functioning in Vegetative and Inflorescence Development in Maize" at 12:10 p.m. in 101 Osmond Lab.

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Bars

student Michael Donahue died after being stabbed inside the property, according to court documents.

Sammark was granted a temporary liquor license as its appeal moved forward in court.

The temporary liquor license was taken away last summer when Sammark's former attorney missed a deadline to file a motion because of a family commitment, according to court documents.

But Pellegrini ruled Aug. 24 that Sammark's appeal could continue, and Sammark hired Hoffman, according to court documents.

"They'll be open for the week, but what happens after that is anybody's guess," said Darren "DJ Remedy" Donofrio, who frequently emcees at Tony's.

Tony Sapia, owner of Sammark Inc., could not be reached for comment.

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Hurricane heads toward Gulf Coast

By Becky Bohrer ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW ORLEANS — Hurricane Ida, the first Atlantic hurricane to target the United States this year, plodded Sunday toward the Gulf Coast with 105 mph winds, bringing the threat of flooding and storm surges.

A hurricane warning extended more than 200 miles of coastline from Pascagoula, Miss., east to Indian Pass, Fla. Tropical storm warnings and hurricane watches are in effect across other areas of southeastern Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle, including New Orleans. Louisiana's governor declared a state of emergency.

Authorities said Ida could make landfall as early as Tuesday morning, although it was forecast to weaken by then. Officials and residents kept a close eye on the Category 2 hurricane as it approached, though there were no immediate plans for evacuations.

Sunday night, Ida was located 400 miles south-southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River and moving north-northwest near 14 mph.

The latest forecast from the National Hurricane Center shows Ida brushing near Louisiana and Mississippi, then making landfall near Alabama before continuing across north Florida.

Tuition

Association (UPUA) are taking action to ensure Penn State students do not see an increase in tuition.

UPUA Governmental Affairs Committee Chairwoman Colleen Smith said her committee will send letters to the majority and minority whips and Speaker of the House in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, as well as to members of pertinent committees.

Up to 15 members of the House could receive one of these letters, Smith (sophomore-biology) said, urging the legislators to acknowledge the importance of education and the negative impact this impasse could have on the future of Penn State students.

"This next week is going to be really critical in seeing what happens," Smith said.

While a tuition hike next semester is possible, room and board rates are set to increase by 2.45 percent

for fall 2010. Students will pay \$100 more for a double-occupancy room and a Level Three meal plan, said Gail Hurley, associate vice president for auxiliary and business services.

This is the smallest increase in 20 years. By removing landline phone access in dorm rooms, the university has saved \$700,000, she said.

"We're continuing to provide a high-quality experience," Hurley said. "We're making it affordable, and that has to be attractive to students."

Despite a decline in the economy and increasing costs, enrollment and applications to Penn State have increased.

The total enrollment this fall is 94,301 students, a 2 percent increase from last year, said Robert Pangborn, vice president and dean of undergraduate education. Of those, 42,998 students are enrolled at the University Park campus, and more international and minority students are enrolled than ever before, he said.

Reflecting the increase in enrollment, Penn State received 109,031 applications for the fall semester, said Anne Rohrbach, executive director of undergraduate admissions.

Beyond the set agenda, trustees discussed major problems facing students during the fall semester.

Calling binge drinking the "single greatest challenge facing higher education," Spanier said everyone must help to solve this problem.

"I don't know if we can change the world, but we are trying," he said.

Trustees also asked Spanier about the status of the H1N1 virus on campus. After more than 2,000 cases and four hospitalizations at Penn State, Spanier said the number of infected students appears to be leveling off.

The average number of cases is currently 250 per week, though the rate decreased last week, he said. He urged students to get vaccinated.

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Fraternity

But on Nov. 6, a representative from the Alpha Epsilon Pi national fraternity sent a letter to Penn State Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Roy Baker stating that the national fraternity had concluded its five-day investigation and determined that the incidents under question had not been hazing.

According to the letter, the national fraternity has "removed all suspensions from the chapter and they are back to full 100% operations."

But no IFC executives were contacted about the national fraternity's investigation or the removal of

the chapter's suspension, IFC vice president for standards Chris Smith (senior-political science) and IFC President Luke Pierce (senior-economics) said.

"Basically, the national fraternity is claiming that they have concluded their investigation of the incident for which their new member education program was originally suspended," Smith said. "However, at no time have we been contacted during the investigation, and likewise, our own investigation has not been concluded yet."

Smith said the IFC's suspension of the chapter was not related to any additional allegations of hazing. The IFC investigation into the incidents is still ongoing, he said.

"As a result of the discrepancies in the investigations, we put the chapter on suspension today," Smith said on Sunday.

"The chapter has violated the terms of their original suspension. That's why they're on full suspension now."

The chapter and its new member program are now effectively under two separate IFC suspensions, Smith said. He would not elaborate on how the fraternity had violated the first suspension.

A representative of Alpha Epsilon Pi's national fraternity was not available for comment by press time Sunday.

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Definition

Those in attendance at the Dec. 16 meeting included Penn State Vice President of Student Affairs Damon Sims, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Roy Baker, Penn State attorney Wendell Courtney, State College Borough Zoning Officer Herman Slaybaugh, Borough Solicitor Terry Williams and Borough Manager Tom Fountaine, among others, officials said. Baker, Courtney and Williams did not respond to requests for comment.

There were no students or alumni associations in attendance, Slaybaugh said.

"I certainly never had an indication that Penn State was trying to put a power play on it and take over the fraternities or put pressure on the borough," Fountaine said.

In a statement, Sims wrote that Penn State and the borough talk regularly about issues of "common interest and concern."

"Any allegation that suggests collusion or conspiracy between the Borough and the University in this matter is simply naive or silly or

both," Sims wrote. "It is ridiculous to think that a university that can house only one-third of its undergraduates on campus does not want its fraternities to succeed."

The information surfaced at a hearing Friday regarding the 240 N. Burrowes Road alumni association's legal battle with the university over the property rights for the 240 N. Burrowes Road house, which had been occupied by Phi Delta Theta.

"If any of those alumni associations decide to sell their building, they wouldn't be able to sell it as a use for student housing — which means no renting," 240 N. Burrowes Road alumni association attorney Bernie Cantorna said. "They're throwing this all together in hopes nobody sees it."

Phi Delta Theta lost its charter in 2007 because of alcohol violations and subsequently lost university recognition. Under the proposed ordinance, it would not be able to rent the property to students, Cantorna said.

"What the university does not support are failed fraternities," Sims wrote. "Where a chapter is consistently found responsible for violations related to underage drink-

ing or hazing or public nuisance, for instance, we doubt that it is adding value to the student experience."

Interfraternity Council President Luke Pierce (senior-economics) declined comment.

Slaybaugh said he was originally against the proposed rooming ordinance but ultimately changed his mind because current laws for off-campus fraternities already have the same restrictions.

In addition to the rooming house amendment, the new legislation changes the word "affiliate" to "recognition," which means fraternities without Penn State recognition could not house students.

Slaybaugh said the judge stated that the borough's legislation was not clear enough and ought to be modified. Slaybaugh said he initiated the conversations with the university.

Centre County Judge David E. Grine told Cantorna on Friday that he must formally submit a request to have the evidence considered for the association's case to appeal the Zoning Hearing Board. Cantorna plans to submit that request today.

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