

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ticket price set for Capital One Bowl sale

Capital One Bowl tickets available at Saturday's student ticket sale will cost \$80, according to a statement posted on Penn State Live.

The sale will begin at 7 a.m. at Gate B of the Bryce Jordan Center and will last until 11 a.m. or until tickets run out.

Cash or credit cards will be accepted, but LionCash cannot be used at the sale, according to the statement. Students may begin queuing up outside the BJC at 6 a.m. Saturday, and no tents or overnight camping will be permitted.

Cultural club to host spoken word show

The Asian Pacific American Caucus will hold a show with spoken word/hip-hop group Slanty Eyed Mama at 7 tonight in the HUB-Robeson's Alumni Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

ON THE WAY

Fraternity holds 'Reindeer Games'

For the second year in a row, Theta Delta Chi is joining with Sigma Kappa to host Reindeer Games at the fraternity's house. About 20 children from the Youth Service Bureau, ranging from ages 5 to 14, attended the event that brought the greek community together with kids whose Christmases are less fortunate.

UPDATES

■ **Sujana Ghosh, of Penn State**, will speak on "Genomic Responses to DNA Damage in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*" at 11:15 a.m. in 101 Althouse Lab. Frank Pugh, of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, will host the event.

■ **Chantal David, of the Institute for Advanced Study**, will speak on "Statistics for the Traces of Cyclic P-Covers of Curves Over Finite Fields" at 11:15 a.m. in 106 McAllister Building. The Department of Mathematics will host the event.

■ **P. Leslie Dutton, of the University of Pennsylvania**, will speak on "Engineering Oxidoreductases" at 12:30 p.m. in 102 Chemistry Building. Sharon Hammes-Schiffer, of the Department of Chemistry, will host the event.

■ **Suresh Narine, of Trent University in Canada**, will speak on "Blurring the Divide Between Food, Materials, and Fuel: Growing Competition for Agricultural Carbon" at 4 p.m. in 252 Food Science Building.

■ **Tony Heinz, of Columbia University**, will speak on "Seeing Electrons in One and Two-Dimensional Materials: Optical Spectroscopy of Carbon Nanotubes and Graphene" at 4 p.m. in 117 Osmond Laboratory.

■ **Andrew Boydston, of the California Institute of Technology**, will speak on "Synthesis of Cyclic Polymers via Ring-Expansion Metathesis Polymerization" at 4 p.m. in 102 Chemistry Building.

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LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock and Redifer: power wrap, beef rice soup, vegetarian soup, bean chili, broccoli cheddar baked potato, burger topping bar, quarter pound cheeseburger, quarter pound hamburger, vegetarian burger, broccoli florettes, Middle Eastern chopped salad, shoestring fries.

Simmons: power wrap, chicken and broccoli flatbread pizza, rustica flatbread pizza, shrimp taco, vegan pot pie, baby carrots with dill, broccoli and cauliflower, buttered parsnips potatoes, curried quinoa, green beans almondine, jasmine rice with edamame, sautéed zucchini

Waring: beef rice soup, lunch roll basket, soup of the day, broccoli florettes, chicken cosmo not, Cuban sandwich, hot dog, quarter pound hamburger, shoestring fries, vegetarian burger, Middle Eastern chopped salad, cheese pizza, grilled veggie pizza, macaroni and cheese, marinara sauce, meat sauce, pepperoni pizza, turkey tetrazzini, cheddar cheese sauce

Correction

A photo caption on page 1 of Wednesday's Daily Collegian incorrectly stated the name of the photographer who shot the photo. Abby Drey shot the photo.

Correction

A news-in-brief item "Gingerbread Man faces fine from PLCB" on page 2 of Nov. 30's Daily Collegian incorrectly stated the organization citing the establishment. The Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement cited the bar.

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Funding

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allocations was voted down, table games were the focus of the House's discussion. With just 20 minutes left in the session, Rep. Kate Harper, R-Montgomery, entered a motion to postpone table game discussion and return to state-related university allocations. Matt Gabler, R-Clearfield/Elk, said there were a lot of college students relying on the funds and supported the motion, which eventually failed.

"A promise has been made to college students around this commonwealth," Gabler said. "Tying these two motions together is not the people's business."

Gov. Ed Rendell and other legislators said granting the state-related appropriations without legalizing table games is not only fiscally irresponsible but also unconstitutional. They argue the state wouldn't have a balanced budget without table game revenue.

Legislators stopped talks on the

table game bill at 11 p.m., the deadline for House sessions. Tor Michaels, chief of staff for Rep. Scott Conklin, D-Centre, said Conklin voted in favor of releasing the appropriations to schools, and will continue to fight for PSU students when the discussion continues today.

"Clearly we came out early and stated our universities should not be held hostage while this table game discussion moves forward," Michaels said. Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre, said the Senate voted to release the funds two months ago and he doesn't know why the House is taking so long.

"The House Democratic caucus is kind of dysfunctional right now," Corman said. "They can't seem to get enough votes to do anything yet."

Jessica Pellicciotta, president of the Penn State College Democrats, said the Democrats have been putting in extra hours to try to resolve the issue. But by failing to release the funds, Benninghoff said the possibility of tuition and other school-related fees goes up.

"It opens the door to an increase in costs for students, but it doesn't have to be this way," he said. "The money is there." There was no rise in costs when students received their spring tuition bill in November.

As far as tuition costs go, Pellicciotta said she's concerned, but no more than usual. She said her organization will do everything to try to avoid a spike in costs.

University Park Undergraduate Association President Gavin Keirans said he's also concerned Penn State will increase tuition to make up for missing funds, especially with the spring semester right around the corner. He also said it's disheartening to know Penn State isn't getting the money it was allotted.

He's particularly concerned about the university's allocations in the future and doesn't want the same problem to happen again.

University spokespeople did not return calls for comment by press time Wednesday.

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Issue

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"understood language." Skeptics also say the leaked information suggests the scientists at the climate research unit either fabricated or manipulated the data to support their theories and research.

Piccola wrote that he personally does not believe Penn State's appropriations should be jeopardized because of allegations against one professor. But he is calling on the university to "deploy its fullest resources to conduct an investigation of this case."

Currently, the university is examining all the original e-mails. Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers said last week the inquiry will determine whether or not a full investigation is required.

Penn State faculty members

involved in the inquiry said they were not available to comment on the confidential situation.

State Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre, said he believes Piccola has valid concerns, but also thinks Penn State is reacting in a very positive manner to the professor called into question.

"As a research institution, it's important they find that their research is valid," Corman said.

Spanier addressed Piccola's concerns in a letter to him Tuesday, where the president explained how the current inquiry process that could warrant the investigation the senator has called for.

The inquiry must be completed within 60 calendar days of its initiation unless an extended 90-day period is warranted, Spanier wrote. He does not believe the extended inquiry will be necessary.

If an investigation is held, a com-

mittee of at least five tenured professors "who have no conflict of interest and are competent to evaluate the issues objectively" will be created, Spanier wrote. After the 120 days allotted for the investigation is complete, and if the committee were to find any wrongdoing on the part of Mann, disciplinary sanctions would be issued by the Senior Vice President for Research. Eva Pell currently holds this position, although Henry C. "Hank" Foley will succeed her Jan. 1.

Spanier wrote that during the last decade, Penn State has dealt with its share of misconduct cases. He wrote that each is taken seriously, with many seeing sanctions being carried out.

"The outcomes have always fit the magnitude of the research misconduct," the letter said.

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Case

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attending the party chose to consume alcohol at the fraternity's 321 E. Fairmount Ave. property.

"There is no corporate liability — 18-year-olds voluntarily helped themselves to beer," Yurchak said.

Larrabee noted that Dado and his friends, including his roommate Ryan Stroup, wore Interfraternity Council (IFC) wristbands to get into each of the fraternities and did not have to show their identification or give their ages.

IFC officials gave students interested in joining a fraternity wristbands at an IFC meeting earlier in the semester. "We were told we needed to have wristbands to

get into parties," Stroup testified.

McGlaughlin argued that Fiji, 319 N. Burrowes Road, isn't responsible for whether one person supplies a minor with alcohol and noted that Dado's consumption of alcohol allegedly happened in John "Jack" Townsend's room.

Townsend, who authorities said was the last to see Dado alive when Dado left Fiji, waived his right to a preliminary hearing last week.

Maintenance workers found Dado, of Latrobe, Sept. 21 in an exterior stairwell near the Steidle Building. Toxicology reports show he had a blood alcohol content of .169 percent at his time of death. Authorities believe Dado and his friends drank alcohol at the two fraternities. Following the hearing, McGlaughlin reiterated his belief

that Fiji is unfairly taking the blame.

"The IFC hands out these bracelets and knows there is going to be alcohol," he said. "Penn State wants to talk about alcohol, but they look the other way."

McGlaughlin said the Dado tragedy "shines the spotlight" on a drinking problem that every major university faces. But it's a problem he said is being unjustly pushed upon the fraternities.

IFC President-elect Max Wendkos attended the hearings to gather facts and information.

"The leadership of ATO and Fiji have behaved very admirably throughout all of this," Wendkos (senior-marketing and psychology) said.

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Lecturer

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Texidor said. "Any work outside of Penn State is consulting."

In fall 2008, Texidor began working as a special part-time instructor at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa. Texidor said he informed the College of Liberal Arts Dean Susan Welch and McCarthy — also a professor of crime, law and justice — of his position at Lycoming about a year before he was told it was a problem. Welch and McCarthy both wrote in e-mails last week they would not comment on the situation. In the midst of the controversy, Texidor's students want to take action.

One student created a Facebook group, "KEEP PROFESSOR TEXIDOR," which had 62 members as of press time.

Another student, Todd Clark (senior-crime, law and justice), sent letters to Penn State President

Graham Spanier, McCarthy and Welch. He has only heard back from McCarthy, he said.

Clark also spoke about the situation to one class and distributed prewritten letters for students to sign and return to him.

"I really respected him as a professor," Todd said. "He was very clear in his instruction and gave great examples." Another student, Kerry Homan (senior-crime, law and justice), said she has taken every class she could with Texidor.

And future students might not have the benefit of Texidor's guidance — a real shame, Homan said.

Beyond a student response, there are several investigations surrounding the lecturer.

The Penn State Affirmative Action Office is currently investigating the situation, Texidor said. Vice Provost for Affirmative Action Ken Lehrman could neither confirm nor deny an investigation.

Texidor said Dec. 1 that he may file a complaint with the Equal

Opportunity Commission. He wrote in an e-mail Dec. 5 that he would likely do this over winter break. Texidor took the position at Lycoming after Welch and McCarthy put Texidor on probation in the summer of 2008, resulting in a \$20,000 to \$30,000 financial loss, Texidor said.

Texidor said he was put on probation because "[McCarthy] was disturbed about the statistical data concerning grades issued to students."

But Texidor said he challenges students, and they want to meet this challenge. "My tests are considered the hardest in the university," Texidor said.

Some student said they agreed. "I got A's, but I've never worked so hard and I'm an underachiever," Homan said.

Texidor said he feels his record speaks for itself and his evaluations justify his continued employment.

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Player

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the Penn State center is simply "Mr. Wisniewski" to the 20 or so students in his sixth-period English class at State College Area High School.

"It was weird at first, it took some getting used to," Wisniewski joked of his new moniker. "Some kids have shortened it to 'Mr Wis' — that has a nice ring to it."

A secondary education major enrolled in the Schreyer Honors College, Wisniewski is in the classroom teaching 10th graders when he's not on the practice field.

Wisniewski's role reversal is part of the Professional Development School (PDS) Collaborative between the State College Area School District and Penn State's College of Education. Last Thursday, he took to the front of the class wearing brown shoes, khaki pants and a white collared shirt, a far cry from the white helmet and black shoulder pads of his day job.

On the projector screen covering the blackboard behind him read three simple sentences: "Oh, no you won't," "Is that a new hairdo?" and "So you want to borrow my car?"

The class' opening exercise involved group discussions using everyday examples of these phrases. "Have fun with this, guys," Wisniewski told the class as he walked around the room and observed. A few minutes later, Wisniewski transitioned the exercise into a back-and-forth between him and his students in which they acted out scenes from "Macbeth" using the characters' proper tones.

Wisniewski played the role of the title character, with his impression drawing a few laughs from students.

"You're supposed to say, 'What is thy name?'" Wisniewski told a five-foot-nothing student with a mushroom cut who was playing the role of Young Siward. "But what you're thinking when you say it is that you're really scared. So how would you say, 'What is thy name,' if you're really scared?"

"Uh, 'What is thy name?'" the student responded unenthusiastically. "You're trying to act brave. No, you're trying to act brave. I don't want ..."

"No, but he's scared," the teacher insisted.

"But you don't want him to know ..."

"That's the difference in the text,"

Wisniewski told him. "You could do it that way."

"You don't want him to know you're scared."

"But what if you can't hide that you're scared?" the college junior asked. "How would you say it?"

"Well then I wouldn't say anything," the student responded. "I'd probably run away."

Toward the end of the activity, a brief side discussion broke out about Wisniewski's trash-talk on the gridiron. He answered a question about it and moved on with the act.

"He redirects them," Jeff King, Wisniewski's mentor teacher, said. "He tells them, 'This isn't the time or the place for that. Come see me after class or come see me another time.' And they've been really good with that."

A few minutes later, before class was dismissed, the same kid whose Young Siward impersonation failed to meet Wisniewski's standard had a few choice words for his teacher.

"That's sort of a funny ongoing thing," King said, adding, "Every time Stefan gets a holding call, he comes in [saying], 'How could you hold that guy?'"

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