

NEWS IN BRIEF

Driver sustains injuries after collision

One person faces DUI charges and another sustained minor injuries after a collision Sunday afternoon on Union Street in State College.

Tickets on sale in HUB for BJC shows

Students can buy tickets for upcoming Bryce Jordan Center events today in the HUB-Robeson Center from noon to 3 p.m.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Masaya Fujita, of the University of Houston, will speak at 4 today in 101 Althouse Laboratory about "Cell Fate Decision in a Sporulating Bacterium."

Janna Levin, of Columbia University, will speak at 4 today in 320 Whitmore Laboratory about "A Periodic Table for Black Hole Orbits."

THE MENU

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock and Redfer: New England clam chowder, vegetarian bean chili, battered fish, pasta Florentine, Philly cheese steak sandwich, plain wrap, sub toppings, coleslaw, peas

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redfer and Warnock: New England clam chowder, vegetarian bean chili, BBQ Sauce, cheese ravioli, chicken tenders, grilled chicken breast, honey mustard, honey sauce, milano sauce, pulled pork BBQ, sweet & sour sauce, roasted vegetables, sweet potato wedges

Correction

An article "Students make plans for real world" on page 1 of Dec. 11's Daily Collegian incorrectly stated the name of U.S. agency tracking labor statistics. The correct name is the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Senators address airline jobs after plot

Two senators said Sunday the U.S. needs to punish officials after recent airport security lapses.

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WASHINGTON — As the Obama administration begins to address the failings behind the Christmas Day airliner attack, two senators said Sunday the U.S. needs to punish officials, correct security lapses and limit opportunities to join jihad overseas.

Sens. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., and John McCain, R-Ariz., took issue with President Barack Obama's suggestion that no one would lose his or her job over the incident. Neither called specifically for someone to be fired, and they did not name who should be disciplined.

Lieberman pointed to breakdowns at the State Department and the National Counterterrorism Center, where he said people failed to act to identify as a threat the suspected bomber, a young Nigerian, and revoke his visa.

"At the National Counterterrorism Center, something went wrong," said Lieberman, the chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee. "So if human errors were made, I think some of the humans who made those errors have to be disciplined so that they never happen again."

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, 23,

is accused of igniting an explosive mixture aboard Northwest Airlines Flight 253 as it prepared to land in Detroit.

Officials received fragments of information as early as October about an alleged terror recruit they later learned was Abdulmutallab.

Asked whether McCain Obama should fire Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, National Counterterrorism Center head Michael Leiter or presidential counterterrorism adviser John Brennan. Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said the advisers reflect the sentiments of the president.

"I think the president was right when he said, 'The buck stops with me.' The problem is he can't be fired right now," Kyl said. "So what he's got to do is provide a sense of urgency with these people who work for him."

Other lawmakers said the U.S. should be more careful about releasing detainees held at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to countries where al-Qaida has a presence, including Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Last week Obama suspended the transfer of Guantanamo detainees to Yemen, home to nearly half of the 198 terror suspect detainees held at Guantanamo Bay.

Obama has reiterated his vow to close the camp.

On Sunday, Rep. Peter Hoekstra of Michigan, the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, said a Saudi rehabilitation program for detainees has had mixed results and that individuals should not be sent there.

"You shouldn't be sending them back to Somalia, Afghanistan, Pakistan," said Hoekstra. "Because the evidence is clear — these people are released and a number of them go back onto the battlefield."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, agreed more care must be taken in releasing detainees.

"I agree with those that have said that Guantanamo has really been a recruiting tool for al-Qaida, that it has not been helpful to us," she said. "They come out of Gitmo and they are heroes in this world," and the tendency is for them to go back to the battlefield.

In other comments, McCain, R-Ariz., said Abdulmutallab should have been treated like an enemy combatant and should not be tried in a civilian court.

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., disagreed, saying the U.S. has charged and convicted hundreds of individuals in civilian courts since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"It's an effective way to seek justice," Reed said.



McCain



Lieberman

IFC

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potential new members to the core values in fraternity life," including brotherhood and virtue, according to an IFC press release issued Sunday night.

Dan Cartwright, IFC vice president of communications, said he is unsure of what the effects of the policy will be in the immediate future but is hopeful about the long-lasting effects.

"We predict that these changes in policy will have a positive effect on the community," Cartwright (junior-energy, business and finance) said.

Mendkos and Cartwright both emphasized the importance of maintaining the ideals of their organizations and how this policy will assist in that goal.

"It's incredibly important in our community to have members who carry these values with them day to day," Wendkos said. University Park Undergraduate

Association President Gavin Keirans supported the new policy, which he said will affect the campus as a whole.

"I think the focus is on negatives when there is a laundry list of good within the greek community," Keirans (senior-business management) said. "Away from alcohol is a positive. It's important that the IFC and the community as a whole is focused on improvement."

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Players

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kinds of outside pressures because of family situations.

With this upcoming Friday the last date for underclassmen to declare for the draft, Dan Shonka of Ourlads.com said he couldn't easily

project where Bowman may get drafted.

Though he thinks Bowman has to improve in coverage, Shonka envisions him being a second-round pick.

However, he hinted at the importance of the NFL Scouting Combine by adding that if Bowman posts a time like 4.8 seconds in the 40-yard

dash, all bets would be off.

"Navorro's a heck of a line-backer," Shonka said.

"He's very athletic and one of the top linebackers in the Big Ten. He's one of those linebackers who could come in and make a difference very early in his career."

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Lions

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A full season with the team will likely give Newsome a leg up over incoming recruits Paul Jones and Robert Bolden for the starting quarterback spot.

But Paterno would not rule out wide receivers Brett Brackett and Curtis Drake as options. Both players were quarterbacks in high school.

Compounding matters will be a much more difficult road schedule.

The Lions finished this season ranked No. 9, behind No. 7 Iowa and

No. 5 Ohio State, the only two teams to defeat them this season. If Penn State wants to exact revenge in 2010, it will have to do it on the road, as it travels to both Iowa City, Iowa and Columbus, Ohio next season.

Should the Lions get back to a New Year's bowl, there will be little question of their legitimacy thanks to a different outlook in the Big Ten. The Hawkeyes and the Buckeyes both won BCS bowl games this season, and the Big Ten finished with a 4-3 record in bowls, its first winning postseason record since 2002. Both Iowa and Ohio State will likely be top-10 teams in preseason polls.

But by the time of those trips, Penn State will have likely already played the No. 1 team in the nation. A first-year quarterback will take the field for the Lions in their first road game on Sept. 11 at Alabama, which defeated Texas Jan. 7 to win the BCS National Championship.

Only then — a week after a home date with Football Championship Subdivision opponent Youngstown State — will questions start to be answered about a team replacing six defensive starters.

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Incidents

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Students admitted to the emergency department have an average blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.253 percent, up from an average level of 0.250 percent last year.

State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham said the most recent statistics are a cause for concern in the borough. The statistics reflect that alcohol consumption has a more profound effect than people realize, she said.

"What is connected to alcohol use is rowdy or inappropriate behavior," Goreham said. "But the vast majority of students — they're wonderful, they're not causing problems."

The statistics also show a gender split. The percentage of male students needing medical assistance in

alcohol-related incidents from 2007 to 2009 was nearly double that of female students, according to the report.

The proportion of male patients treated for alcohol abuse at Mount Nittany Medical Center saw a slight increase from 65 percent in 2007-08 to 66 percent in 2008-09, according to the report.

Despite these numbers, Penn State students have maintained the same opinions about their alcohol consumption through 2009 when asked to identify their drinking habits, according to the report.

Nearly half of the students included in the report — 44.7 percent in 2009 — said they consider themselves moderate drinkers, while only 6.9 percent said they are heavy drinkers, according to the report.

Police-issued citations for public

drunkenness among students have risen to 301 from 232 in 2007-08, the report states.

According to the report, underage possession reports processed by Residence Life went from 302 in 2007-08 to 404 in 2008-09.

However, the number of arrests for furnishing alcohol to minors decreased to 58 last year from 69 in 2007-08.

In total, student alcohol-related violations — public drunkenness, liquor law citations and DUI arrests — reached 1,545 in 2008-09, up from 1,454 in 2007-08.

Goreham said alcohol abuse is an issue that draws a lot of attention, but the university and the borough of State College are working hard to raise awareness about responsible consumption.

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Loop

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effectiveness of the added hours and any problems incurred as a result of the late-night buses.

They'll examine ridership, alcohol-related incidents, vandalism offenses, reports of assault and arrests during the hours of extended service, officials said.

Feedback from CATA, police agencies, the Highland Civic Association and students will also be taken into consideration.

Newly inaugurated State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham said she applauds UPUA for their efforts to extend the route.

"It really extends the hours, helps them connect and provides a needed service to a wide range of student activities ... from studying some-

where to going to parties to being out of town," she said. "I hope it's successful."

Two student "transit ambassadors" will preside over the late-night routes to further monitor the White Loop firsthand.

For the first week, these ambassadors will be UPUA members, but the organization is working to recruit additional leaders from other campus groups to fill in.

During the trial period, UPUA plans to make sure word gets out to students about the benefits of the added service.

UPUA Vice President Hillary Gupta said she and others are looking to especially target East Halls in their efforts to promote the bus route.

"One of my main initiatives is working on the White Loop, making sure that students know about it and

use it to their advantage," Gupta (senior-marketing) said. "Hopefully, it will be successful and something we use in the future."

UPUA Student Life and Diversity Chairman Christian Ragland has worked on a number of safety initiatives this year and is enthusiastic about the White Loop extension. But he thinks this step can hardly be the last in a line of efforts to promote students' security.

"Having this trial of the White Loop Extension is a great safety precaution and a great way to speak out on safety measures," Ragland (junior-political science) said. "But this can't be where it stops. We have to continue to work to find other ways to fit the student body [on these issues]."

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