

NEWS IN BRIEF

UHS recognized, honored for quality

Penn State University Health Services (UHS) became one of the 10 percent of college health services to achieve accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) earlier this month.

Organizations must pass rigorous and nationally recognized standards for quality health care in order to receive recognition, according to a UHS press release.

AAAHC surveyors praised the design of the new UHS building, as well as various aspects of patient care such as patient rights, clinical records-keeping, quality of care and professional development, according to the press release.

Local man uses false ID, violates parole

Wayne Homan, 50, of 3403 E. College Ave. faces weapons charges after police say he violated his parole in an attempt to fly to the Philippines.

Authorities apprehended Homan Dec. 14 at the University Park Airport terminal.

Police said Homan violated his parole by using a false identity and driving with a suspended license when he left the country in October 2009 to see a woman in the Philippines.

Authorities searched Homan's bags and found two knives and a set of three brass knuckles, all three of which were purchased in the Philippines.

Brass knuckles are illegal to own and are considered an offensive weapon under Pennsylvania law, police said.

Homan is currently being held at the Centre County Correctional Facility on \$30,000 straight cash bail, police said.

Police: Man masturbated in public

Kelvin James Flory, 48, of 301 Rolling Ridge Drive, faces three misdemeanor charges for indecent exposure, open lewdness and disorderly conduct after police say he masturbated outside of a McDonald's on the 2100 block of South Atherton Street.

Flory was arrested around 9:15 p.m. Monday, the State College Police Department said.

One man and one woman — neither of which were Penn State students — saw Flory outside of the McDonald's in nothing but a pair of socks, police said.

Flory ran away from officers, who followed him on foot and apprehended him a few hundred yards later, police said.

Four men accused of running brothels

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Four illegal immigrants are accused of running brothels out of a pair of South Philadelphia houses.

Three of the men were arrested Monday, the same day a federal indictment against them was unsealed.

Investigators say 27-year-old Jose Claudio Corona Cotoniato and 31-year-old Raymond Gonzalez Salazar would schedule Hispanic women to travel from New York, New Jersey and Delaware to work in the brothel for about a week at a time.

Twenty-two-year-old Nicolas Gonzalez Salazar is also charged. A fourth suspect is still being sought.

Investigators say the men had run the brothels since August, netting them about \$9,000 per week.

■ Ted Moore, of the University of Michigan, will speak at noon in 541 Deike Building about "Radiolarians and Environmental Change: The Eocene/Oligocene Climate Transition."

■ Marc Freeman, of the University of Massachusetts, will speak at 4:00 p.m. in 108 Wartik Laboratory about "Neuron-glia Signaling After Brain Injury in Drosophila."

Correction

An article "Police may handle noise" on page 1 of Tuesday's Daily Collegian incorrectly stated the name for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's noise regulations. They are regulations, not ordinances.

Clarification

An article "UPUA Legal Services has timeline" on page 3 of Tuesday's Daily Collegian unclearly stated some information. The Legal Services program is not a solely UPUA service. It is a joint effort under the Office of Student Affairs, with the university appointing and housing the position of Legal Services Director. Also, Samantha Miller's title is Director of Assembly Services.

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Sexual assault case won't see trial

By Greg Galiffa COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

It took 29 years for her to report that she had been sexually assaulted. But just as the investigation into the sexual assault of a Penn State visitor in the early '80s began, a technicality took away any chance of the case going to trial.

A woman told police Jan. 4 she was sexually assaulted in a campus residence hall while she was visiting Penn State in February 1981, police said. The woman said she was 17 years old at the time of incident and knew the person who assaulted her.

Immediately after the assault was reported, police said they began investigating the case by first presenting it to Centre County District Attorney Stacy Parks Miller. But in the end, the woman's plea to police came too late, Parks Miller said.

"It's sad that it's not going to trial. She still needs to have her story be known, her voice be heard over something that happened to her," said Pjae Saupp, Centre County Women's Resource Center evening

counselor advocate. "Even though it was more than 20 years ago, it's probably something that she deals with every day until the person is held accountable for what they did."

Inside the Centre County courthouse, that moment will never come.

Parks Miller was given the case to determine whether it fell under the statute of limitations, which states that victims are permitted a 12-year period to report a sexual assault, Parks Miller said.

But the woman was a minor when the alleged assault took place, so a new statute could have allowed her to pursue charges because she is still under the age of 50, police said.

"Factually, the complainant's timeline and the date don't allow her to take advantage of the new statute that allows you to pursue the case before age 50," Parks Miller said. "There are all kinds of dates you have to measure."

Parks Miller said some of the dates she had to consider were when the woman turned 18 years old and when the statute was

changed, among other things.

Peggy Lorah, director of the Penn State's Center for Women Students, said that while she appreciates the amount of time the law allows for sexual assault victims to report the incident, she would prefer if victims had even more.

"I wish that it were a lifetime ability to bring those charges," Lorah said. "You really need to have that ability throughout your lifetime, but right now, that's not what the law says."

Saupp agreed that there should not be any type of time constraints when dealing with cases of sexual assault or rape.

"It takes a long time for a rape victim to come to terms with what happened to her or him," she said. "Sometimes it just takes a long time to deal with it. Sometimes you want to think it didn't happen to you. You want to put it in the back of your mind, and then something will happen and it will spark it, and it will all come flooding back."

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Man with TB allowed on Phila. flight

By Ron Todd ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PHILADELPHIA — A man with tuberculosis was allowed to board a cross-country flight over the weekend despite having been placed on a "do not board" list, federal authorities said Tuesday.

The passenger who took US Airways flight 401 from Philadelphia to San Francisco on Saturday had been placed on the list the day before, said Christine Pearson of the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention. He was transferred from the airport upon arrival for treatment, she said.

Public health officials in San Mateo County just south of San Francisco said the man is being

treated in an isolation room at a hospital there.

Dr. Martin Cetron, CDC's director of global migration and quarantine, said officials believe there was little risk to passengers from such a short flight.

"Although we never like to see people with contagious tuberculosis flying on commercial airlines ... the risk on flights that are less than eight hours in duration is exceedingly small," Cetron said. The passenger had been scheduled to board such a long-haul flight in San Francisco but was prevented from doing so, he said.

Tuberculosis is a bacterial infection that usually attacks the lungs. It is spread through the air and can be fatal if not treated

properly, according to the CDC.

A Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman says the agency quickly relayed the "do not board" information to the airlines after being informed by the CDC and the Department of Homeland Security.

US Airways spokeswoman Michelle Mohr said officials were working with the CDC and TSA to determine how the man got onto the flight. She said officials were told there was little risk because the flight lasted less than six hours.

Cetron said 88 passengers have been placed on the "do not board" list since June 2007 because of tuberculosis and 66 have been removed after they were no longer contagious.

Value

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ranked 45th out of 50 states for state support of public higher education. That forces many of our institutions into a higher tuition model. We offer so much, but it comes at a price."

But the lack of state funding hasn't proven to be detrimental to Penn State's application statistics, as the school received 71,856 applications as of Jan. 4 — a 3 percent increase from last year.

"That tells me our reputation continues to remain strong," Penn State spokeswoman Annemarie Mountz said. However, she said Penn State is "very concerned about the high tuition."

The list factored in average debt

accrued upon graduation, percent of financial aid met, overall percent of students who receive aid and price of tuition. Student and administrator surveys were also used to gauge non-quantitative data such as academic rigor.

While some people may not view Penn State's absence on the list as a reliable or useful indicator of the university's appeal, David Soto, the Princeton Review's director of college ratings, said 85 percent of people polled on a recent survey reported that financial package would determine where they decide to go to school.

Soto said that while the "Best Value" list is "just a snapshot" of information, the geographic diversity of the schools on the list shows that it should be

considered as a fair assessment.

Mountz said Penn State is currently focusing its fundraising campaign on providing more student aid.

"We're working on providing more scholarship dollars," she said. "We do what is in the best interest of the students. If people choose to put us on their lists or not is something that is out of our control."

Despite its exclusion from the list, Soto said Penn State consistently appears on other key rankings formulated by the Princeton Review.

"We're fans of Penn State," Soto said. "Penn State is a great state school. They're on a lot of good lists."

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Noise

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wants fair treatment, and we feel like the State College Police Department will treat us better," Cocolin said.

Police would instead enforce regulations using a decibel monitor. Any noise level over 62 decibels — about the level of a running dishwasher — heard from the street would be punishable, State College

Police Chief Tom King said.

"It doesn't give them free range to be as loud as they want," he said.

Jody Alessandrino, executive director of the Downtown Improvement District, said the exemption may not make regulations looser, but they will be more consistently enforced and better understood.

"[Local restaurant owners] want to know what the rules are. If you have more local

enforcement, that will happen," he said.

Council members held mixed views of the exemption. While Peter Morris called the "current PLCB criterion kind of ridiculous," Silvi Lawrence said she was worried looser regulations could cause downtown patrons to get out of hand.

"I'm not really sure I want to see crowds in the streets," she said.

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Beta

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the negative aspects, like hazing," Rundle said. "It's definitely the brotherhood aspect that most men are seeking."

The fraternity will be accepting new pledges through early February, Rundle said. Officers will be appointed by the first weekend in February, and the first pledge class will be initiated in mid-April. The fraternity will also participate in the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon as a greek organization this semester.

Beta Theta Pi is currently recognized by the university, but is not yet recognized by its national fraternity. Rundle expects the fraternity will be recognized again soon.

Jordan Derk, who is a new mem-

ber, was drawn to Beta Theta Pi for the service opportunities it presents.

"We're actually having a positive influence on the school," Derk (sophomore-biology) said. "The restructuring attracted me to it, because it's something new that can benefit the students at Penn State."

Indeed, the restructuring is more of an asset than a concern to some Beta Theta Pi pledges. Pledge TJ Bard (freshman-political science and economics) was initially uninterested in joining a fraternity because of the party stereotypes associated with greek life at Penn State.

"I wanted to be part of an organization that didn't have those stigmas and will have a good reputation for years to come," he said. "I got excited that I could be part of the changing face of fraternities on campus."

Kealan Hobelmann (sophomore-nuclear and mechanical engineering) also sees Beta Theta Pi's restructuring as an asset.

"I was attracted to the fact that there was a blank slate and that the new pledges could pave the way and set new traditions," he said. "We really have the opportunity to make it our own fraternity and set traditions that can last a long time."

Interfraternity Council President Max Wendkos said he hopes that Beta Theta Pi's pledges are able to give the fraternity a truly fresh start.

"It's never easy getting a fraternity off the ground with a brand new mindset," Wendkos (senior-marketing and psychology) said. "My hope is that the members they've recruited will be the positive Beta men that they're hoping for."

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Mezzanine

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which includes big screen TVs on two sides — will create a strong tie between the audience and the DJ and help push forward the new vibe of the club.

"We're trying to bring a real nightclub scene to State College," Falkowski said. "More of a party atmosphere. More interaction."

But perhaps the most noticeable change is the name of the club itself.

"Instead of making the club fit the name, we made the name fit the club," Falkowski said.

The name refers to the bar's mul-

tiples levels, he said. But even with the change in atmosphere and intended vibe, Falkowski said the club will continue to hold true to its support of live acts.

Mainstays like Metal Mondays will continue, and the club even plans to add a new night — Alternative Night — which is being developed for Sunday nights in the future, Falkowski said.

Matt Price, one of the organizers of Metal Mondays, said he appreciates the mainstays and believes Mezzanine is one of the most progressive establishments in State College.

"It's awesome. They're happy with the kind of crowds we're bring-

ing, and they don't want to get rid of it, which makes us happy," Price said. "We'll be playing there until they make us stop."

Price said the club will only grow stronger from the renovation and new moniker.

"I don't really know if there's another bar or club that can kind of touch the atmosphere they're going for — not only the fact that they're doing the dance club thing, but now the original music thing," Price said. "I don't really think there's a venue in town that can surpass what the venue is going to become."

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