

NEWS IN BRIEF

Officials: No IFC social policy violations

Officials saw no major violations during the Interfraternity Council's first weekend implementing the new social policy, according to an IFC press release.

The policy, established last semester, bans socials on Wednesdays, requires monitors to inspect every fraternity every night of the week and requires bouncers to be stationed at entrances and exits of fraternity houses on party nights.

The IFC anticipates "growing pains" as the policy continues to be institutionalized, but is optimistic it will result in a safer environment on the whole, according to the press release.

Spanier to discuss choral music on show

Penn State President Graham Spanier will discuss the evolution of choral music on WPSU-TV and WPSU-FM at 8 p.m. on Jan. 19.

Penn State Laureate Tony Leach, associate professor of music and music education and founder of Penn State choir Essence of Joy, and Gilbert Lewis Bailey II (senior-musical theatre), a member of Essence of Joy, will join Spanier for the program.

The live discussion is part of a monthly WPSU series titled "To The Best Of My Knowledge." Viewers and listeners can call in during the program to ask questions and offer comments.

CALENDAR

Theft: A \$1,500 HP laptop was reported stolen at about 4 p.m. Sunday from a party at 500 W. Beaver Ave., the State College Police Department said.

LECTURES AND EVENTS

■ David Sloan of Penn State will speak about "Slow Roll Inflation in Loop Quantum Gravity," at 10 a.m. in 320 Whitmore Laboratory.

The Institute for Gravitation and the Cosmos is sponsoring the event.

■ Eric Sirota of the Exxon Mobil Research and Engineering Company will speak at 10 a.m. in 301 Steidle Building.

The Department of Materials Science and Engineering is sponsoring the event.

■ Ae Ja Yee of Penn State will speak about "MacMahon's Partition Analysis: Part One - The Lecture Hall Partition Theorem," at 11:15 a.m. in 106 McAllister Building.

The Department of Mathematics is sponsoring the event.

■ James Whisstock, of Monash University (Australia), will speak about "Structural and Functional Studies on Perforin-Like Proteins." The event will be at 11:15 a.m. in 101 Althouse Laboratory.

LECTURES

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redlfer and Warnock: black bean chili, mine-strone soup, Alfredo sauce, chicken Alfredo fettuccini, grilled chicken breast, sour cream, zucchini corn quesidilla, barley pecan pilaf, Italian green beans, Kyoto blend

Waring: cream of mushroom soup, soup of the day, assorted specialty breads, chicken tenders, fresh fish, Kyoto blend, long green beans, wild rice, chicken Marsala, buffalo chicken pizza, cheese pizza, hoagie roll, marinara sauce, meat sauce, meatballs in sauce, pepperoni pizza, tortellini and vegetables, barley pecan pilaf, black bean chili, broccoli florettes, cheddar cheese sauce, hearty vegetable sauce, hearty vegetarian chili

Corrections

A photo caption accompanying the article "Sophomore Sunder working on serves" on page 9 of Thursday's Daily Collegian incorrectly identified the player in the photograph. The correct name is Will Price.

An article "First year in CAA excites Penn State" on page 10 on Thursday's Daily Collegian incorrectly stated the score of last year's men's lacrosse game against Georgetown. The Nittany Lions won 12-11 in double overtime over Georgetown.

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N.J. marijuana bill signed into law

The bill will allow patients who are terminally ill access to marijuana.

By Angela Delli Santi
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TRENTON, N.J. — New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine signed legislation granting chronically ill patients legal access to marijuana on Monday, one of dozens of bills inked by the governor on his last full day in office.

The governor signed the bill after hours Monday, making New Jersey the 14th state to allow patients with diseases such as cancer, AIDS, glaucoma and multiple sclerosis to use marijuana to alleviate their pain, nausea and other symptoms.

"New Jersey will soon no longer make criminals out of our very sick and terminally ill," said Assembly co-sponsor Reed Gusciora.

The legislation allows for dispensaries to be set up around the state where patients with prescriptions can access the drug. The state Health Department will license and monitor the dispensaries.

Growing marijuana at home and driving after using the drug remain illegal under the new law.

Gusciora, a Democrat, said New Jersey's medical marijuana law is the strictest in the country and will serve as a model for other states.

Assembly co-sponsor Joan Voss called the law "a moral and commonsense approach" to debilitating illnesses.

She said marijuana has been shown to alleviate pain and suffering when other drugs can't.

Other states that have already removed criminal penalties for medical marijuana are: Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington.

The bill is one of 55 Corzine signed while working privately in Newark on Monday. Gov.-elect Chris Christie will be sworn in today.

Earlier, Corzine signed a measure ending state control of the City of Camden after eight years.

The state has been overseeing financial affairs of the impoverished city since pumping tens of millions of dollars into a bailout in 2002.

The law returns control of the city's day-to-day operations to the newly elected mayor, former state Sen. Dana Redd.

The state will retain some oversight.

Corzine said Camden city government has regained the public's trust and is again able to deliver essential municipal services. The legislation abolished the chief operating officer position.

Corzine also signed legislation requiring restaurant chains to list calorie counts of selections sold on

their menus, increasing transit funding for senior citizens and the disabled, requiring the public reporting of infection rates at surgical centers, and extending until March 16 the date his successor must deliver his 2011 budget address.

A package of bills providing educational, addiction and jobs training services to inmates before they leave prison was signed despite Christie's to any new laws requiring additional spending.

New Jersey faces a budget deficit of at least \$8 billion for the fiscal year that begins in July.

The bills Corzine signed Monday run the gamut of concerns, from requiring continuing education for licensed professional engineers to denying abusive spouses the right to determine how their partner's remains are disposed of.

The law mandating calorie counts affects restaurant chains with more than 20 locations nationally, and, according to the governor, is an essential ingredient for people seeking healthier lifestyles.

"One of the best ways to improve our health and well being is to deal directly with obesity and proper eating," Corzine said in a statement.

"This legislation is a clear step in that direction, as it will allow New Jerseyans to know the calorie content of the food they are eating at these establishments," he said.

Speech

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to his Web site, he founded the National Black Justice Coalition and served as the board president.

In addition, Boykin has written three books that have each been nominated for a Lambda Literary Award and is currently working on his fourth.

Henry said she thinks the committee made a good choice for the replacement speaker.

"He's a political analyst and talks about different things on race and social justice. He does many things similar to Soledad O'Brien — he just isn't as big of a name as she is," she said. "We are very confident that he will be a great speaker."

Organizers said they do not feel the replacement will decrease attendance.

"I don't think it would affect the out," said Brian Mateo, adviser for the MLK commemoration committee. "He isn't as much of a high-profile speaker, but it's ultimately

about the speech and its message."

Mateo, a graduate assistant with the Office of Student Activities, said O'Brien should be commended for her work in Haiti.

Audience members who may be upset by her absence should remember why she isn't present, he said.

"As humanitarians, we need to understand that things like this happen and it's out of our control," he said.

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The evening reflected the overall commemoration's theme: "Dream the Change, Lead the Change, Be the Change."

Video footage of King's 1965 speech at Rec Hall played throughout the night, as attendees were reminded to remember the past and celebrate the future of the black community.

The event began by honoring various community members, schools and students who worked to improve the community.

Anthony Leach, director of singing group Essence of Joy, was the recipient of the prestigious Humanitarian Award for his "outstanding service to the African

American community at Penn State."

He created Essence of Joy specifically for this same banquet in 1992 and now has three separate choirs for Penn State students and community members.

Leach said the award and the night itself were very meaningful to him.

"I'm a product of that era," Leach said. "It's wonderful to connect with my heritage through the music. I'm living the dream that people died for 40 years ago."

Staying true to his character — a self-described "people person" — Leach was sitting backstage, talking with his choir when his name was called for his award, which he said was unexpected.

"I don't do it for attention," Leach said about his work. "I do it

to engage with my students."

After a prayer and dinner, various performances depicted each of the three parts of the theme. Dancers from State College Area School District and Penn State used music, dance and storytelling to narrate the events from slavery to modern-day race issues. Terri Parker, a director of financial services at Penn State, sang a rendition of "Precious Lord."

At the end of the evening, Essence of Joy had the entire room on its feet as people clapped and danced with the singers.

Jamie Campbell, president of the Forum on Black Affairs, closed the ceremony by asking everyone to "not make Monday a day off, but to make it a day on."

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Haitians

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"It was important for us to show that, one, we care about this issue and, two, to give students an opportunity to do something 'at home,'" Gaffney said. "The HUB isn't far from here, but students don't always stop there. There's always a lot of traffic through here."

Members of SHRA cut out paper hands from various colors of con-

struction paper for the project. Each donor wrote his or her name on a hand and then taped it to the windows inside Redifer Commons. SHRA is attempting to spell out "Hands 4 Haiti" with the paper hands.

"We're going to leave them up as a symbol of people's efforts to help," SHRA President Mike Stefanick (junior-computer engineering) said.

SHRA paired up with the Centre Communities Chapter of the American Red Cross to gather the

donations. The money will then be sent through the Red Cross to Haiti.

Other various student organizations will also be collecting donations for the earthquake victims every day this week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at tables in the HUB-Robeson Center. Student leaders decided to pull together by uniting at one table in the HUB to make their efforts for Haiti stronger, said Judy Albin, assistant director of Residence Life.

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Musicians

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behind you if you have a contract," Lee said.

AFM member Dave Mudgett questioned why more musicians are not involved in the union. This led to a discussion of how to better attract members, and also how to entice audiences to seek out live music.

It didn't take long for AFM members to agree on what brings audiences — mostly students — into these venues: alcohol.

"Penn State students define what

the music scene is, to a greater or lesser degree. We need to pay attention to that," AFM member Stacy Glen said.

The group hopes to work toward bringing students into venues for the performances, rather than for the alcohol. Lee said the bars need to utilize more acts to live up to what can become a cookie-cutter music scene. "It's always the same band," Lee said. "You can't talk, and everyone's getting drunk anyways."

Since not every venue is looking for the same genre of music, the union has also created committees for specific musical needs — one for

orchestra performances and another for those who play in bars.

The group also hopes to work with Penn State marketing students to get word out about performances and about the union's meetings.

Lee said he hopes the decisions made Saturday will help the union to reach its goal of creating a better music scene for State College — one that doesn't rely on drink specials.

"I'd rather have them get a buzz from music than from alcohol," Lee said. "They'll feel better in the morning."

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Loop

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routes, the bus service now runs until 4:30 a.m. Members of UPUA rode along during the extended hours to monitor usage and to advocate the initiative.

"This first weekend supplied a lot of information," said UPUA President Gavin Keirans, who rode the White Loop on its first night. Throughout the evening, Keirans posted updates on his Twitter about his experience.

Ambassadors did their best to make the ride enjoyable for the students and themselves. Chatting with passengers and the bus driver and taking photographs to document the weekend, they also kept an eye on the number of people using the

extended hours. Students on the bus enjoyed the company of the ambassadors as well, occasionally staying on longer than their intended stop to just enjoy the ride.

"I thought it was funny that people got on the bus and stayed on and rode with us," UPUA Student Life and Diversity Chairman Christian Ragland said.

UPUA Vice President Hillary Gupta (senior-marketing) said students did "the usual chanting and singing" to spice up the bus ride.

Keirans (senior-business management) said he was taking notes to monitor not only the number of students on the bus, but their behavior, too.

He said official numbers will be available later in the week, but remarked that the first weekend's turnout was very strong. He cited

UPUA's extensive promotion of the extended hours as a major factor in getting people on the bus.

"I think a lot of it had to do with the letters I put in the mailboxes," Keirans said. "We were just trying to get word out."

Despite the crowds of students, Keirans said there were no incidents over the weekend and operations ran smoothly.

He will be meeting with members of the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) on a regular basis to monitor their thoughts on the extension.

Ragland (junior-political science) said he hopes the extension leads to similar policies in the future.

"I really want this to just snowball into more safety initiatives," he said.

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