

IN BRIEF

Man sentenced after drug ring charges

Accused of participating in a multi-state drug ring, Kalen Shaffer, 28, entered a guilty plea Monday and was sentenced to 90 days to 12 months in prison, followed by 12 months probation. Shaffer, of 601 Dutch Hollow Road, Jersey Shore, Pa., pleaded guilty to possession with intent to deliver heroin, delivery of heroin, criminal conspiracy and criminal use of a communication facility, Director of the Centre County Probation Department Thomas Young said. Two additional misdemeanor possession of heroine charges were added to court documents yesterday, Young said. Shaffer was one of the three individuals arrested in 2008 in connection with "Operation Flat Tire," when authorities busted a drug trafficking ring police said dispersed cocaine and heroin in bulk quantities in Centre, Clinton and Lincoln counties, according to a press release from the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office.

Police seek two who assaulted students

Penn State Police are looking for two individuals they said assaulted two students in the parking lot outside of Geary Hall between 11:45 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. on Friday. Two male students were punched and hit by two unknown men, police said. The first individual is believed to be a white male, approximately 6' 1" with a thin build and short blond hair, police said. The second person is believed to be a white male, approximately 5' 8" with a thin build and short dark hair, police said. Both men were last seen wearing jeans and a dark hoodie, police said.

"Dining with the Kappas" to benefit Haiti

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity is doing their part to help those affected by the earthquake in Haiti by participating in a nationwide fundraising day. "Dining with the Kappas" will be held at Rotelli Restaurant, 250 E. Calder Way, between 7 and 9 tonight. A percentage of the restaurant's profits will be donated to Haiti relief efforts. The program is part of the iKare initiative started by undergraduate chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi across the nation. Students going to Rotelli must tell the staff they are there for the event so their meal can be counted into the total donation. They are also encouraged to bring food, clothes, first aid and other items that can be donated. Contact Austin Miller at acm5101@psu.edu with questions.

AND EVENTS

- There will be a blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m. in Waring Commons.
Christa Kelleher, of Penn State, will speak about "Characterization of Stream Temperatures Across Pennsylvania" at 11:15 a.m. in 529 Walker Building.
"The Hurricane of '38" (video) will be played at 12:15 p.m. in 105 Deike Building.
Yuri Burago, of the Steklov Mathematical Institute, in Russia, will speak about "An Introduction to Convex Geometry and Mixed Volumes: Part Two," at 2:15 p.m. in 114 McAllister Building.
Jordan Lerach, of Penn State, will speak about "The Use of Acoustic Differentiation as a Means of Separation for Biological Samples," at 2:30 p.m. in 102 Chemistry Building.
Jennifer Siegal-Gaskins, of the Ohio State University, will speak about "Using Anisotropies to Identify Dark Matter and Astrophysical Gamma-Ray Sources with Fermi" at 2:30 p.m. in 339 Davey Lab.

Correction

An article "Bechdel to speak as part of graphic novel series" on page 7 of Tuesday's Daily Collegian incorrectly quoted Eileen Akin. Akin considers Harvey Pekar, who had previously been a part of the series, to be the "Mark Twain of our time."

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Trio performs in Schwab

By Robin Tilley COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The Capuçon Angelich Trio musicians, dressed in black suits and ties, were equipped with a black piano, black music stands and black curtains. In fact, everything was black except the stage's contrasting white backdrop, making the quaint Schwab Auditorium as classy and elegant as a national musical stage. The trio — comprised of French natives and brothers Renaud Capuçon on violin and Gautier Capuçon on cello, as well as pianist Nicholas Angelich — performed classical chamber music Tuesday night, sponsored by the Center for Performing Arts (CPA). "They were very emotional when they played and they really connected with their music," communications arts and sciences lecturer Ellen Taricani said. "I also noticed they were really in-sync with each other," she said. The three musicians did not speak or make any noise other than their music — they signaled the start of the next song solely through eye contact and body language. Between each portion of a piece, the men stopped all movement and noise, completely silencing the auditorium before beginning the next portion. There was no applause until the end of each of the three pieces. The trio's first song was Franz Joseph Haydn's Piano Trio in G Major, Hob. XV:25. It began with slow, calm portions before becoming faster and more upbeat. Next, it played Dmitri Shostakovich's Piano Trio No. 2 in E



Amanda August/Collegian

The Capuçon-Angelich Trio answers questions before its Tuesday night performance in the Schwab Auditorium. The Trio, dressed in black suits with ties, performed three pieces for the audience.

minor, Op. 67., which ranged from dreary and slow to short, light plucks of the strings. Mainak Sengupta (graduate-engineering mechanics) said he enjoyed the first piece the most, and the second was "more of a dance." He said he came to the event because he knew of the Trio and plays an Indian instrument himself. After an intermission, the final piece was played — Johannes Brahms' Trio No. 2 in C Major, Op. 87. None of the three pieces were monotonous; they all often switched from long strokes to short, and from quiet to loud. State College resident Sally Mahan said she thought each musi-

cian played out of his element. "I was blown away by the cello playing like a violin, the violin playing like a middle-range instrument and the piano playing like a drum — punctuating the music," Mahan said. "It was startling, and also very effective." The Capuçon-Angelich Trio's current tour is only its third in the United States. CPA Director George Trudeau said prior to the performance — and yesterday's show was its debut at Penn State. Each musician has won a Victoires de la Musique, the French equivalent to a Grammy Award, according to a CPA press release. To e-mail reporter: rmt5048@psu.edu

FBI looking into Pa. student beating

By Ramit Plushnick-Mastl ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PITTSBURGH — The FBI is looking into whether Pittsburgh police officers violated the civil rights of an 18-year-old violist who accused them of brutally beating him as he walked to his grandmother's house after dark. The FBI launched an initial probe even though it has not yet received a letter from Jordan Miles' attorney formally requesting a criminal investigation into the Jan. 12 confrontation, spokesman Jeff Killeen said Tuesday. Jordan Miles alleges three under-

cover officers beat him as he walked from his mother's home to his grandmother's nearby. Pictures taken by his mother show his swollen face covered with red, raw bruises and his right eye swollen shut. A bald spot mars his head where he says his dreadlocks were torn out. The fact-finding mission is the first level of FBI investigations. Killeen said, and is designed to uncover evidence that civil rights have been violated. If so, the bureau could launch a full-fledged investigation. Miles' mother, Terez Miles, has said she believes the three white officers targeted her son because he was a young black man walking in a "rough" neighborhood at night. The confrontation occurred around 11 p.m. Chuck Hanlon, vice president of the city police union, said officers Michael Saldutte, David Sisak and Richard Ewing followed their training and the law. "A lot of credit has been given to Mr. Miles because he's an honor student ... and that everybody in the media, the public and the politicians should just disregard the accounts of what the three officers wrote in their report," Hanlon said. zling the crowds with a glow stick-twirling techno dance in the dark. "It's called string raving. One of my teammates suggested I do it for my talent one day as a joke, but it was actually a good idea," Kaisarian said. SAAB Fundraising Chair Leah Rosenfeld was responsible for putting the pageant together. "It was crazy and hectic backstage, but overall, I think it was a success," Rosenfeld (senior-media studies) said. Most of the athletes came up with their talents on their own, she said. Competitors were nominated by their teammates. Dorr talked about her favorite part of the competition, the opening dance with all the contestants.

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From Page 1. (freshman-health and human development) fist pumped for the audience. Cross country runner Cody Edling delighted the crowd by flying his indoor kite over its heads. Gymnast Noam Shaham serenaded students with a heartfelt rendition of Britney Spears' "Baby One More Time," and they were more than happy to join in the chorus. But, the crowd pleasers were Kaisarian and Dorr. Dorr won over the audience with her piano and vocals, playing Damien Rice's "Nine Crimes." Meanwhile, Kaisarian called upon a skill he learned as a senior in high school, he said, daz-

"Learning the dance was really fun. Everybody had a great time with it," she said. "We were all out of our element, except for maybe the cheerleaders." Both Dorr and Kaisarian said they were surprised by their wins. "It was pretty nerve wracking. My hands were sweaty, I was stressed out, but I'm pretty excited it turned out the way it did," Kaisarian said. The second runners up for the title were freshman field hockey player Laura Kassab and Edling (senior-horticulture), while the first runners up were freshman volleyball player Kristin Carpenter and Shaham. To e-mail reporter: kmw5340@psu.edu

Obama

From Page 1. greatest challenges since FDR, and I believe that many of his steps, especially concerning the economy, have been very positive," Dove said. College Democrats are looking forward to continuing to support and inform students on Obama's policies, Dove said. Last year, members stood outside the HUB-Robeson Center passing out fliers to students, informing them of the specifics of Obama's health care bill. This year, they might canvas again for education reform, which he said could be the next big thing Obama will focus on. While Democrats were making a push for Obama's policies, Andrew Natalo (senior-management), former president of Penn State Students for John McCain, said regrouping was the key issue for Republicans following the GOP's election loss. "We needed to regroup, and now we really feel like 2010 is going to be

a big year for us," Natalo said. "I can't stress enough how much we're looking forward to it." Natalo said meeting one-on-one with students was a way members of Penn State College Republicans set out to recruit. "You can hand out fliers all you want, that's great, but having a discussion with someone and actually discussing the issues is worth more in my opinion than fliers," he said. Natalo said Obama has learned an important lesson after being in office for a year: the difference between being practical and being ideal. During the campaign, Obama made promises, he said — and Natalo thinks he's now realizing he can't come through on all of them. College Republicans President David Frantz (senior-political science) said he would give Obama a "solid C — he had a tough hand to deal with." One of the things he found surprising about Obama's first year was the 10 percent unemployment rate. "I am dissatisfied with the admin-

March

From Page 1. finishing at the McAllister Building. Students held signs that read, "Fight homophobia, say no to Uganda's Anti-Homosexuality Bill." One Amnesty International member carried a sign that said, "Is it illegal to love? Speak out against Uganda's Anti-Homosexuality bill or it WILL!" "First of all, I'm really against the death penalty ... so if you're going to get the death penalty for something

as little as being gay — that's crazy to me," Joanna Reissman (sophomore-elementary education) said. "Love is a human right. People should be able to choose who they love and who they want to be with." Reid (junior-biobehavioral health) said if the bill is passed, it could have negative effects for many people. "I feel that by making homosexuality or promoting homosexuality or knowing about homosexuality a crime, it's just going to turn into a witch hunt," Reid said. "I feel this is a step backward, not just for Uganda, but for everyone." Passers-by acknowledged the march with glances and by taking flyers the marchers handed out. Pre-written letters opposing the bill will be available for students to sign on the ground floor of the HUB from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today through Friday. The letters will then be mailed to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, club co-coordinator Sarah Kiessler (junior-public relations and international studies) said. To e-mail reporter: cmb5305@psu.edu