

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tony's faces charges in more incidents

Tony's Big Easy, 129 1/2 S. Pugh St., has been charged by the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement in connection with multiple incidents authorities say occurred last February. The bar has been charged with simple assault and harassment, violation of its liquor license in serving alcohol to three minors, failure to adhere to the terms of a court order and noise violations, police said. Tony's Big Easy faces \$50-\$1,000 in fines for minor offenses and up to \$5,000 in more serious offenses, police said. The charges will be brought before an Administrative Law Judge who could impose a license suspension or revocation based on the severity of the charges, police said.

Police arrest man in counterfeit scandal

Authorities arrested one of the three people involved in attempting to use counterfeit \$100 bills on Thursday in the Nittany Mall, the State College Police Department said. Jose Mendoza, 18, originally of Ecuador, was arrested and charged with two felony counts of forgery, 13 felony counts of conspiracy to commit forgery, two counts of misdemeanor theft by deception and 13 misdemeanor counts of conspiracy to commit theft by deception. Mendoza was taken to the Centre County Correctional Facility, with the other people still unidentified, police said. The \$100 bills were collected from various stores around the mall, police said.

Club to hold Haiti benefit dinner

Club Kreyol is holding a benefit dinner at 7 p.m. to support victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The dinner will be held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 208 W. Foster Ave. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door.

Fair informs students of off-campus living

Balloons and brochures filled the HUB-Alumni Hall on Saturday as students and their parents searched for downtown housing at the Off-Campus Housing Fair. The Housing Fair provided students from both University Park and Commonwealth Campuses with an opportunity to look for housing in State College in a one-stop-shop, bringing landlords and potential tenants together.

Comedians perform "Obama Mia!"

Despite their differences, liberals and conservatives are both fair game when The Capitol Steps takes the stage. The comedy group put on its newest show "Obama Mia!" on Saturday at the State Theatre, 130 W. College Ave. Both two-hour show times sold out. The Capitol Steps has made fun of American government and media for nearly 30 years, group member Andy Clemence said.

Cheerleaders party in the BJC

Once again, the Bryce Jordan Center rang with the thrilling crescendos of "Party in the U.S.A." — but Miley Cyrus wasn't back for another concert. The stadium was instead filled on Sunday with hundreds of cheerleader champ hopefuls, all in it to win it at the Keystone State Games Cheerleading Championship. The competition was held at the BJC and hosted 50 different teams with contestants ranging in age from seven to 17, each trying to tumble their way to victory in front of mothers wielding everything from cowbells to air horns to cheer them on.

Students bring laughter to sitcom

Laughter rang throughout the Pavilion Theatre on Saturday as Eddie Szewczyk stood on stage in a blue onesie, screaming for his Cheerios. Inspiring laughter is no problem for the all-senior cast of "304," a sitcom entirely written, produced, directed and acted by students.

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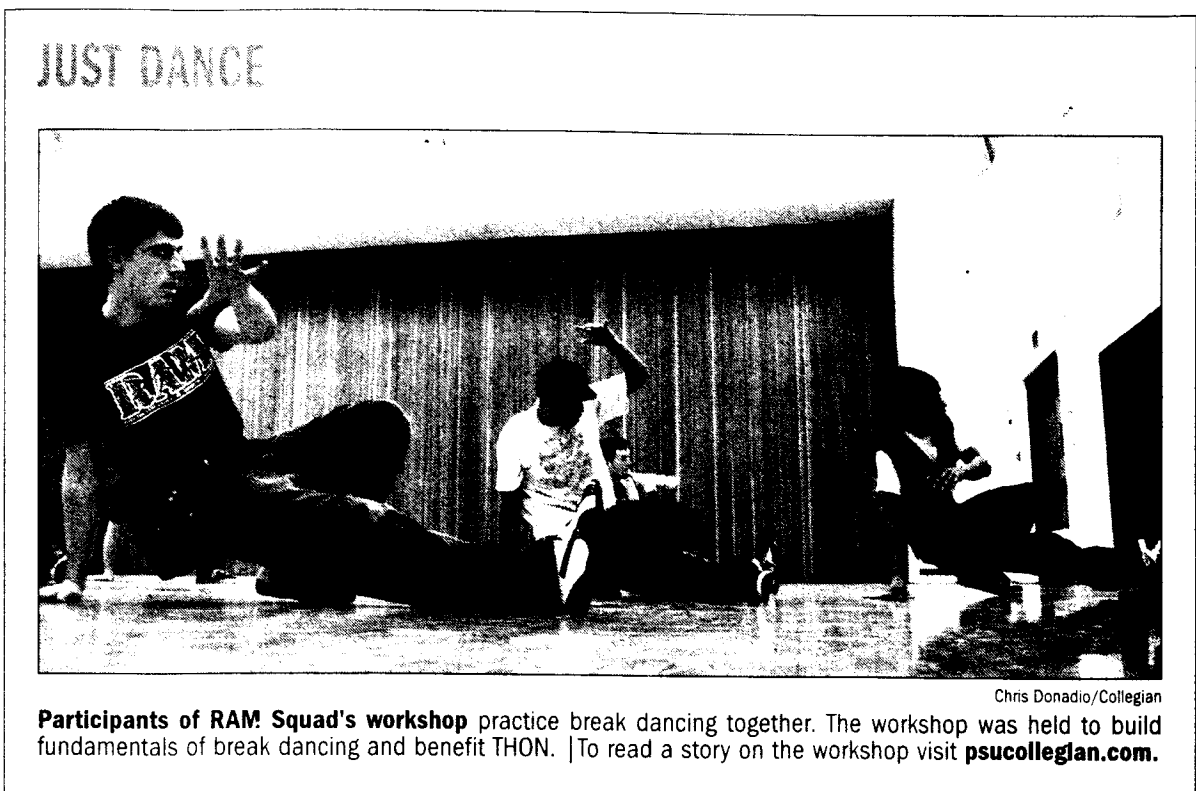
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Participants of RAM Squad's workshop practice break dancing together. The workshop was held to build fundamentals of break dancing and benefit THON. | To read a story on the workshop visit psucollegian.com.

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iPod shuffles and gift certificates — would skew results and some students might rush through the answers in anticipation of a prize without thinking what effect their evaluations might have. Phi Kappa Theta President Dennis Siller said he had the same concerns as Wendkos and forwarded the e-mail to the rest of the chapter members. "I didn't have any second thoughts — I agreed with what he was saying," Siller (junior-information sciences and technology) said. "I thought his original point was to take it seriously ... don't just take it to get the free prize." Wendkos said the drinking culture at Penn State is not limited to the greek community, and it's important that everyone recognize that this culture does not stem only from Penn State greeks.

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Office

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Robeson Center headquarters — the legislation was approved the next week. The office opened Jan. 25. Now, Keirans said the decision to purchase and utilize the office could have been handled differently. "I think we did take a slight misstep and we're working to rectify that," he said. After UPUA approval, the project fell into the hands of the Chairman of the Assembly Mark Cannon. Cannon (junior-finance), along with others on UPUA, said the initiative had not taken effect as planned. But, he calls the Student Center a "revolutionary idea" and therefore more difficult to fit to a timeline. "I think it might be a little naive to think that something like this could be done in a single academic year," he said. Governmental Affairs Chairwoman Colleen Smith (sophomore-biology), a primary organizer for the opening and future use of the office, explained the delay was to make sure plans were executed efficiently. And despite its relative vacancy until six months into the contract period, Cannon said the office was not a waste of funds. "To call something like this a waste would be to take any project that you plan to spend any money on and assuming that you waste that money if you don't automatically jump off the ground and spend money on it," Cannon said.

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Closing

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out of the store throughout the day, snapping pictures of the old shop with their cell phone cameras, rummaging through the ruins of the store's inventory like small children digging for the prize in the bottom of a cereal box. The conversation upon checkout and the chatting around the room prove City Lights' appeal wasn't the products — it was the place. Gabbard doesn't take his customers' money and send them on their way. "If it was that, I'd work at a grocery store," he said. Every person who came in to bid farewell was somehow affected by Gabbard and City Lights. "I don't think I have ever gotten a better musical education from anyone other than Mr. Gabbard himself," said Matthew Steck (senior-telecommunications), a long-time customer. Penn State Vice Provost of Information Technology Kevin Morooney also stopped in for the store's last stand. Ninety percent of the CDs he's purchased in the last 15 years have come from City Lights — and for him, the store's closure is terrible. "I hate shopping, except for CDs here," Morooney said. "If the day was going bad, I could come down from Old Main and buy a record to make myself feel better." About seven or eight years ago, bar owner Terry Rickards' roommate had a head shop next door to the record store, and Rickards had the opportunity to get to know Gabbard. Rickards said Gabbard introduced him to Bob Dylan's "Nashville Skyline," Ryan Adams' "Heartbreaker" and Hank Williams Sr. "Those three purchases and discoveries shaped my musical taste and in part, my life," Rickards said. Those purchases jumpstarted Rickards' music appreciation and inspired him to open a bar in Boalsburg in April 2009, titled simply "The Bar." He said it's an artist's venue, and its

success has far surpassed his expectations. Customers agreed that something is lost when a record store closes. Two were overheard excitedly discussing an album — they thought they'd only be able to find it in Germany. "An entire way of buying and interacting with other people who like music disappears," Steck said. A group of Penn State alumni came up for the weekend from New York and Philadelphia to support the store on its final day. "This was just the place we all had in common," Adam Fabian, Class of 2004, said. "On the way down, we were talking about how we went to school during the emergence of the Pitchfork, iTunes, Napster era. You come here to hear about music you can't hear about on Napster or iTunes." Throughout the day, Gabbard was cheerful, chatting with a wide range of customers and old friends to distract him from the reality of the day. Gabbard said he's looking to be an online business for his remaining stock. He wants to keep a local presence, but he's not sure what the future holds. "I just hope this place doesn't turn into a storage space, like the one next door," he said. Gabbard has had an iPod for three years but has yet to unwrap it. He said he's worried about expanding technology and this generation's consumption of music. As the day wore on, people came running down the steps, hoping to make it in time to say their farewells: It was clear Gabbard made many friends during his relationship with City Lights. With each call, Gabbard agreed to stay open just a little longer — a half-hour here, an hour there — giving many a chance to say goodbye. "There's nothing else like it," Fabian said.

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THON

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philanthropy in the WORLD devoted to raising money for childhood cancer. AMAZING." Elyse Adams, THON overall public relations chairwoman, said Kardashian-Odom's tweet started an online firestorm. And the results were immediately clear: THON's YouTube channel got more hits this weekend than it did during the 46 hours of THON 2009, Adams (senior-bioengineering and mechanical engineering) said. THON Communications Captain Kelly Ricciuti said she is a huge Kardashian-Odom fan and was astonished by the power of her tweet. "It's so amazing to be able to get the word out like this," Ricciuti (senior-accounting) said. "I think it's great how someone in a position like that can reach out to so many." Han Ma, THON media relations captain, said he appreciates the enormity of the effect of social media and publicity from a personality like Kardashian-Odom. "With the day and age now, viral marketing is on the frontier," Ma (senior-public relations) said. "A celebrity helping us generate awareness for our cause is really momentous." That same afternoon, Kardashian-Odom also retweeted Penn State student Pat Howley's pledge to donate \$1 to THON for every new follower of "abolishcancer," the site he was sponsoring

Odrick

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Odrick posted 43 tackles with seven sacks and 11 tackles for loss this past season to earn Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year honors from the coaches. Although he didn't post any sacks this past weekend, Odrick continues to cement himself as a possible first-round selection. Shonka didn't give much chance for Odrick still being on the board after the first round, slotting him at No. 32 overall to the Indianapolis Colts in his latest mock draft. However, he added he might not last on the board that long. As for which team may pick

that day. Now Howley (junior-hotel, restaurant, and institutional management) is left with a \$1,734 tab and is wondering how to pay it off. According to abolishcancer's blog post on Saturday, abolishcancer officials are working with Howley to develop a plan to help him honor his commitment. In addition, Howley has created a Facebook group "Thanks Twitter...now I owe THON \$1,700 - HELP!" A few other celebrities, such as Jay Sean, Lindsay Lohan, and Whitney Port, of MTV's "The Hills," also began tweeting about THON after Kardashian-Odom's tweet. "The digital frontier is the best way to engage with the audience," Ma said. To e-mail reporter: svp5071@psu.edu

Shonka's. Wright has Suh and McCoy leading the picks and Odrick also going to the Colts with the last pick of the first round. NFLDraftBible.com also reflected Odrick's strong week by naming him as a riser while complimenting his consistency. ESPN draft expert Mel Kiper also had the two Big 12 defensive tackles placing one-two, with Odrick going to the New Orleans Saints at No. 31. Of course, the numbers and expectations may fluctuate from now until the draft starts on April 22, but Odrick continues to impress. "He helped the defensive front-7 dominate that game," Shonka said. To e-mail reporter: wms5012@psu.edu