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Armed robberies reported

2 robberies, 2 days

Police believe the two robberies this weekend could have been related.

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Police say there's reason to believe two men who carjacked one man and beat him over the head with a gun on Friday night could be the same robbers who held up a pizza deliveryman the

night before at The Pointe apartment complex.

During the Friday night incident, the two unidentified men threatened the man with a gun, seized control of his car, drove to Boalsburg and robbed him before beating him at about 9 p.m.

They made the hit on Park Crest Lane off of Martin Street — about six minutes off campus, Ferguson Township Police Department said.

The night before, a pizza delivery driver had just made a stop at The Pointe apartment complex, 501 Vairo Blvd., when two unidentified men approached him, pushed him to the ground at gunpoint and robbed him, the Patton Township Police Department said.

One of two unidentified men threatened the pizza deliveryman with a revolver outside The Pointe, forcing him to the ground, police said.

The men then robbed him of the small amount of cash he was carrying but left him unharmed, police said.

No shots were fired in either incident, but authorities say the suspects are still at large and remain unidentified.

Although they couldn't conclusively say the same men committed both robberies, they believe the incidents are related.

During the Friday night robbery, police said. See **ROBBERIES**, Page 2.

Police are investigating two separate incidents of robbery at gunpoint that may be related.

Thursday night, a man was threatened with a gun outside of 501 Vairo Blvd. apartments.

Friday, a second man was threatened with a gun at Park Crest Lane then abducted to Boalsburg.

Source: The Ferguson and Patton Township Police. Megan Yarnolis, Collegian

Limits lessen totals

By Sarah Peters
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While there were few reported canning violations this weekend, THON organizations said the restrictions led to disappointing donation totals.

Citing weather safety concerns, THON officials barred organizations last weekend from canning on street corners and intersections. Interfraternity Council Panhellenic Dance Marathon Overall Chairwoman Caitlin Zankowski said the Rules and Regulations Committee members received a few phone calls from police or borough officials, and no serious violations were reported.

Though she doesn't have specific figures yet, Zankowski (senior-industrial engineering) said the fourth canning weekend's returns seem comparable to years past in spite of the changes.

"Historically, the fourth canning weekend is the slowest weekend because organizations are gearing up for THON and don't want to put anyone out in the cold," Zankowski said. "It was right on par. As far as I can tell, things are as normal."

But that's not what some THON organizations are saying. See **CANNING**, Page 2.



Photo by Drew Collegian

Brendan O'Connor (junior-human development and family sciences) and Jeremy La Master (junior-biology), Yvette Lerma (senior-sociology) and Allison Jones (junior-nursing), and Alex Yates (junior-secondary education) and Kirstie Hartman (sophomore-marketing) lock lips in the HUB-Robeson Center on Friday afternoon as part of the LGBTA KissOut.

Students KissOut for rights

By Leah Gillen and Julie Mastrine
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While some students stared and pointed, others walked past without a second look during the sixth annual KissOut Friday in the HUB-Robeson Center.

About a dozen lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender students and their allies (LGBTA) kissed at the bottom of the HUB stairs in an attempt to alter the perception of Valentine's Day as a heterosexual

holiday, participant Julian Haas said.

"Actions like these shed light on affirming love," Haas (sophomore-sociology) said.

"We can share our love, and it's just as beautiful as anyone else's love."

Part of the national Freedom to Marry Week, the event lasted less than fifteen minutes but served as a lasting act of resistance against constrictions of non-traditional love, Haas said.

"When I see a straight couple making out, I say 'Aw,' and we get 'Ew,'" said participant Clare Jablonski (junior-criminology and sociology).

Students of every sexual orientation participated in the KissOut as a way to make LGBT students more visible on campus, said Lianna Newman, president of Understones, an LGBT group for minority students.

"We'd like to see people accept it as a different culture that does

exist," Newman (senior media studies) said. "They need to accept that we are people and we deserve our rights."

Other student leaders were also vocal about the event. University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) Student Life and Diversity Chairman Christian Ragland encouraged students to

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For a story on couples' efforts to get marriage licenses | **LOCAL**, Page 4.

Dancers, moralers prepare for event

By Sarah Peters
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Dancers, moralers and captains refrained from canning this weekend, catching up on homework and sleeping in preparation for the challenges they'll face at the Council Panhellenic Dance Marathon.

Springfield THON dancer Gabbie Gort said this is the first canning trip she's ever missed.

"It would have been my 12th straight canning weekend," she said.

"I understand why they tell us not to go. If one of us would get sick or hurt ourselves canning, I would be upset."

Dancers, moralers and captains are typically discouraged to go on the final canning trip to See **THON**, Page 2.



Photo by Chloe Elmer/Collegian

A model walks the runway during the Andres Aquino fashion show at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City on Saturday night during Couture Fashion Week.

Fashion Week rocks NYC

By Kathleen Loughran
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NEW YORK, N.Y. — The stage at the Waldorf Astoria Grand Ballroom was set: A grand piano was placed on center stage, statues of dancers were installed to the left and a microphone stood front and center.

Though the setting seems typical for a classical concert or an opera, Saturday's 250-person audience wasn't there to see a musical event.

They were patiently waiting for the Janerations and Andres Aquino show at Fall 2010 New York Couture Fashion Week to begin — and like the weekend's other



To view a photo gallery of various designers' collections at Couture Fashion Week in New York City: psucollegian.com

shows, it started fashionably late.

Janerations premiered her line first, a collection of knit sweaters with touches of fur and leather trim. The sweaters were accented with big buttons and puffy shoulders. She worked with mainly black, cream, gray and pink.

Along with the brand Janerations, Couture Fashion Week producer Andres Aquino showed his collection.

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Meningitis case detected in East Halls

By Laurie Stern
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A female Penn State student is in the hospital after being diagnosed last week with a possible case of meningococcal meningitis.

The Pinchot Hall resident — whose identity has not been released due to federal privacy regulations — was admitted to Mount Nittany Medical Center and is undergoing treatment. University Health Services (UHS) Director Margaret Spear said.

An official status report from the hospital has not been made public, but university spokeswoman Lisa Powers wrote in an e-mail that the student's condition has improved.

Because the infection spreads through direct person-to-person contact, Spear said UHS has notified people who had contact with the patient in order to administer appropriate medication.

At the onset of bacterial meningitis, symptoms can include fever, headache, body aches, neck stiffness or a rash. Those students who experience

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Symptoms:

■ Fever, headache, body aches, neck stiffness or rash

■ For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site: <http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/index.html>

