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Man scammed in Craigslist roommate ad

A man was scammed into sending \$2,900 to an unknown person after creating a roommate advertisement on Craigslist for his 138 S. Atherton St. apartment, the State College Police Department said.

The man told police at about 10 a.m. on Thursday he sent the money after receiving a counterfeit check for \$3,000 from the unknown actor. The man told police he sent the check to an address in California.

Police did not say if the man was a Penn State student.

Student to hold exhibit in Zoller gallery

Graduate student Salvatore Schiciano will have his graduate thesis exhibit on display in Zoller Gallery beginning today.

The show will include some large-scale paintings, portraits, still lifes, sculpture and objects used in Schiciano's creative process. A portion of the show will display Schiciano's "Facebooking" series of portraits. Schiciano said he drew upon his early inspirations of texts and chose to incorporate them into his portraits as a new means of illustrating them.

"The whole irony of it being associated with Facebook was accidental," he said.

The reception for the exhibit will begin at 5 p.m., and his work will be up through Feb. 22.

OPP to conduct dye trace testing

The Office of Physical Plant (OPP) will be conducting dye trace testing today of the Big Hollow well field next to the Penn State Arboretum.

The dye will not affect water drinkability, and it is unlikely that any changes in drinking water will be noticed. But if water should start showing a slight red or green tint, students are asked to call OPP's Work Control Center at 814-865-4731.

OPP will be using dye similar to that used in Gatorade to evaluate risk to local wells due to increased runoff. This testing will allow Penn State to develop a proactive plan to protect the supply of drinking water in University Park.

Comedy Improv groups bring the laughs

There were no empty seats in the small room in the Arts Building. As everyone settled down — some even sitting on benches on the actual stage — the show began.

Made up of improv groups Weber and Einstein, Your Ex-Boyfriends, and Pull Ammo Improv, The Valentine's Day Improv Spotlight Spectacular event on Sunday night featured performances without any rehearsal and with plenty of assistance from the audience members.

Attendees' responses welcomed at show

Loud boos filtered from Paul Robeson Cultural Center's Heritage Hall on Friday, as some unlucky first-time performers attempted to engage the audience as part of Showtime at the Apollo. The show, hosted by Penn State's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), was the culmination of an entire week of events held to commemorate the 101st anniversary of the organization and Black History Month.

Students celebrate Chinese New Year

For the first time ever, Penn State student organizations came together on Saturday to host a Chinese New Year celebration at the State College Area High School.

This year is the first year the Chinese Friendship Association (CFA), Chinese Undergraduate Student Association (CUSA), and the Taiwanese-American Student Association (TASA) had a single, unified celebration, said Jun Yan, the President of CUSA. More than 600 people - including students and local families - attended the celebration.

Panel discusses changes in climate

Ethics, moral implications and having social responsibility on climate change were three topics covered by three Penn State professors Saturday at the Schlow Centre Region Library.

The panel, titled "Climate Change, Climate Justice: Lessons from Copenhagen," focused on the professors' experience at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP15) in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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McDonald's holds Valentine's dinner

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Their boyfriends were out of town, so Penn State freshmen Kristi Kolesar and Nina Bingham decided to have their own date night — at McDonald's.

"It's a step up for McDonald's, and its good for college students who are poor," Bingham (freshman-geoscience) said of she and Kolesar (freshman-hotel, restaurant and institutional management).

For the fourth year in a row, white tablecloths covered the tables, balloons and streamers decorated the

walls and a candle and single red rose stood as the centerpiece between couples. On the menu? Burgers and fries.

Both downtown McDonald's, 1615 N. Atherton St. and 422 E. College Ave., held a candlelight dinner for couples last night.

"We take on a new look — It swallows you up in a different feeling," said Rosemary Broome, marketing coordinator for McDonald's. "McDonald's believes in family."

The local area's partnership with several local area businesses to give out prizes every half-hour, Broome said. "The entire community comes

out— from younger couples with families to senior citizens remembering when they first went to McDonald's," she said.

State College residents Brian and Cindy Bittner, along with their 2-year-old son Nolan, have come to McDonald's for the past two years and they said they will be back next year. They had been talking about this for a week.

"The days of romantic dinners are gone," he said. "McDonald's does a great job. Our son enjoys it and the whole family has a lot of fun."

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Robberies

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incident, the two men approached the man in his car and asked to use his phone, convincing him to open his door, police said.

The two men then showed the driver a handgun and forced him into the passenger seat.

There was a Penn State parking pass hanging in the victim's car, though police could not confirm or deny if the driver or either of the assailants was a Penn State student.

The carjackers then drove to Boalsburg and made the man take out cash from an ATM, police said. Striking the victim in the head multiple times with the handgun, the two men fled near West Drive and Boal Avenue, though authorities did not specify whether they took the car.

The amount of cash taken and the man's condition is still unknown. Police did not release a description of the vehicle.

Police will release more details in the next two days.

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Canning

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Jamie Nevel, fundraising co-chairman for Atlas THON, said the group's totals fell short of their expectations — despite making eight separate trips throughout the Northeast this weekend.

"There was definitely a decrease in the amount of money raised, probably a lot more than we expected, actually," Nevel (junior-mechanical engineering) said.

Same with Ohana Solicitations Chairman Paul Szekeresh, who said canning was definitely slower than usual. Students who couldn't find storefronts were relegated to door-to-door canning, which he said couldn't compare to canning in intersections.

"It was at least reasonably successful, but it wasn't anything compared to an intersection," Szekeresh (junior-management information systems) said.

But canners were determined to maintain totals in spite of the restrictions, Nevel said.

"Everybody really wanted to go out there and give it their all because they wanted to try to make as much money as if they were able to can on corners," Nevel said. "As much of a downer as it was not to be able to can on the corners, it actually motivated people to go door-to-door."

Springfield THON Canning Chairwoman Britney Kern said still this weekend was slower but still worth it.

Kern (junior-English) said canning at storefronts is more of a challenge than canning in the streets and echoed Nevel's sentiments that canners were motivated to make up for lost profits.

"It slowed canning down a lot, but it also was a challenge that we took on," she said. "It's still FTK and it's our last opportunity to raise money via canning this year. Every dollar counts."

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THON

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ensure their safety and health for the 46-hour dance.

Following suit, Gort (junior-English and advertising) instead spent both this weekend and last weekend visiting one of Springfield's Four Diamonds families.

She said it's tradition for the dancers to visit all three of their Four Diamond's families homes to remind them why they dance, though they only made it to two this year and will be seeing their third family at THON.

THON Public Relations Captain Lauren Bucci said she's never heard anyone complain about not canning the last weekend.

"Everyone understands what they're about to do and that everything we do is to make sure THON is as great as it possibly can be for the

families, because they deserve everything that we can give to them," Bucci (senior-journalism) said.

In fact, Melissa Bellish said she benefited from not canning this weekend.

"I'm glad I'm not canning this weekend," Bellish (senior-international politics) said. "Standing out in the cold, I don't think would be beneficial to me at all, so it was nice to not have that pressure to can."

Third-time moraler Andrea Haislup said she's been catching up on homework and needed this weekend to get some sleep.

"I don't get a lot of sleep during the school year, and I understand how important it is to get enough sleep before THON," Haislup (senior-psychology) said. "I'm going to try to catch up on sleep this week, before THON weekend."

Haislup said she stayed in and watched movies at night — doing

anything she can to help her relax.

For the upcoming week, THON Overall Morale Chairman Ben Simmons said he recommends dancers and moralers get a consistent amount of sleep every night, preferably at least 8 hours. Simmons said getting 6 hours of sleep one night and 12 the next isn't going to help.

"You can't really store up sleep," Simmons (senior-telecommunications) said.

He also recommended drinking plenty of water and Gatorade and eating right this week.

"Hydration and eating is what we see a lot of problems with, especially come THON weekend," he said. "Their bodies don't have enough built up. Exercising at this point isn't going to help too much. Eating and drinking would probably still help."

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KissOut

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support Penn State's LGBT+ community in the KissOut.

"I advocate for students, what group you're a part of, what your sexual orientation is, where you're from," Ragland (junior-political science) said. "We're all the same as Penn State students."

Last year's KissOut garnered mostly positive results, said

Anthony Arbaiza (junior-information sciences and technology). Arbaiza, who was at the event in 2009, said the public nature of the event made some uncomfortable at first, but students ultimately responded with cheers.

"Some people were uncomfortable, but they were laughing about it, like 'They are making it so public, so it must be cool,'" he said.

In the past, KissOut has sparked controversy, soliciting anger and debates among Penn State stu-

dents. This year, though, the reaction was mostly positive and there were no protests, participant Joe Davi (freshman-political science) said.

But some LGBT+ students think improvement is still necessary.

"This is the civil rights movement of our generation," said Elizabeth Crossen (sophomore-sociology and women's studies). "Why not be publicly, wildly, openly gay?"

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Fashion Week

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His showcase was more of a concept than a mere runway show — models danced down the runway in pastel silk dresses. They began their number amidst the sculptures, mimicking the poses of the statue dancers as they waited for the other models to finish their walks.

Aquino also had his models perform other numbers in his designs, including a Spanish-inspired dance with a form-fitting black gown embellished with gold thread and beading.

While the two designers showed their collections, musicians including Alexito and Miss Pennsylvania Maria Sciorillo performed.

Ten-year-old Alexito rapped during the show and said his experience was "great."

"I love it. I like to sing," he said. "Singing is my favorite thing."

But the Janerations and Andres Aquino show was the only one of

six on Friday and Saturday to incorporate visual art, singing and dancing.

The other five shows focused more on a typical runway show with models wearing luxurious clothing from high-end designers Walid Atallah, House of j'OLA, Edwing D'Angelo, Catalin Botezatu and Adrian Alicea.

Atallah said he spent three months creating his collection of about 80 dresses and one wedding dress. He incorporated geometrical designs and crystals to show his idea of the "Queen of Emeralds."

"It's a queen, so I want [the wedding dress] to be rich and unique," Atallah said. "I want her to be something that if you look at the dress, you see a queen with one emerald at the top of her crown."

In addition to the wedding gown, he also showed gowns in ruby, sapphire and emerald coloring. Most of the dresses were slim-fitting with trains, but he did showcase some knee-length dresses.

Earlier on Saturday, House of

j'OLA designer Joan Isisoma Okorodudu also premiered her collection, which was inspired by youth and color.

"I like doing colors and working with the youths, even though I'm 52 this year," she said. "Being an African, we are just used to doing colors, and this day, we have people saying 'You can't mix this color with this color,' and I don't believe in that."

Friday's shows showcased numerous other designers as well, including Edwing D'Angelo, whose fashions were seen in the movie "The Devil Wears Prada."

Delvon Johnson, author of "Love Yourself First," came to the show with Dwight Eubanks from "The Real Housewives of Atlanta."

"I'm a fashion buff, so I love the clothes and the celebrities," Johnson said. "I'm here to witness the fabulous fashion for 2010 and enjoy fashion within itself as a whole."

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Meningitis

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such symptoms are encouraged to make an appointment with UHS as soon as possible — if infected, a person's condition can quickly develop from mild to severe.

"It's very important to get appropriate medical care," Spear said. "It's treatable with antibiotics, but despite that, it still is an illness that has fairly significant complications, including death."

Students who live in university-owned housing are required by Pennsylvania law to receive the meningococcal meningitis vaccine before coming to Penn State, but there is no guarantee that it will be effective in every instance. Students can get the vaccine at UHS by scheduling an appointment online at <http://www.sa.psu.edu/uhs>. Spear said that about 30 percent of young adults have the bacteria in their throats naturally, but some people are more susceptible to developing the infection based on lifestyle. She

cited smoking, drinking or generally being rundown triggers to the infection, suggesting students eat well and get enough sleep.

In March of 2009, another Penn State student was hospitalized for meningococcal meningitis. Spear said though this form of meningitis is fairly uncommon, Penn State generally sees a case every year. The recovery time can range from a few days to months depending on the case.

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