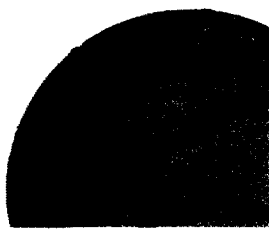


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Courtney Ras (junior-communication sciences and disorders) sorts mail in 324 HUB-Robeson Center. Moralers have been sorting mail since Jan. 18, with a majority of the mail arriving after Feb. 10. The mail will be delivered to dancers throughout THON to lift their spirits.

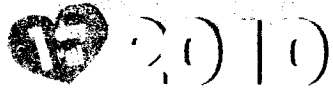
Mail makes 'big move' to BJC

By Sarah Peters
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Pieces of brightly colored construction paper adorned with scribbles peeked out from 28 cardboard boxes filled to the brim with dancer mail Wednesday afternoon, just hours before morale committee members made the "big move."

And big it was hauling the boxes and packages from the HUB-Robeson Center to a tractor trailer truck and from the trailer to the Bryce Jordan Center.

Two teams of 34 moralers worked from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for the past two weeks to get the mail sorted in time for THON — and



To watch a video of moralers loading mail into the tractor trailer:
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they wouldn't have it any other way.

"There couldn't be any other position I'd rather have," Morale Captain TJ Daniels (senior-hotel, restaurant and institutional management) said. "I know the impact it has on the dancers, and I'm able

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Student-athletes prepare for THON weekend's challenges

By Kurt Bopp
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

This weekend, Jen Miller faces a new test.

During her career at Penn State, the senior has been whacked by field hockey sticks and roughed up by some of the best competition her sport had to offer.

But her new test will challenge her strength and stamina — and for a greater purpose than athletic glory.

Miller will be one of four student-athletes from the Student-Athletes Advisory Board (SAAB) who trade in their uniforms for bright shirts as they dance in the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon.

"Being a [THON] captain for three years, I've seen the ins and outs of THON," Miller said. "I know how demanding it is. Field hockey prepared me a little, but the morale of the teammates keeps you going."

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UPUA won't audit center

An investigation into the Downtown Student Center's opening was dismissed Wednesday.

By Casey McDermott
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

One week after the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) publicly announced its plans to audit the Downtown Student Center initiative, the group finished investigating the center's management and decided to absolve any members of blame for the venue's delayed use.

Director of Internal Affairs Matt Sheroff, who led the investigation, submitted a two-page report outlining his findings.

According to the report, Sheroff (senior-finance) spoke with four members of UPUA — Governmental Affairs Chairwoman Colleen Smith, Chairman of the Assembly Mark Cannon, Programming Vice Chairman Josh Crawford and Director of Public Relations and Media Andrew Karasik — before coming to the conclusion that "no one individual can be blamed for [the] situation."

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Keirans



Ryan Ullsh/Collegian

People give blood at a THON Blood Drive on Wednesday in the Hammond Building. To schedule an appointment visit www.psuiredcross.org. Donors should bring identification to American Red Cross clinics.

Blood donations run low

Many Red Cross clinics have been canceled or had poor attendance because of recent winter weather.

By Alexa Agugliaro
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Recent snowstorms have forced the American Red Cross to cancel many of its blood drives along the Eastern Seaboard — and this month's THON blood drives have been emptier than usual, too.

The Greater Alleghenies Region of American Red Cross Blood Services, which extends from

Northern Kentucky through Central Pennsylvania, normally conducts an average of 50 to 70 blood drives a day. But because of severe weather conditions this month, there have been less than 10 blood drives per day, said Wendi Keeler, the adviser of the Penn State Student Red Cross Club.

From Feb. 5 through Feb. 10 alone, more than 1,500 potential units of blood were lost because of unsuccessful or cancelled blood drives in the Greater Alleghenies Region, according to a Red Cross press release.

Inventory is dangerously low, and prospective donors are encouraged to come out and donate.

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Trio of bands draws mixed crowd to BJC

By Nick Weingartner
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State College got a full dose of nu-metal Wednesday night.

The Bryce Jordan Center was filled to the brim with a diverse crowd, ranging from moms to pre-pubescent teenagers and a heavy crowd of tattooed men with goatees.

Three Days Grace and Breaking Benjamin co-headlined the event, along with the female-fronted Texas band Flyleaf.

Three Days Grace frontman

Adam Gontier — who was fitted with a fashioned fedora — repeatedly asked the crowd to get on its feet and make some noise.

"I want to see what Penn State's got," Gontier said.

The Canadian group, who sported a healthy amount of mascara and hair gel, serenaded the crowd with its breakthrough song, "I Hate Everything About You," getting the crowd to sing it back at the band.

Gontier advised the crowd to

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Asit Mishra/Collegian

Barry Stock, guitarist for Three Days Grace, performs at the BJC on Wednesday. Flyleaf and Breaking Benjamin also played at the show.

LOCAL ROBBERIES

PSU joins case

Penn State Police are collaborating in the case of two armed robberies.

By Laura Nichols
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Penn State Police have joined the investigation into two armed robberies that took place right off campus nearly one week ago, but some students say authorities are too tightlipped on the details.

At about 10 p.m. Thursday, two unidentified men held up a pizza delivery driver at gunpoint outside The Pointe apartment complex, 501 Vairo Blvd., taking an undisclosed amount of cash, according to the Patton Township Police Department.

In what police believe could be a related incident, two men carjacked another man at about 9 p.m. Friday on Park Crest Lane off of Martin Street. The assailants then drove the man to a Boalsburg ATM, where the robbers forced him to withdraw cash from his account before beating him over the head with a handgun, the Ferguson Township Police Department said.

Police did not confirm whether the driver was a Penn State student, but said a Penn State parking pass was in the car.

Penn State Police said they are working closely with both Ferguson and Patton Township Police, but could not give any further comment because the investigation is ongoing. Neither the conditions of either man who was robbed, nor the total cash stolen has been released. And the lack of information has some students worried about their safety.

Kate Crosby, who lives at The Pointe, said she came home Thursday to find out her roommate had been questioned by the police. Officers asked if the roommates were OK, but would not tell Crosby's roommate why.

The next day, police came back to get her roommate's information, telling Crosby (junior-hotel restaurant and institutional management) it was "nothing serious."

"It freaked me out," Crosby said. "As a resident, I have a right to know."

Ferguson Township Police said Sunday authorities were planning to release more information Wednesday. But on Wednesday, police had yet to release more details, and said detectives are still working on the case.

Anne Schettig, a resident of The Pointe, was walking home from the bus stop the night of the attack. Schettig (senior-public relations) said she considered off-campus life to be safer, but now is not so sure. She said she wants more lighting around the buildings so people can see what — or who — is around them.

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