

NEWS IN BRIEF

Marlowe Froke, founder of WPSU-TV, dies

Marlowe Froke, a former Penn State journalism professor and founder of WPSU-TV, died Tuesday at Mount Nittany Medical Center, according to Penn State Live. He was 82. Froke was a professor for 33 years, pioneering the university's broadcast journalism curriculum. He led a committee that would later bring the emergence of the College of Communications, according to the press release. He retired from Penn State in 1992.

Law professor to speak at Palmer event

As part of the Mary E. Rolling Reading Series, Georgetown University Law Professor Abbe Smith will be coming to Penn State at 7:30 tonight in the Palmer Lipcon Auditorium of the Palmer Museum of Art. The event is free and open to the public. Smith will be reading excerpts from her 2008 book "Case of a Lifetime: A Criminal Defense Lawyer's Story." Abbe's book details her nearly three decade-long struggle to free a woman that she believes to be innocent from a life sentence in prison.

IRS seizes downtown apartment complex

Though the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has seized a State College apartment complex and house owned by S.C. Sun Corporation, students living in the buildings will not be affected. S.C. Sun Corporation has not paid federal taxes on either its apartment building at 117 E. McCormick St. or the house at 425 W. College Ave. for several years, said Anthony Neri, a property appraisal and liquidation specialist with the IRS.

Short film, 'Pariah', inspires students

An independent film not only inspired but also touched a student audience beyond expectations on Wednesday night. Dee Rees presented her independent short film "Pariah" to a small crowd of about 40 at 7:30 in the HUB Robeson Center's Auditorium. The innovative film tackled the issues of identity and self-discovery in a matter of 27 minutes.

'Indie-folk' pairing to play at Theatre

The audience at tonight's Asylum show will be treated to an acoustic "indie-folk" pairing of musicians - a combination group president Christine Branigan said will be refreshing for State College. At 6:30 p.m., the State Theatre's "attic doors" will open for an Asylum show featuring Koji and Like Wild. Tickets cost \$7. There will be an open mic session at 7 p.m. before the bands take the stage at 8 p.m., Branigan (senior-broadcast journalism) said.

Group supports future minority students

When considering the 46,000 students on Penn State's campus, a group of 25 students in the College of Communications may seem small and inconsequential. But to the 355 high school seniors contacted annually, the Diversity Ambassadors mean the world. Several times a year, the Diversity Ambassadors reach out to minority students accepted into the College of Communications at Penn State by personally calling them at their home phone numbers. The group's latest Phone-a-Thon event was held from 6 to 8 Wednesday night in the Carnegie Building.

Corrections

An article "Penn State graduate to skate in Olympics" on page 8 of Feb. 12's Daily Collegian unclearly stated which Penn State campus Allison Baver attended. She attended Penn State Berks.

A photo caption with the article "Dancers return to daily life" on page 1 of Tuesday's Daily Collegian incorrectly named the committee in charge of Slides of Strength. The OPPerations Committee is featured in the photograph conducting Slides of Strength.

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UPUA discusses elections code

By Paige Mlnemyer COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) continued discussion on its elections code at a meeting Wednesday night as the registration deadline for the elections draws closer.

UPUA voted to change the number of representatives for next year's assembly.

The changes made will increase the number of off-campus representatives to 12 and the number of on-campus representatives to 7.

UPUA President Gavin Keirans previously vetoed the elections code at the Feb. 10 general assembly meeting, which prevented UPUA from changing the number of representatives.

Dustin Dove, UPUA internal development chairman, said adding the representatives reflects the

changing population at University Park.

"This is not a huge change, and in my opinion, this is in alignment with the times changing," Dove (senior-secondary education) said.

Concerns were raised about the proportion of the numbers, prompting UPUA Director of Public Relations and Media Andrew Karasik to speak out against the proposal.

"As of right now, our numbers are not proportional," Karasik (junior-political science) said. "They have never been proportional."

Karasik cited his experience as last year's internal development chairman in his argument, saying the number of members in the entire assembly would need to be updated for the changes to be effective.

"If you're not going to overhaul the entire system, then I don't see how adding a few seats would fix

the problem," Karasik said.

UPUA also passed a piece of legislation that would better help fill empty positions in the assembly.

The proposal, also put forth by Dove, would allow UPUA to appoint students to fill positions reserved for academic representatives who are usually students who represent the different colleges. Currently, the student councils of the colleges must appoint these representatives. However, many of them do not, leaving vacancies in the assembly.

Sam Loewner, UPUA academic affairs chairman, said the proposal would help solve an issue that the assembly has been facing for a while.

"One of the reasons I asked them to look into it is that the assembly doesn't really have academic representatives," Loewner (senior-political science) said.

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IFC

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"I think it will really motivate fraternities to do this. Now it's fair to everyone - everyone has an opportunity to win," IFC Vice President for Programming Christian Van Horn said.

Fraternities will be broken up into three divisions based on membership, receiving points based on participation.

In order to receive credit for participation, fraternities will be

required to document their events. Wendkos said the documentation will allow the IFC to inform chapters' national headquarters and fraternity alumni of positive contributions.

Chapters will not earn points for mandated community service hours, according to the initiative's documentation.

Van Horn (junior-labor and employment relations) said he and a few other IFC executive council members will oversee CORE.

"[CORE is] a great program. I'm incredibly excited it was passed so

easily by the presidents and I have a lot of hope for its success," Wendkos said.

Starting at 10 a.m. Sunday, "Greek Sweep" will help kick off CORE, with members from about 10 fraternities and sororities working to clean up the Highlands neighborhood after State Patty's Day.

Once a thing of the past, the IFC plans to hold more Greek Sweeps during large events in the State College community, like home football games and Halloween.

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excess associated with State Patty's Day.

"It is encouraging that faculty have expressed concerns about the safety and welfare of their students," she said.

In an e-mail sent last week, Crouter contrasted the positive health effects of THON on pediatric cancer with the negative effects of participating in a holiday associated with alcohol abuse. State Patty's Day is scheduled for Feb. 27 this year.

Crouter said the death of freshman Joe Dado this fall played a role in her decision to address the holiday this year.

"The whole issue of overdrinking has been on my mind this year," she said. "Many of us were saddened to hear about the first-year student

that we lost. I've been thinking about him a lot. Maybe that's why I decided to pick up the virtual pencil."

And Tuesday night, Wormley sent a similar e-mail, also commending students for their involvement in THON and asking them to not participate Saturday.

The decision to send the e-mail came after talks with other faculty and staff in the dean's office and other deans, Wormley said. He said he wants students in the college who do not support the holiday to know that the college leadership supports them.

"We had a lot of students participate in THON, and we wanted them to know we support many of the community activities that they engage in," Wormley said. "But we do not support something that is celebrating alcohol abuse."

Mike Sharkness, a student who received Wormley's e-mail, won't be participating in State Patty's Day —

he's going home for the weekend to help his parents pack for a move to Arizona.

That aside, he thinks the dean's intervention is troubling.

Sharkness (junior-civil engineering) feels students should be left to make their own decisions about the holiday.

"We're supposed to be adults," he said. "Yes, the faculty's here for guidance, but at some point we have to be able to stand on our own."

But Jack Peterson (junior-aerospace engineering) had a different perspective. He said the e-mail was a good idea and may have convinced indecisive students to stay in this weekend.

"I'm sure there are some that will go out drinking anyway," Peterson said. "I think there were a couple students who were on the fence. This may have helped them decide."

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Robberies

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Pennsylvania State Police at Rockview, said the car was found in an empty lot with its sunroof smashed in.

Barrows said the car was probably stolen sometime Sunday night and could possibly have been used by three unidentified men involved with an armed robbery at the Dollar General Store in Centre Hall on Monday night.

"It's possible it was involved,"

Barrows said. "We're still doing an investigation on it. We're not 100 percent sure."

Police said two of the men, armed with a pistol and an assault rifle, tried to enter the Dollar General at about 11 p.m. while three employees were closing the store.

When the employees refused to open up, the man with the assault rifle smashed through the double doors.

The men then told the employees to get on the ground and checked them for cell phones, police said.

While one of the employees was

forced to open the safe, a third man entered the store and destroyed a security mirror in the front office of the store, police said.

Barrows said a vehicle seen leaving the scene of the crime matched the description of Dy's car.

Armed robbery aside, Dy said he is just happy his car has been found.

"If it helps out with their investigation, I don't mind," he said. "It just sucks my car was stolen in the first place."

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Festival

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which hopefully brings more students out," Keirans said. "Go bigger and better this year. I'd like to see the entire HUB lawn filled."

Keirans added that last year, more money was spent on the equipment than on the actual talent, a model that he would like to see changed.

UPUA Programming Chairwoman Leanna Usnik said the Commission has not finalized the acts that will be performing at the spring festival, but she added that the potential line-up does look promising.

"It's a diverse line-up, so it looks really good," Usnik (sophomore-biobehavioral health) said. "I think people will really enjoy it."

Usnik said the Commission hopes to finalize the acts within the next month. Along with the line-up, the Commission is working on deciding what the new name of the spring festival should be.

"There are a couple that we like a lot, but it's such a diverse group of people that there's debate," she said.

Usnik added that the Commission should have the name finalized by the end of next week or the week after spring break because it wants to publicize the event as soon as possible.

Hitchan (sophomore-accounting and crime law and justice) said the Commission hopes to receive about \$52,000 from the University Park Allocation Committee so that it can reach its \$100,000 budget goal.

If the Commission does not receive enough money, it will look to fundraising and corporate support for additional funds, Hitchan added.

Overall, Keirans said the planning for the festival is going well, and they have progressed more this year than they had at the same time last year.

"Last year we were just starting to plan at this time," he said. "This year we're much farther."

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Lions

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opportunity for players to address any lingering concerns teams have.

When it comes to Quarless, Ourlads.com's Dan Shonka said the tight end has to prove he doesn't just go through the motions and does push hard on every play. Shonka sees scouts having no physical concerns with Bowman, but he will have to impress teams with his answers regarding past "red flags" off the field and prove they're cleared up. But NFL.com's Bucky Brooks still has the linebacker going No. 19 overall to the Atlanta Falcons.

As for Lee, some still question his past injuries.

"Some teams are little tougher on knees than others," Shonka said. "Some people might put him on the sideboard and not take him until the third or fourth round, where some other teams say, 'No he's fine,' and take him in the second round."

Lee, who has been training in

"It's just do what you do. Stay relaxed, stay loose. 'This is something I've done my whole life.' You have that mindset."

Andrew Quarless Former Penn State tight end

Lancaster, has to prove to teams that his knee injury problems are in the past, especially the 2008 season-ending anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tear. His father, Craig, said both of his son's knees are perfect.

Lee's father expects the linebacker to also impress scouts with his intangibles, as he was as a captain for every team he's played on.

"I know Sean's done absolutely everything possible to maximize his performance there," Lee's father said.

Out of the six Penn Staters, Odrick has been placed in the first round by analysts the most consistently. Shonka has Odrick going to the Indianapolis Colts at No. 31 and said he's the kind of player he'd love

to have if he were a scout. Brooks has Odrick going there as well.

Clark is more of a fringe candidate in terms of being drafted, Shonka said. But he expects the quarterback to find a home at the next level, probably as a running back, like current San Francisco 49er and former Nittany Lion quarterback Michael Robinson.

But this is the big opportunity for players like Clark and Quarless to prove their worth on a big stage.

"It's just do what you do," Quarless said. "Stay relaxed, stay loose. 'This is something I've done my whole life.' You have that mindset."

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