

NEWS IN BRIEF

PSU invited to maritime law program

Penn State was one of 10 universities invited to participate in a new program that aims to educate maritime law enforcement personnel.

Approved by the American Council on Education, the U.S. Coast Guard's Maritime Law Enforcement College Partnership Program will allow Coast Guard law enforcement professionals to receive college credit for their training.

Classes in constitutional law, report writing and communication skills will contribute to student's technical training to produce more professional officers, according to a press release.

The Bachelor of Arts in Law and Society is accessible online through the College of the Liberal Arts. Tuition will be reduced by 33 percent for all members of the armed forces in undergraduate programs.

CATA breaks ridership record on Friday

The Centre Area Transit Authority (CATA) broke its ridership record Friday with a total of 50,432 riders, according to CATA records.

CATA's previous record — 45,157 riders — was set last State Patty's weekend on Feb. 27. This year, the White Loop had the highest ridership, with 18,893 riders on Friday and 12,858 on Saturday.

Jazz Club to hold fusion concert

The Penn State Jazz Club will host a fusion concert at 8 p.m. on Thursday in Paul Robeson Cultural Center's Heritage Hall. Renowned performers Ablaye Cissoko, Volker Goetze, Kim Clarke and Ronnie Burrage and students will play throughout the night.

Burrage, a Penn State professor who plays percussion, teaches a course in hip-hop and has been featured in several jazz publications. Clarke plays upright acoustic bass, and Goetze is a famed composer and jazz trumpeter. Cissoko, of Senegal, sings and plays the kora, a 21-string harp-lute popular in West Africa. The event is free and open to the public.

Lecturer to read autobiographical poems

Today's featured writer for the Art of Poetry series said her writing is affected by classic "write-what-you-know syndrome" — but she adds in some interesting techniques to keep it fresh and unique.

Kimberly Quiogue Andrews, a lecturer in Penn State's Department of English, will share her poems today at the Palmer Museum of Art. Admission is free and open to the public.

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer, and Warnock: Black Bean Chili, Chicken Corn Soup, Cheese Ravioli, Grilled Chicken Breast, Honey Mustard, Honey Sauce, Milano Sauce, Popcorn Chicken, Pork Filetino, Sweet and Sour Sauce, Cauliflower with Almonds, Potato Medley, Zucchini and Yellow Squash

Simmons: Roast Turkey, Bourbon Chicken, Grilled Chicken Breast, Thai Tofu and Noodles, Vegetable Lasagna, Broccoli with Caramelized Onions and Pine Nuts, Corn, Ginger Glazed Sugar Snap Peas, Quinoa Pilaf, Simmons Mashed Redskins, Vegetable Creole Rice, Whole Baby Carrots

Warning: Assorted Specialty Breads, Chicken Corn Soup, Soup of the Day, Cauliflower with Almonds, Chicago Style Pork Loin, Mashed Redskin Potatoes, Popcorn Chicken, Pork Gravy, Zucchini and Yellow Squash, Peppersteak, Cheese Pizza, Chicken Alfredo, Hoagie Roll, Margarita Pizza, Marinara Sauce, Meat Sauce, Meatballs in Sauce, Pepperoni Pizza, Baked Potato, Black Bean Chili, Broccoli Florets, Cheddar Cheese Sauce, Hearty Vegetarian Chili, Portabella Rubeen Sandwich

Correction

An article "Resilient play keeps Lions alive in weekend series" on page 12 of Tuesday's Daily Collegian incorrectly stated when pitcher Steven Hill entered the game. He entered the game in the seventh inning and diffused a jam in the ninth inning.

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Nickelodeon Storytime Live entertains audience at BJC

By Alexandra Fletcher COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

There was a party Tuesday night at the Bryce Jordan Center (BJC) but the only thing the "Wonder Pets" served was celery and tea.

The "Wonder Pets," performed as a part of Nickelodeon's Storytime Live performance. The show was a live version of the popular children's shows, "Dora the Explorer," "Wonder Pets," "Ni Hao Kai-lan" and "The Backyardigans."

The nearly packed theater was filled with children and during each story the characters invited the kids to interact by yelling, singing or clapping along.

Aside from the enthusiastic actors, each segment's stage setup was adorned in bright eye catching colors.

For a lot of kids the performance was their first live show, Bernie Punt, the BJC's director of sales and marketing, said. He added that the afternoon performance went great as well.

There was a warm reception from both kids and parents alike.

"It was great," Billie Jo Richards, of Julian, Pa., said. "They don't have

enough of this kind of thing for the kids."

Three-year-old Cole Williams, of State College, said his favorite part of the show was the "Wonder Pets," because they helped each other.

The "Wonder Pets," theme was about the characters helping their friend "Ollie" the rabbit invite people from "Wonderland," to his party.

"It was fun," Cole's mother Harmony Williams said. "[Cole] didn't get restless at all. I was surprised."

Make no mistake, despite the exuberance from the crowd over the first three stories there was one bilingual storyteller that the kids were most excited for—"Dora the Explorer."

As soon as her character came onstage the kids started cheering and shouting.

For 3-year-old Dominic Rivello "Dora," was his favorite segment of the show, he said. He added the character "Swiper," was the best part.

During Dora's story, her character asked for a lot of crowd involvement that the kids really enjoyed.

The explorer's story line was

about her task to save her friend Boots, who was poisoned by the evil witch. In order to wake him up, Dora needed the crowd's help to complete all her tasks.

At one point in the show the crowd was asked to help Dora count in Spanish so she could grab a moonbeam. Surprisingly, many of the children in crowd counted in Spanish right along with her.

Later on, a task for the audience was to teach the rocks to sing. The witch onstage yelled at Dora, "You will never teach the rocks to sing," and an angry little girl in the audience shouted, "Yes, she will!"

The final segment was an eclectic performance by all the characters that appeared throughout the night singing a rendition of Little Richard's "Shout."

On the way out many of the kids stocked up on merchandise and took advantage of the concessions. Some were even angry or sad that their parents were making them leave.

"See everyone else is leaving too," one parent said as her daughter cried on the ground next to her.

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Fire

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options will be assessed over spring break, Gonda said.

Students were notified of the fire through e-mail and PSUTXT. And whether they were watching firefighters extinguish the blaze or sleeping through it, they commended the administration for its quick action.

Andy Iams said he was in the engineering lab when he heard what was going on. As soon as he stepped outside, he saw a huge plume of smoke in the sky and Dobbins Hall engulfed in flames.

"It was a sad sight," Iams (senior-mechanical engineering) said "It really shocked a lot

of the students on campus."

But in the aftermath, Iams said he was impressed with how quickly the administration pulled together a substitute for the main dining hall.

"We're not going hungry up here," he said.

Molly Thomas said she didn't find out about the fire until this morning — she slept right through it. However, she spent a lot of time Tuesday in the student union-turned-dining hall, helping out the director of student affairs.

"It's been a crazy day," she said. "But the administration has done amazing. They have really taken care of the students an incredible amount."

When news of the fire reached University Park, the Council of

Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) made sure to reach out to its constituents. CCSG Governmental Affairs Director DJ Ryan said he was in contact with some members of Penn State Behrend's student government, offering to lend any help they may need.

There were some interesting challenges, Iams said, but he believes they were dealt with in the best possible manner. He was one of several students who helped firefighters dig fire hydrants out of the foot of snow still on the ground.

"I think that anytime something like this happens in a close environment like a university, people tend to come together," he said.

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Recruitment

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get to know recruits, including a cookout, a bowling night and a poker tournament.

"As a president of a fraternity, I want to recruit the highest quality. When I was talking, I would stress to them more respectable areas of fraternity and greek life," Kutz (sophomore-finance) said. "This associate class really embodies these values."

However, some fraternity leaders said the new system did not yield as many recruits as usual.

For Sigma Pi President Lee Connolly, this semester's recruitment didn't live up to the standards of previous years. While spring generally brings in fewer recruits,

Connolly (senior-finance) said the dry policy and the short period of time for recruiting — about three weeks — drew fewer recruits than normal.

For a spring semester, Connolly's fraternity usually gets 10 to 15 pledges. This semester, there were only seven, he said.

While there needs to be time to get to know new members, he doesn't think they should be left out of all the social aspects.

"In the fall, there were dry events and zone days," Connolly said. "I liked the combo. I didn't feel like we had to shun them completely from those events."

And it's these evaluations that the IFC will be taking into consideration when Interfraternity Council Vice President for Membership Mark Mixon meets

with fraternities in the coming weeks.

After spring break, Mixon (senior-energy, business and finance) will begin meeting with chapters to incorporate their ideas on how to further improve recruitment for the fall semester.

Wendkos said he has high hopes for this spring's recruits to eventually become the chapter officers and IFC executives who will lead the fraternity community.

"I look forward to building upon this success that the current Interfraternity Council has experienced thus far and bringing in a large group of high quality men to continue to move the fraternity community in a positive direction," Wendkos said.

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Chile

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earthquake, of course we checked into it immediately and responded."

But it wasn't so easy for Penn State graduate student and Chilean Phillip Jarpa, who said the anguish of waiting to hear from family members in Chile brought about unpleasant thoughts.

"All these thoughts come to mind while you're waiting. You almost don't want to say it, especially if they're negative, unfortunately," Jarpa (graduate-marketing and strategic leadership) said. "You have to stay positive, though. I was hoping for the best."

It wasn't until Saturday afternoon and "a lot of phone calls" later that Jarpa was able to get hold of family members.

"All the telephone lines collapsed internally and externally. It was a struggle," Jarpa said.

"I was hoping for the best."

Phillip Jarpa

graduate - marketing and strategic leadership

Tia Trueblood, program coordinator for the Office of University Global Programs, said she has gotten in touch with the majority of students on campus that are from Chile or have family there.

"All the students that I've talked to are very concerned with the situation in Chile but have heard from their families," Trueblood said.

There were also 30 students planning on going to Santiago as part of the Penn State Smeal MBA program. While nine made it to Santiago before the earthquake, the others have been reassigned to different locations, Jarpa said.

Since the students in Chile are stuck there, Jarpa said they are making the most of their experience by volunteering.

Jarpa began a Facebook group, "Smeal for Chile," in order to bring attention to the earthquake. Though he isn't a part of the Smeal College of Business, Jarpa said the college reached out to him and his wife when they set out to start a group.

"The amount of support we've received from students there and outside is amazing; we've really appreciated it," Jarpa said. "On the side, we're selling T-shirts and planning other fundraisers to raise money for Chile ayuda Chile, an organization that's helping out there."

Jarpa said any student wanting to get involved can join the Facebook group for more information.

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Combine

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Most quarterbacks didn't do the bench press, but Clark posted 21 reps, the highest at his position. He was pleased with his total there — he never got that high before. Clark didn't participate in running drills, citing a hamstring injury, but he expects to be ready for Penn State's Pro Day on March 17.

Entering the Combine, defensive tackle Jared Odrick was projected to go in the first round of mock drafts the most out of the six Penn State players. Odrick checked in at the Combine at 6-foot-5 and 304 pounds and ran his first 40-yard dash attempt in 4.98 seconds. NFL.com's Vic Carucci said in a story Odrick may be the "most versatile of the top-rated players at the posi-

tion." Odrick figures to remain a good bet to be a first-round selection.

Linebacker Sean Lee had to answer injury concerns at the Combine, and while only the doctors can know for sure, Shonka said everything was positive.

He said he expected Lee to go in the second round. Lee's 37.5-inch vertical jump was eighth among the linebackers at the Combine and he posted a 4.72 seconds in the 40-yard dash, the same time as Navorro Bowman's.

Bowman is most likely the only other Lion to have a chance at a first-round selection. Josh Hull was the other Penn State linebacker, and he posted a position-best 4.07 seconds in the 20-yard shuffle along with his 4.91 second 40-yard dash performance.

Tight end Andrew Quarless was

the last former Lion in Indianapolis. His 23 reps on the bench press tied for fifth at his position.

"I think I had a solid performance," Quarless said. "I was hoping to run a little bit faster, but it is what it is. I'm pleased with my results. From what I hear, many teams are pleased."

Quarless was also a top performer among tight ends in the 40-yard dash and checked in at 6-foot-4, 254 pounds.

But the process isn't over for Quarless and the rest of the players. With Pro Day just two weeks away, it isn't time to relax just yet.

"I'll continue training for Pro Day and that's pretty much it — working hard," Quarless said. "It doesn't stop. I can just work hard and do my best."

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