



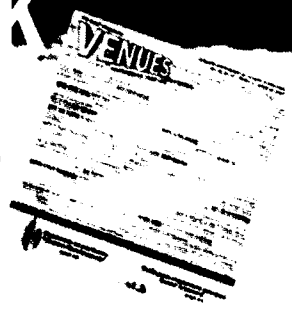
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Men jailed, face felony charges

Officials cannot confirm whether the three men are affiliated with other recent armed robberies.

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Three men were put behind bars Wednesday night and face felony charges in connection with breaking into a State College home with guns and attempting to steal a car. Maksim Illarionov, 21, of State College; Dmitriy Litvinov, 23, of

Boalsburg; and Alex Semionov, 23, of Brooklyn, are charged with one felony count each of criminal conspiracy burglary and one felony count each of receiving stolen property.

Illarionov is also charged with one felony count of criminal trespass and one count each of misdemeanor theft, receiving stolen property and possessing crime instruments.

State College Police Chief Tom King could not confirm if the men arrested Wednesday are affiliated with the other armed robberies that have occurred in the area

throughout the past month.

The men were arrested early Wednesday morning after being turned in by a police informant. According to court documents, the men originally planned to rob Uncle Chen's Chinese Restaurant, 430 E. Calder Way, but decided on another location upon finding it closed.

The men then drove to a residence around Hillcrest Avenue and Glenn Road, where Semionov stole a garage door opener and car chains before being apprehended by police, according to court documents.



Alex Semionov, left, Maksim Illarionov, middle, and Dmitriy Litvinov are arraigned at Judge Johnathon Grine's office on Wednesday night.

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UPUA names music festival

By Casey McDermott
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The University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) decided to officially call its spring music festival "Last Call" and approved the release of \$45,011.75 toward artists for the show at Wednesday night's general assembly meeting.

Initially, the resolution regarding the festival's title included three other names: "State of Spring," "Encore" and "(Penn State) Jamboree."

However, UPUA Programming Chairwoman Leanna Usnik (sophomore-biobehavioral health) said the first and third of those since became unusable — "State of Spring" because of other events bearing the word "State" and "Jamboree" because it is already trademarked by another organization.

But former Programming Chairman Mike Wallace, who currently directs the spring festival commission, said he felt that "Last Call" had the most potential as a title, and the assembly agreed.

"I think that we can kind of play with it — 'Penn State's Last Call,' or something sexy like that," Wallace (senior-economics) said. "Stay away from 'Encore,' it sounds like an Eminem album or a cable station. But 'Penn State's Last Call' sounds pretty cool."

The assembly was not so quick to agree, however, on details surrounding the event's funding. In fact they spent over an hour debating whether to release roughly \$45,000 without knowing which artists were being considered for the show.

Wallace, Usnik and others involved in planning the event said that releasing any details

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Andrew Dunheimer/Collegian

Asher Roth performs last spring at Wallypalooza. On Wednesday, UPUA decided to call this year's spring concert "Last Call."



Lynn McGowan/Collegian

Flogging Molly plays to a packed crowd of students in HUB Alumni Hall on Wednesday night. During each song, students crowd-surfed to the front of the stage and trying to avoid a mosh-pit of dancers that formed shortly after the band's entrance.

Flogging Molly invades HUB

The band attracted an audience wearing green attire and even kilts.

By Nick Weingartner
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On Wednesday night, the crowd at the Flogging Molly concert was wearing more green than the sidewalks after State Patty's Day.

HUB Alumni Hall was filled with screaming fans who filtered

in through a line that started at the television screens and descended two staircases all the way to and past the Penn State bookstore.

As the band played, shoes and hats became airborne as multiple mosh-pits erupted and merged — one of which was easily the size of a classroom or two.

"You look like lively ones for sure," singer and guitarist Dave King said in an Irish accent as thick as a leprechaun's beard.

Brothers Adam and Ryan

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Lynn McGowan/Collegian

The accordion player from Flogging Molly plays for dancing students as part of the band's sixth annual Green 17 tour on Wednesday night.

Bar tour to 'unify' seniors

By Laurie Stern
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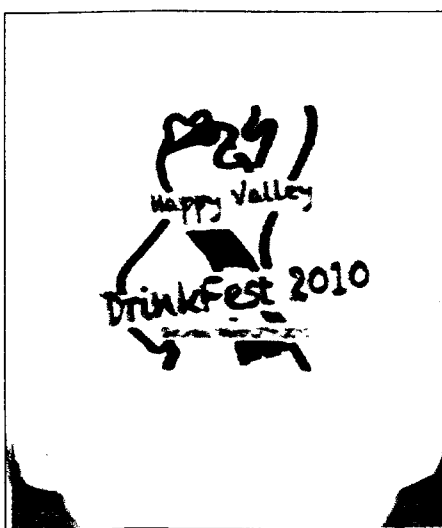
Just as the hangovers of another State Patty's Day have subsided, some students are already marking another day of drunken revelry on their calendars.

Planned for March 27, a 10-stop bar tour dubbed "Happy Valley DrinkFest" will attempt to "unify the senior class for one last time," according to its Web site.

But for some local community members, the thought of another alcohol-centered "holiday" is unfathomable.

"It's one thing to drink responsibly, but when people think they need to pass out or dedicate any official 'holiday' — I don't get it," Penn State Police Deputy Director Tyrone Parham said. "That's from the perspective of a cop and a Penn State alumnus."

DrinkFest's Facebook group currently boasts more than 700 members, and the creators, who identified themselves only as two members of the senior class, are preparing to orchestrate what they predict will be the "largest collegiate bar tour in the country."



Courtesy of happyvalleydrinkfest.com.

"Happy Valley DrinkFest" is an attempt to "unify the senior class" through a bar tour. About 100 T-shirts have sold so far.

About 100 tour T-shirts have already been sold and will be on sale until March 5, according to the Web site, happyvalleydrinkfest.com.

The Web site, which lists many of the popular local bars as stops on the tour — including Café 210 West and the Gingerbread Man — says the specific date was selected because it doesn't interfere with final exams and falls conveniently between spring break and Greek Week.

Though Café 210 West co-owner J.R. Mangan said he only recently became aware of the event after coming across the Web site, he's skeptical it will gain much

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False report ignites talk

By Greg Galiffa
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Innovation Park and Penn State officials will meet today to discuss increasing security, two days after a woman lied to police about being raped.

The woman, who works for a private firm in the Lubert Building, told Penn State Police she was attacked by a man in a black ski mask at about 8:30 p.m. Monday on a parking lot snowbank.

Further investigation proved the report false, but officials have recognized the need to discuss security measures.

"We don't want anybody to panic. We want to be vigilant," said Thor Wasbotten, Assistant Dean for Student Media and Online Operations.

Wasbotten, who said he will attend the meeting on behalf of the College of Communications, said the recent incident brought up the issue of safety at Innovation Park but added that stricter security is not definite.

For now, Wasbotten's goal is raising awareness about safety at Innovation Park.

He said students should be more cautious and use buddy systems when working at the location late at night.

And for a complex that stays open until 11 p.m. five nights a week, the idea of increased security is welcomed.

Laura Shay (senior-broadcast journalism) said she wouldn't mind having more thorough security

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