

NEWS IN BRIEF

Parks Miller requests case consolidation

Centre County District Attorney Stacy Parks Miller submitted a request to consolidate the cases of three men arrested in connection with at least two armed robberies last month.

Maksim Illarionov, 21, of State College; Dmitriy Litvinov, 23, of Boalsburg; and Alexei Semionov, 23, of Brooklyn, are charged with one felony count each of criminal conspiracy burglary and one felony count each of receiving stolen property, according to court documents.

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, according to court documents.

Visiting man charged with several counts

Michael J. Strzalka, of New York, was charged with one count each of misdemeanor simple assault, harassment with intent to harass, annoy or alarm another and the purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt brewed beverage in connection with an incident over the weekend in Brumbaugh Hall, according to court documents.

Strzalka, 20, was visiting Penn State for the weekend when he became visibly intoxicated, according to court documents. He proceeded to punch walls and throw items in a Brumbaugh Hall dorm room, causing a woman to strike her head on a bookshelf when he lifted her up and shoved her onto a bed, according to court documents.

Centre County District Judge Daniel R. Hoffman sent Strzalka to the Centre County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$10,000 bail. Strzalka has a preliminary hearing scheduled for today.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

■ Research Unplugged, "Fossil Rainforests of Patagonia: Ancient Biodiversity and Living Legacy" will be presented from noon to 1 p.m. in the Penn State Downtown Theatre.

■ The Penn State ReadyU team and Eco-Action will be holding a free screening of the MTV documentary 'Summit on the Summit' today, in 110 Wartik Building. Free pizza and PUR Flavored Water will be served at 6:45 p.m. and the movie will be shown at 7:15 p.m. There will also be a raffle for 10 Sigg Reusable Water Bottles.

■ Anna Baltzer will speak about Life in Occupied Palestine at 7 p.m. today in 102 Thomas Building.

■ There will be a screening of "Faces of Israel" and discussion with the director, Amy Oppenheimer, at 7 p.m. today in 351 Willard.

THE MENU

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: Oriental Chicken Soup, Vegetarian Bean Chili, Baked Chicken Breast, Buttermilk Pan Fried Chicken, Cajun Baked Tilapia, Penne Pasta with Roasted Tomato Sauce, Romano Cheese, Antigua Blend, Spinach, Whipped Sweet Potatoes

Simmons: Garlic Shrimp Stir Fry, Barbecue Rub Chicken Breast, Grilled Chicken Breast, Grilled Eggplant Parmesan, Grilled Vegetable Burrito, Broccoli with Carmelized Onions and Pine Nuts, Brown Rice and Grain Pilaf, Cous Cous Tuscano, Ginger Glazed Sugar Snap Peas, Roasted Roma Tomatoes, Sweet Potato Wedges, Whole Baby Carrots

Waring: Assorted Specialty Bread, Cream of Broccoli and Cheddar Soup, Soup of the Day, Bourbon Chicken, Cajun Baked Tilapia, Harvest Blend, Potato Medley, Spinach, Cheese Pizza, Hoagie Roll, Macaroni and Cheese, Margarita Pizza, Marinara Sauce, Meat Sauce, Meatballs in Sauce, Pepperoni Pizza, Baked Potato, Broccoli Florettes, Cheddar Cheese Sauce, Grilled Vegetables with Whole Wheat Penne, Hearty Vegetarian Chili, Vegetarian Bean Chili, Vegetarian Burger, Grilled Chicken

Correction

An article "Former Dispatch singer to perform" on page 7 of Tuesday's Daily Collegian incorrectly stated the time Pete Francis' performance begins. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the show starts at 8 p.m.



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Weather: Today: High 84, Tonight: Low 57, Tomorrow: High 74

Professor of 30 years wins award

By Marilyn Perez COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Gary Fosmire admits that his wife and colleagues accuse him of being too lenient with students.

"At the end of the day, I want to be the person that reduces the stress on students," he said, adding that he has extended a test date if a student has a particularly exam-filled day. "I want to know what they know — not how exhausted they are."

Fosmire, a recipient of the Alumni Society of Excellence in Teaching Award of the College of Health and Human Development, titled his lecture "Lessons Learned During Thirty-One Years of Teaching." The event took place on Tuesday in the Bennett Pierce Living Center, 110 Henderson Building.

He has been a member of the nutritional sciences faculty at Penn State for over 30 years.

Tatiana Castellino (senior-nutrition) said Fosmire is a "unique" professor because of his note-giving habits.

"He's the only professor who writes on a chalkboard and doesn't use Powerpoint," Castellino said.

She said she wrote a letter of nomination for Fosmire, and added he's the kind of professor who would do anything to help his students.

"He's just really caring," Castellino said. "He'll go above and beyond to make sure his students will succeed. He's not just going through the motions."



Meghan Russell/Collegian

Gary Fosmire, Associate Professor of Nutritional Sciences and winner of the 2009 HHD Alumni Society Excellence in Teaching Award, presents a lecture entitled "Lessons Learned During Thirty-One Years of Teaching" on Tuesday.

Fosmire reflected on the ups and downs of teaching. He said when he first arrived to Penn State, he taught Nutrition 251 (Introductory Principles of Nutrition) by showing a video and asking if there were any questions at the end of each class.

"One of the students wrote that they hated the teacher [of the video], but they loved Dr. Fosmire," he said. "I learned from that that I

needed to teach my own classes in my own way. I need to be really invested in the class."

Rachel Williams (graduate-nutrition) said Fosmire cares deeply about his students.

"He really spoke from the heart, which really epitomizes who he is," Williams said.

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Toll

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been going back and forth between Penn State and New Jersey for the past five years. He pays a small toll when leaving New Jersey, and he was hoping he wouldn't have to pay any more.

"I'm glad they didn't pass it," Grembowiec (senior-civil engineering) said.

Lost revenue without the tolls will mean a cut in funding for state roads and bridges by about \$300 million per year, according to a press release from the governor's office.

That means Pennsylvania Department of Transportation won't be able to repair up to 100 bridges and 300 miles of roads each year.

Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre, said he voted against the toll in 2007 and appreciates the federal decision. There are plenty of alternatives to "singling out" one segment of the population to fund transportation across the commonwealth, Corman said.

"We need a first-class transportation system for the economic climate," he said.

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7.8 quake shakes Sumatra

By The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A 7.8 earthquake shook Indonesia's northwest island of Sumatra early today, prompting a tsunami warning and sending residents rushing for higher ground. There were no immediate reports of widespread damage.

The quake struck at 5:15 a.m. and was centered 125 miles northwest of Sibolga in Sumatra at a depth of 28.6 miles, the U.S. Geological Survey said. The Indonesia Meteorology and Geophysics Agency issued a tsunami warning following the quake, which struck as people in the region were preparing for morning prayers.

"We issued a tsunami warning and are still monitoring situation there," said Fauzi, an official at the agency's Jakarta office.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Honolulu also issued a tsunami watch. The center said no tsunami threat existed for other coastal areas in the Indian Ocean, although some areas could experience small sea level changes and strong or unusual coastal currents.

Local media reports said the quake caused panic in North Sumatra's capital of Medan and other cities in the province. Electricity was cut in Medan. People in some cities along the southeastern coast of Sumatra as well as Sinabang on Simeulue island and Gunung Sitoli on nearby Nias island poured into the streets and rushed to higher ground, reports said.

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but council member Theresa Lafer said she has received e-mails from State College residents who want to see significant changes to the proposition before it is passed. So far, none of these concerns have been made public, one reason Wendkos wants the public hearing to take place soon.

Wendkos plans to attend the May 3 hearing and said he thinks enough students will make it to the TUP hearing despite finals. But when it comes to the NGO hearing, Wendkos would rather push it until next fall, as the ordinance will affect "every off-campus student at Penn State."

Matthew Lachman, University Park Undergraduate Association Director of Legal Affairs, said the borough has been careful to make sure students can attend meetings dealing with the NGO.

"They've been very good about dealing with the issue while students are in town," he said.

Goreham also encouraged any student who will not be able to give input at the meeting to e-mail the borough council their opinions ahead of time.

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"The message I was given was that I should be aware of drinking too much, and if I find I'm drinking too much, I should try to cut down," Fiehler said.

"There's a percentage of students that doesn't work for and I'm one of those."

Fiehler and the other panelists make this event unique because each confronts the problem in a different way, coordinator Judy Maltz said.

"I hope it gets heated, because that would make it even more interesting," she said. "I think everyone recognizes that it's a problem. I'll be excited to hear new ideas that haven't been raised before."

Maltz, a senior journalism lecturer in Penn State's College of Communications, said the event was organized by the college to give journalism students experience in covering an event of this format and relevance.

In the audience will be State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham, who encourages collaboration in any attempt to change attitudes and curb dangerous drinking.

"I think dialogue is important and we need to be listening as well as talking on all sides," said Goreham, who serves on Penn State's Partnership Against Dangerous Drinking.

"We get a better idea of who we really are and what the situation really is."

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Kingston

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Kingston will be joined by Toronto-based band God Made Me Funky, who, according to Palovich-Scott, sounds like the Black Eyed Peas.

"It's great that they're bringing someone of this caliber here," Graham Bickel (sophomore-crim, law and justice) said. "I think everyone will have a great time."

Sharon Hampton (junior-visual communications and journalism) said she loves Kingston's song "Beautiful Girls" because of the message behind it.

"He reminds all girls that they are beautiful and that there is no ugly side to anything," Hampton said.

Although she likes his songs, Hampton said that she would not drive to see Kingston because of the conflict with Blue-White weekend.

While the Feb. 27 Paul "DJ Pauly D" DelVecchio concert at the same location did not sell out, Palovich-Scott expects Kingston's big name will help fill up the venue.

"We are very happy to have him," said Palovich-Scott. "We are hoping for a sold-out show."

Hannah Rishel contributed to this report.

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