

Eleven arrests made at DUI checkpoint

The Centre County Alcohol Task Force conducted a DUI checkpoint Friday and Saturday on the 1500 block of North Atherton Street, the Ferguson Township Police Department said. In a four-hour period, 11 DUI arrests were made and 10 traffic citations were distributed, police said.

The numbers include arrests made from the surrounding area, police said.

Dalen Sayles arraigned on Friday

Dalen Sayles, 20, was arraigned by Centre County District Judge Jonathan Grine on Friday after being arrested in McKeesport, Pa., in connection to an armed robbery at a Beaver Terrace apartment last year, according to court documents.

Sayles, of McKeesport, is charged with one count each of felony robbery and criminal conspiracy, one count each of a misdemeanor simple assault, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, receiving stolen property and three counts of misdemeanor recklessly endangering another person, according to court documents.

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Flobots will officially play at festival

The contracts have been signed: The Flobots will officially be performing at the Celebrate State festival.

They'll play April 23 on the HUB-Robeson Center lawn, accompanied with free food, games and art. The concert is sponsored by several campus activist organizations, including Democracy Matter and Eco-Action.

Powwow unites people from all over U.S.

The seventh annual New Faces of an Ancient People Traditional American Indian Powwow brought people from State College and across the United States together for a weekend of dance and celebration.

Dressed in traditional American Indian garb, attendees gathered and transformed the Mount Nittany Middle School gymnasium into a dance arena, as the sound of tribal drums vibrated through the halls. The explosion of colorful outfits and constant drumbeat was awe-inspiring, community members said.

Walk raises awareness for water needs

Carrying buckets and jugs, students circled the campus Saturday, duplicating the distance many families in Rwanda and Sudan are forced to travel each day for clean water.

The World Outside My Shoes, Campus Crusade for Christ and Schreyer Honors College put together the Water Walk, an event aimed at raising awareness of the need for a clean water supply in Rwanda and Sudan.

Organizers asked walkers to donate a minimum of \$1 to the cause, saying the donation will provide clean water to one person for a full year in Rwanda or Sudan. Saturday's march collected \$526.33.

'Our Town' to be performed this weekend

Members of The Next Stage Theatre Company brought the simple pleasures of ordinary life Friday to a small audience of about 20 with their opening performance of "Our Town."

Performed at the State Theatre last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, "Our Town" will be put on again four times this coming weekend. The three-act play portrays the three important stages of daily life - love, marriage and death - with a "stage manager" narrating the play.

PSU alum receives award for Weebly

A 2007 College of Information Sciences and Technology graduate received the 2010 Penn State Alumni Achievement Award for the success of his online company Weebly - making him the youngest recipient of the distinction.

David Rusenko gave a speech Friday morning describing the journey to his success to an audience of about 100 students, alumni and faculty at the Cybertorium.

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International groups mesh at HUB

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One of the prominent smells in HUB-Alumni Hall on Sunday was Bukhour incense being burned by the Saudi Arabian Student Association.

The student group was one of the many international organizations represented at the International Spring Festival. Organized each year by the International Student Council (ISC), the festival allows student groups to set up booths to showcase their organizations - but the main event was the food and entertainment.

"It's bright, it's sunny and we can bring all the colors of the different countries together," said Farhana Masid (senior-electrical engineering) secretary for ISC.

Kolby Kent Nelson, president of ISC and a minority in the organization as an American, said one of the goals of the student council is to bring everyone together to blend

cultures. "It's just so cool to come here and see all these cultures mixing," Carly Bruski, Class of 2006, said. "Everyone seems so relaxed and at home."

The menu for the night reflected many of the cultures represented - Chinese, Indian, Korean and Middle Eastern foods, among others, were ordered from local international restaurants.

Volunteers from student groups provided the entertainment, with various cultural dances performed as well as musical performances.

Many students donned native dress and traditional costumes, making for a very vibrant scene in the hall. Nicole O'Block said that is one of the fun parts about the festival.

"How often do students get to walk around in the clothes from their homeland?" O'Block (sophomore-agricultural sciences) said.

A Haiti presentation was also given about the devastating effects of the January earthquake. This

year, the ISC choose to donate all ticket money and collect donations to Haiti relief through the Red Cross. "It's not a short term problem," Nelson (graduate studies-international affairs) said. "It's a good reminder to people that they are still in need."

Nelson said that more than \$1,000 had been collected through ticket sales and donations. Typically, the organization breaks even on ticket sales, but this year the university donated the Alumni Hall space.

Two students from the ISC were the emcees for the night - David Morar (graduate studies international affairs) and Miah Cunningham (junior-communication arts and sciences).

"It's one of the most prolific student organizations because the base is so big," Morar said. "The event is one of the things students can rally around."

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Polish worldwide mourn crash victims

By Sophia Tareen
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CHICAGO — Polish immigrants and their descendants around the world shared the anguish of their mother country on Sunday, mourning the 96 victims of a devastating plane crash as they crowded into Polish-language Masses.

Millions of Poles have emigrated over nearly two centuries, establishing large communities in the United States and Britain.

They coped with Saturday's death of Polish President Lech Kaczynski and dozens of other military, church

and government officials through vigils, prayer and writing.

"It was like losing a family member," said Blanche Weigand, whose mother immigrated from Poland to Chicago in 1950.

"I'm from Chicago, but my heart is in Poland."

Weigand grew up speaking fluent Polish and eating her mother's pierogi, and stays in touch with her Polish cousins each week through Skype.

The nation is in mourning after the crash, which occurred in Russia near Katyn forest.

The dignitaries had been on their

way to Katyn to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the massacre there of thousands of Polish officers by Soviet forces.

Weigand said the crash makes her want to go to Poland, while her 88-year-old mother hasn't been able to talk about the tragedy at all.

Instead, she cries, is plagued by headaches and recounts painful memories of being captured by Nazis.

"She's reliving all of it and it hurts," Weigand said.

Families of Polish descent packed churches in Chicago, London and elsewhere.

Relay

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gave to me," she said. "The unchecked growth of cells in a cancerous person's body cannot compare to the unchecked growth of love in every family affected by it."

For the next day, stories of how cancer impacted lives served as inspiration as participants from the 141 relay teams took turns walking the track to show their support for finding a cure.

When they weren't walking, the participants found plenty of creative ways to pass the time - playing field games, blowing bubbles and

grilling food. The Student Red Cross Club (SRCC) set up a booth Saturday morning to make balloon animals for kids to raise extra funds for the cause, but their idea ended up being a hit with all age groups at the event.

"It's not just for kids. It's for all ages - 5 to 50," SRCC vice president Jim Harvey (senior-English) said. "We thought it'd be something fun to do. We were playing around with them one day and thought, 'Hey, let's turn this into a fundraiser.'"

This year's event also had two new components - a "Why I Walk" baton that was passed around the entire weekend and spirit points awarded to teams that went to extra

lengths to contribute to the event, such as holding additional fundraisers or decorating their tents.

After the event wrapped up, Newcomb said she was proud of the determination all participants showed in not letting the weather or other obstacles get in their way.

"This is the best relay that we've had. Penn State students are crazy, and they stuck through the sleet and the hail," Newcomb said. "These are people who are dedicated to the cause ... and their dedication shows through when they stand outside and walk through the sleet and snow at 3 a.m."

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Club

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Bowling Green State University, Ithaca College, Slippery Rock University, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, State University of New York New Paltz, and Binghamton University, as well as Penn State Berks and Penn State Brandywine were among the schools who visited State College this weekend for the game.

In total, about 200 people participated, the first time so many schools played HvZ on one campus in the same day, organizer John Mortara said. Penn State HvZ members had been planning for this event since January, something Mortara (senior-English) said was key in pulling

off the game. But he also said he could have never done it without help, particularly from Urban Gaming Club Treasurer Martin Castner and Vice President Ryan Bisbey.

While there were other schools in the game, everyone played by the Penn State club's rules. And despite an orientation for all players Friday night, zombie Adam Cochrane said some people had trouble adapting to Penn State's way of playing.

"A lot of people are discovering that the way they played at their schools doesn't work as well here," Cochrane (sophomore-public relations) said.

Matthew Mols, another HvZ player, attributed the differences to the fact that Penn State's version of the game is more zombie-oriented,

while other schools have more human-friendly rules.

"One school has a rule where the only way to tag a human is to touch them with both hands only on their shoulders," Mols (senior-information, science and technology) said, as opposed to any basic tag, by Penn State rules. The game finished around 9:30 p.m., when all the players had become zombies. Overall, the game was a success, Mortara said. He would like to see the invitation become an annual event, but because he will be graduating in May, he'll have to leave it up to the younger members of the club.

"I wanted to do one nice thing for the club and the game itself before I graduated," Mortara said.

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said she was excited to see Drake's transition from his role as Jimmy on the CTV's television series "Degrassi: The Next Generation" to a musician.

"He started off on Degrassi, and I found out he was releasing an album," she said. "I thought it was really good. He does a lot of collaborations with Lil Wayne."

Drake began the night by performing "Forever," followed by

"Unstoppable." The performer told the audience Penn State was the "illest" school in the country.

"Penn State, I feel like I'm home, baby," he said, prompting his third song of the night, "Uptown."

After a rendition of Three 6 Mafia's "Stay Fly," Drake told a story about Lil Wayne.

"Oh, if you don't know, my brother's Lil Wayne," he joked.

Drake said he wanted to make Penn State crazy for Lil Wayne and sang his song "I'm Goin' In."

Errin Bruner, of Tyrone, said he has been coming to concerts at the

BJC for a while and enjoys the artists who headline. Drake was a good artist to spotlight, he said.

"He tries to keep it real and truthful," he said.

"If you like rap music, you'll like Drake."

Mike Blasi, of Scranton, said he enjoys Drake's collaborations with Lil Wayne and expects only one thing when going to see Drake in concert.

"Greatness," he said. "The highest of high levels."

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Pitcher

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prospect, Strasburg pitched five innings, giving up four hits, four runs - one earned - and eight strikeouts.

The Nationals banner in the stands went up right after the gates opened and stayed until the final pitch. Bob Angelino and his family drove to Altoona from Washington, D.C., to catch Strasburg pitch and see the future of their franchise in person, bringing their trademark Nationals sign with them.

"It was a good thing for Washington," Angelino said. "Our pitching is suspect, and this is a great future for us."

Walking out to the mound in front of a packed stadium with pockets of red-clad Nationals fans, Strasburg called the mood in the park "a great atmosphere." While the game and the win won't matter once he is called up, for one day, the pitcher felt

extra excitement about a seemingly routine start.

"It's an amazing feeling to have your first outing in front of a sell-out crowd with all the attention and everything," Strasburg said. "It made it seem like this was one of the biggest games of my life when it was actually the fourth game of the season."

While a majority of the fans came specifically for Strasburg, the Curve faithful were in attendance and impressed by the turnout. Bob Patterson, a ticket holder for all 12 years of the Curve's existence, said the crowd was good for Altoona and it wouldn't hurt having a few thousand extra people in the stands.

Patterson said the out-of-town fans were some of the nicest he had talked with over the years, and the feeling was reciprocated by the traveling Nationals faithful. Nationals season ticket holders Steve and Jeannie Mathews, of Vienna, Va., drove up for the game and left Altoona satisfied.

"The park was fabulous," Steve Mathews said. "The people in the stands are incredibly nice, the food was great, it may have been better than Nationals Park. And it was cheaper, too."

For the home team, the extra attention only gave them more anticipation to step into the batter's box and face Strasburg. Curve catcher Kris Watts, who drew two walks off Strasburg, said having a capacity crowd could even help the team in the long run - casual Altoona fans might be encouraged to keep coming back.

"I love having people in the ballpark," Watts said.

"You come to the field, and you show up to a game like this where you have the full stands and extra people in the outfield - it just adds that extra energy. It's where you want to be. You want to work your way up to where you're playing in front of 60,000."

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