

# PSU takes back the night

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An estimated 200 to 300 people will gather tonight for the 25th annual Take Back the Night march at Penn State to raise awareness of rape, sexual assault and domestic violence.

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, students will gather at 6 p.m. in front of Old Main and travel to places where sexual assault occurs the most — the library, East Halls, Pollock Halls and Fraternity Row. The group will finish this year's journey, titled "Shatter the Silence, Stop the Violence," at Sidney Friedman Park.

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She said the center always supports the event, which is being run entirely by student groups this year. Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority Inc. will head the march with other sponsors, including the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, the University Park Undergraduate Association and Iota Iota Iota.

The Paul Robeson Cultural Center also contributed.

Event coordinators emphasized the importance of using the term "survivors" rather than "victims," as the goal is to make survivors feel the incident is something they can get through with support from others. Police will escort participants in their march around campus and downtown, coordinator Belle Genao said.

At each stop, marchers will form a circle to share personal

## If you go

**What:** Take Back the Night march

**When:** 6 tonight

**Where:** The march will begin at the Old Main steps

# Police recover stolen objects

By Laura Nichols  
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Police have recovered more items during the investigation of several reported State College burglaries that led to three men being charged.

All of the recovered items are posted on the State College Police Department's Web site so the items can be matched with their rightful owners, police said.

The initial search came after Maksim Illarionov, 21, of State College; Dmitriy Litvinov, 23, of Boalsburg; and Alexei Semionov, 23, of Brooklyn, were each arrested March 3 in connection with several burglaries in the State College area. Search warrants after the arrests led to the recovery of dozens of valuables — including gold earrings, pendants, watches and Costa Rican currency, according to the search warrant.

Leads from the initial investigation prompted police to file new search warrants that led officers to more stolen goods, the State College Police Department said. The most recently recovered items were found on April 4, police said. The initial investigation also recovered rounds from a .45 caliber pistol — one of several weapons used in the recent burglaries, according to the warrant. Centre County District Attorney Stacy Parks Miller, who did not return calls for comment, recently filed a motion to consolidate the cases so Illarionov, Litvinov and Semionov could all be tried at once. The three men are each charged with one felony count of criminal conspiracy burglary and one felony count 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.

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# Animal rights group displays visual exhibit

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Youth animal rights group peta2 is stopping at Penn State this week to conduct a series of displays for their Liberation Project, a visual exhibit that shows the parallels between current animal cruelty and historic human injustices.

Liberation Project coordinator Adrienne Burke said the display has been receiving overwhelmingly positive responses from the Penn State community.

"The easiest way to stop animal cruelty would be to go vegan," Burke said. "Vegans save over 100 animals per year. It's as easy as getting a bean burrito for a dollar from Taco Bell."

The peta2 exhibit has been on campus since Monday. It'll set up shop Wednesday at the Pattee Mall and Thursday in front of the Palmer Museum of Art. Also on Thursday, there will be a presentation hosted by peta2, at 8 p.m. in 102 Chambers Building, titled "Liberation: A Forum with PETA director Dan Shannon." The event is open and free to the public. President of the Penn State Vegetarian Club Rusty Zufall (senior-computer science) said Thursday's forum will give stu-

dents the opportunity to voice questions, problems and concerns.

"It's really going to be more of a forum than a lecture," he said. "I definitely encourage everyone to come out. This is their chance if they have anything that they disagree with."

Burke said some photos in the display show the branding of cows, chickens confined to living in areas the size of a sheet of paper and pigs being castrated without painkillers.

"The point is to draw a parallel between the ways we humans have treated other humans in the past for reasons of racism, sexism and other things like that and paralleling that with many of the ways we treat animals today," Zufall said.

And organizers said this can inspire students.

"These companies try to keep these issues behind closed doors," Burke said. "People see the display, and they're moved to make some change. Normally, it's to go vegan."

Zufall said Penn State was one of the few schools chosen for the Liberation Project this semester. He hopes students take the display seriously. Passer-by Erin Ash said she's always been interested



Kelsey Morris/Collegian

Qing Wang, professor of material science and engineering, reads the signs about animal abuse and slaughter at the peta2 exhibit at the IST building. The exhibit has been on campus since Monday.

in veganism — and her sister has been a vegetarian for years.

Ash (graduate-communications) said the display is also a prime example of free speech on the college campus. But she also said she had some problems with the way the project was trying to display its message.

"I'm not sure it's a just comparison — comparing animal life and using the biggest social injustices in our recent history," she said.

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## If you go

**What:** peta2 exhibit

**When:** 8 p.m. Thursday

**Where:** 102 Chambers Building

**Details:** Free and open to the public



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