MEWS IN BRIEF

Students found sleeping under tree

One male student and one female student were found sleeping under a tree at 12:34 a.m. Tuesday on the HUB-Robeson Center lawn, Penn State Police said.

Police said they told the two students that camping out overnight on Penn State property is not allowed and then told them to leave the area.

The students were not cited, police said.

PSU employee facing preliminary hearing

Penn State employee Daryl Mains, Jr. is facing a preliminary hearing today in connection to indecent exposure charges, according to court documents.

Penn State Police said Mains was reported to be masturbating in a Hammond Building computer lab on June 21 and was reported to have exposed himself in the HUB-Robeson Center April 27.

Centre County District Judge Leslie Dutchcot will decide in the hearing if Mains will face trial on two charges each of misdemeanor open lewdness and disorderly conduct and one charge of misdemeanor charge open lewdness, according to court documents.

Student charged for producing fake IDs

Penn State student Chase Magaziner will have a preliminary hearing today in connection with charges of manufacturing false identification cards, according to court docu-

Penn State Police said Magaziner distributed at least 11 fake ID cards to Penn State students under the age of 21.

Centre County District Judge Leslie Dutchcot will determine whether to bind Magaziner over for trial in connection to a charge of manufacturing or selling false identification cards, according to court documents.

Former student facing drug charges

John Murray — who police say supplied former Penn State student Paul Spara with more than 2,000 lbs. of marijuana — is facing a preliminary hearing today in connection with felony drug charges, according to court documents.

Murray headed a \$6 million dollar drug ring that extended from New York to North Carolina, said Eric Shirk, spokesman for the Pennsylvania attorney general's office.

Centre County will determine whether to order New York resident Murray to trial in connection with two charges each of felony possession with intent to deliver marijuana, felony corrupt organizations and one count each of felony criminal conspiracy and felony dealing in proceeds of unlawful activity.

Man convicted of open lewdness

Christopher Finelli, of Stroudsburg, Pa, was convicted by a jury on misdemeanor open lewdness charges following a September 13, 2009 incident where he was found naked and masturbating in a Rec Hall locker room, according to a press release from the Centre County District Attorney.

Finelli watched a man shower in Rec Hall but did not shower himself, according to the release.

When the man who was showering left the shower he found Finelli naked on a bench and then later masturbating in the restroom area, according to the release.

Auntie Anne's founder hurt in accident

LANCASTER - Family members say the founder of a national pretzel franchise was injured in a motorcycle accident in central Pennsylvania over the weekend.

She was taken to a hospital for treatment but was discharged Tuesday.

A family blog posted Monday says Auntie Anne's founder Anne Beiler suffered a concussion, broken collarbone, broken rib and abrasions to her face.

Beiler crashed around 8 p.m. Saturday in Gap, Lancaster

County. The blog says Belier was wearing a helmet but could not keep her motorcycle upright when she hit a spot of oil.

Belier then spun out of control and was forced to crash her motorcycle.

Lancaster General Hospital spokesman John Lines says

Beiler was discharged Tuesday afternoon. Lancaster-based Auntie Anne's says it is the world's largest franchiser of hand-rolled soft pretzels with more than 1,000

locations worldwide.

Correction: An article "Canyon Pizza space could be rezoned" on Page 1 of Monday's Daily Collegian unclearly stated the ramifications of the proposed rezoning of the space.

If the proposed rezoning plan is passed, Canyon Pizza will be temporarily displaced, but the shop could move back into the same location after construction is completed.



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Police: Employee stole PSU funds

By Brendan McNally **COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER**

A former Penn State administrative assistant told police she was struggling with mounting medical bills when she stole \$2,280 from the university - but now she is out of a job and facing two felony charges in connection with the stolen cash.

Lisa Stevenson was fired from her position at Penn State on May 28 after an internal audit concluded that she had stolen money that was meant to be used during a student trip to Kenya, according to court documents.

She is charged with one count each of felony theft and felony receiving stolen property. She is also charged with one count each of misdemeanor theft and misdemeanor receiving stolen property.

Stevenson took the money on her last day of work before taking a previously scheduled medical leave, according to court documents.

Engineering, Penn State spokesman Geoffrey Rushton said. State

Engineering professor Khanjan Mehta first noticed that the funds were missing, according to court documents.

Stevenson — who was in charge of collecting the money from students but Mehta was unable to resolve the issue by speaking with Stevenson, according to court documents. Mehta then reported the missing funds to College of Engineering administrators who turned the issue over to the Penn State Department of Internal Auditing for further investigation, according to court documents.

Senior Administrator Nathan Cooke, who headed the internal audit, confirmed that \$2,280 was missing from the fund that Stevenson oversaw, according to court documents.

Penn State replaced the missing Stevenson was an administrative funds so that students could contin-

support assistant in the College of ue the planned trip to Africa, according to court documents.

The investigation found that Stevenson had issued receipts for \$2,280 deposited into the fund from March 17 to April 29. Those same receipts ended up totaling the exact On April 20, Mehta contacted amount missing from the fund, according to court documents.

On May 8, Cooke interviewed Stevenson in connection with the missing funds, according to court documents. In an interview conducted May 30, she later admitted and told a Penn State Police investigator that she had stolen the money, according to court documents. She told police the money was stored in her desk and under her control, according to court documents.

A secondary internal audit revealed another \$170 missing from the funds of another student trip.

She told police she had also taken that money, according to court docu-

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Spanier

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school supplies are among the items not allowed in, he said.

Ghrayep said he sent Poole and Spanier an article on June 8, written by Human Rights Watch about the blockade's effects on education in

and e-mailed Poole again on July 16 to ask about the delay, but he still hasn't gotten a reply.

Poole said he has no record of the two follow-up e-mails from Ghrayep, and he said his office tries to respond to each e-mail within one business day as is their protocol when it comes to e-mail.

Poole said neither he or Spanier

He said he received no response are intentionally ignoring messages from SJP/

But to Ghrayep, there's still "a clear bias."

"Spanier has clearly taken sides on this issue," Ghrayep said.

"I think we caught him in a contradiction, and they're a little embarrassed."

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has received questions over the years concerning whether passengers can bring items like multiple suitcases and bicycles that do not fit in the bike rack.

"All sorts of questions have come up," Mose said. "We've been trying to get our arms around a concise policy that everybody could agree to and that the bus drivers could adhere to uniformly.

Mose said the proposed policy which was planned to go into effect for the fall — was delayed for further discussion after several members of the community stated their opposition to the policy.

The proposed policy could pre-transportation and will consider that vent passengers from bringing items like shopping carts onto the Snyder said some passengers

mostly senior citizens - expressed concerns about the proposed policy because it would prevent them from bringing their groceries onto the bus if shopping carts were prohibit-"We decided that a better course

of action to take is to defer implementing a new policy until we have a better opportunity to collect public input," Mose said. "And make sure we make the best possible decision because this is a challenging issue." Mose said CATA acknowledges

that many people use the bus sys-

tem as their primary source of

The proposed change in policy could affect passengers with luggage who use the bus system to get to the MegaBus stop near the

Walmart, 1665 N. Atherton St.

in determining the policy.

Dale Moser, president of Coach ISA and MegaBus.com, said regulating a limit on the amount of luggage would be similar to the sane tandards of airlines.

sengers to bring a maximum of one rolling suitcase and one carry-on for trips, Moser said. The proposed CATA policy would not be implemented until January

2011 at the earliest, Mose said.

MegaBus currently allows pas-

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get movie theaters and downtown or prices for students.

The IFC may adopt some new policies as well.

IFC President Max Wendkos said his vice president for risk manage- Tom Piarulli — is looking into policies in place at other universities as well as talking to Penn State risk management professors.

Piarulli (senior-security and risk analysis) said nothing is official at this point. He said the IFC may make policy changes to address community concerns regarding noise and litter, as well as refine last

year's policy changes. Last year, the IFC altered its social policy to reduce the emphasis on alcohol.

The new policy eliminated Wednesday social functions and away bars and required both guests

Wednesday before the social event.

Both the university police departbusinesses to give discount tickets ment and borough officials said they appreciate the student's efforts.

Penn State Police Deputy Director Tyrone Parham said the police department was supportive of the work that student leaders are

Parham said the department does not necessarily have any new initiatives for the upcoming year.

But the police will continue to try to educate students and deter alcohol-related incidents like overdosing which he said seems to increase each year.

Some efforts include having a law enforcement presence on campus at night and strict enforcement for high-risk drinking incidents, like when a student requires medical attention or is posing a threat to the community.

Representatives from UPUA met

to show photo ID before entering a with the State College Police party and fraternities to register Department to discuss collaboratevents and guests by the ing to strengthen the message of safe drinking. The borough has worked with

UPUA, IFC and the Off-Campus Student Union in the past, and Borough Manager Tom Fountaine said it plans to continue those relationships in the fall.

Fountaine said the borough will announce new policies relating to alcohol abuse in about a month.

The pilot program of opening public restrooms in borough facilities for 24 hours a day and installing a few portable toilets at downtown locations will continue until the end

of the year, he said. Ragland acknowledged that attitudes students changing towards drinking is a difficult task.

"We have to recognize that a lot of students are coming in with the mindset of "Oh, I'm going to the No. 1 party school," Ragland said.

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Obesity

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year. This research is targeted at grades kindergarten through 12, Bordi said.

The Penn State dining halls have also been doing their part to make healthier choices available to students. They have made several health improvements for this year, Director of Residential Dining Lisa

These changes include offering two vegetables at lunch as opposed

hearty grains available like couscous and quinoa, providing smaller portion sizes and offering certain foods in halves, Wandel said.

Pre-packaged wraps, salads and fruits are also available and are in high demand at the food stores in the commons, Wandel said.

It is up for the dining halls to provide choices, Wandel said — if Penn State was to take away things like white bread and potato chips, students would just go somewhere else

to find them, she said. It is about modifying students'

to last year's one, having different behavior, not the foods available, she

University Health Services (UHS) is a resource available to students to help them make healthier choices.

Beth Collitt, UHS marketing manager, said there are two nutritionists on staff who can be seen by appoint-

HealthWorks, a peer education group affiliated with UHS, has done outreach programs in the cafeterias and has lobbied the administration to improve the quality of snacks available in the dining commons, Collitt said.

Bartenders

At the Phyrst, 111 1/2 E. Beaver Ave., bartender and shift manager Richard Peat echoed Cooper's statement.

Class of 2007, said. Different bartenders from multi-

the Phyrst on Sunday to drink and

relax, Peat said. The students come to the bar for two big reasons — to celebrate their 21st birthdays and to see local bands perform, Peat said.

"I love that we have live music every night," he said. "We're the busiest bar in town every day."

said. Even though the bar scene can be tenders operated an Irish Čar Bomb hectic, working at the Phyrst is

ranges from students to alumni, he said.

patrons is all part of the job for Andrew Alvarez at The Deli Restaurant, 113 Heister St.

Alumni and students make up the crowd at The Deli, where patrons can find a wide selection of good drinks at good prices, Alvarez said.

But the weekends — and the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts — can still be intense, he said. Even though summer may be a

slower time of year compared to football weekends, Arts Fest was year, Alvarez said.

girl vomit on the sidewalk chalk on Hiester Street one night. Peat and the other Phyrst bar-

interesting because the crowd meet the growing crowd at the bar, Peat said.

Last year while working during Arts Fest, a patron ran into Cooper, causing her to drop an entire tray of drinks.

For Alvarez, bartending is a great experience, but going out in the crowded downtown bar scene is a different story.

Alvarez said. "I enjoy being able to talk to my friends.' Having patrons in the bar is good business, but all three bartenders

stressed the importance of watching out for visibly intoxicated patrons. That act is something that comes

"People go out with the intention of getting wasted, not having a good time," Cooper said. "You can go out and have a few drinks and still have a fun time."

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Wandel said.

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ple downtown bars typically come to

Apart from birthday celebrations, the Phyrst is a traditional Irish bar with an old-fashioned style that makes working there special, Peat

Serving a diverse range of

"We have a steady clientele," "We're a tight-knit family," Peat, Alvarez (junior-graphic design) said.

one of the biggest weekends of the And Arts Fest wasn't without its problems — Alvarez said he saw a

express lane throughout the day to

"I hate being shoulder-to-shoulder waiting for a 25 cent draft,"

with the territory of working at a downtown bar.