

PSU lobbies for Nike fund

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It didn't go so far as to remove the "swoosh" altogether, but Penn State officials did ask Nike to help some of its laid-off workers — and they're pleased the company listened.

Pressured by workers' rights organizations, student activists and universities who distribute its merchandise, Nike agreed on July 26 to create a \$1.54 million "worker relief fund" for employees at two closed Honduran factories.

The company also said it would

provide vocational training and health coverage for those former employees.

Nearly 1,800 workers were left without severance pay when the two Nike factories, run by subcontractors Hugger de Honduras and Vision Tex, closed in January 2009. The Workers Rights Consortium (WRC), an independent labor rights organization, soon investigated the situation and exposed both the subcontractors' and Nike's failure to follow Honduran law by not compensating the unemployed workers.

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Nike timeline of events

January 2009 - Nike workers in two Honduran factories are laid off, given no severance pay

April 2010 - University of Wisconsin, Madison ends licensing relationship with Nike

June 2010 - Cornell University president says he will allow the school's Nike licensing agreement to expire at the end of 2010 if Nike does not "make significant progress" on the issue in Honduras

July 2010 - Penn State "urges Nike to play a positive role" in assisting workers

July 2010 - Nike agrees to create \$1.54 million fund for employees laid off from its factories



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Pollock Dining Commons will serve healthy food options.

Halls redo menu

Healthy food to be served

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When Simmons Dining Commons is converted into dorm space, healthier food options will become available at other residence dining areas.

Simmons will close at the end of the spring 2011 semester. At the same time, Pollock Dining Halls will undergo renovations and reopen with healthy "food concepts," said Lisa Wandel, director of residence dining.

Concepts will include an Asian food grille, barbecue, pizza and pasta section, a deli bar and a chef section, she said.

Assistant Director of Pollock Residence Life Chad Henning said he doesn't think it's a coincidence that Pollock is being renovated at the same time Simmons is closing. He said there will be a focus put on healthy eating options in the renovation.

Included in Pollock's renovation will be a bigger salad bar than the one currently at Simmons, Wandel said — the bar will include a grain bar, soup bar and hot vegetables.

After noting that most students tend to graze when they eat — have some pasta, with a piece of pizza on the side and then a dessert — the decision was made to shrink the portion sizes at all dining commons, Wandel said.

Other changes for residence dining include opening Redifer's Urban Garden for breakfast and providing an oatmeal bar, Wandel said.

Like Simmons, Pollock will be a place where vegetarian and vegan students can find a variety of options, Wandel said.

"That'll have a lot of choices for students looking for vegetarian or just healthier balance," Wandel said.

Wandel said students can expect to see more of Simmons recipes in other dining commons.

But some students said it still won't be the same as having Simmons.

Penn State student and creator of the "Save Simmons Dining" Facebook group Mark Jones said closing Simmons "doesn't add up."

"When they close Simmons down, there will be more people and less places to eat," Jones (sophomore-engineering) said. "It sends the wrong message health-wise."

Wandel stressed that Simmons was not the only place to eat healthy on campus.

"There is no bad food," See HEALTH FOOD, Page 2.

Council to travel the state

By Megan Rogers
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Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG) leaders will visit 10 Commonwealth Campuses in the next three days to determine what issues to focus on in the upcoming year.

CCSG President Mohamed Raouda and Vice President Peter Khoury decided to make the trip so they can get a better understanding of student issues affecting Commonwealth Campuses before laying out their initiatives for the year.

University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) President Christian Ragland was originally scheduled to attend the campus visits, but had to decline due to his busy schedule, Khoury said.

But Ragland (senior-political science) said that doesn't mean he's not interested in bridging the gap between University Park and Commonwealth Campuses.

At each campus, they will meet with campus chancellors, directors of student affairs and student leaders, Khoury (junior-biology) said.

Khoury said he and Raouda (senior-history and international relations) expect to talk about issues relating to housing and food services. He said housing and food services are pretty "typical" concerns Commonwealth Campuses have, but other academic concerns like advising and transitioning to other campuses will probably arise.

"We're really going to focus on the big issues," Khoury said. "There's a lot of potential to work on these issues and get far."

Raouda was not available for comment before press time Wednesday.

Though not attending the visits, Ragland said the Commonwealth Campuses are still on UPUA's radar.

In the fall, UPUA will add a director for Commonwealth outreach, whose job it will be to arrange campus visits and work with Commonwealth Campuses.

Last year, DJ Ryan, former CCSG Liaison to UPUA, resigned to protest what he said was the student government ignoring the Commonwealth Campuses.

UPUA hopes to mend the relationships between University Park and Commonwealth Campuses and come together as one university, Ragland said.

A second goal of the trip is to reestablish and open communication lines between CCSG and Commonwealth Campuses.

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Corey Mihlo (senior-public relations) serves a customer at Canyon Pizza, 260 E. Beaver Ave., Wednesday.

Food lures night owls

Series note: This is the third in a four-part series about party-related jobs.

By Kathleen Loughran
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To some, it's the most dreaded shift imaginable.

Known as the graveyard or late night shift, it requires the ability to stay up and be efficient during the early morning hours.

But for people who work the

shift serving food in a college town, it also requires the ability to deal with some intoxicated customers.

Alex Moore, who works at Canyon Pizza, 260 E. Beaver Ave, said he had one particular experience that didn't end pleasantly.

"The craziest experience I've seen was a guy punch holes in one of the delivery cars, so I chased him down an alley after I called the police... and he broke my jaw," said Moore, of State College.

Tucker Lang, who works at Pita Pit, 218 E. Calder Way, said he has also seen some crazy things happen while working the late night shift. One time he witnessed "an all-out brawl" that started with two girls and ended with 10 people fighting.

"One of the employees had to break it up — he was an ex-Marine," said Lang, of State College.

Though Luke Lenker, who works at College Pizza, 128 See LATE NIGHT, Page 2.

Student headed to trial

Police: Man sold fake ID card to student

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Police said a Penn State student and a University of Maryland student teamed-up this spring to distribute fake IDs to underage students — but the scheme didn't last long.

The Penn State student — Chase Blaze Magaziner — was charged June 18 with one count of misdemeanor manufacturing or selling false identification

cards when an ID he sold to another Penn State student was reported to police as a fake, according to court documents.

He waived his right to a preliminary hearing Wednesday in Centre County court in front of District Judge Leslie Dutchtot, sending his charges to trial.

After Penn State student Rachel Blitz was charged with carrying a false ID that authorities believe Magaziner sold to her, she told the State College

Police Department Magaziner had a "contact" at the University of Maryland who made the fake ID for her, according to court documents.

Police said they called authorities at the University of Maryland, who confirmed they were investigating a person who they believed was making fake IDs in a dorm room.

Magaziner collected information via e-mail from Blitz like the See IDS, Page 2.

Students: 'Jersey Shore' tarnishes beach's image

By Kathleen Loughran
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Some people will "get crazy" when the second season of "Jersey Shore" premieres at 10 tonight, but not everyone GTLs like it's their job.

Maddy Pryor, who lives at the Jersey Shore, said she "cannot stand" the show because she grew up living at the shore.

"It gives us a really bad reputation," Pryor (sophomore-advertising and public relations) said. "The people on the show definite-

ly don't help. I don't know a single person who uses a Bumpit when they're not making fun of the show."

Pryor said the show gives people the wrong idea about the Jersey Shore.

"New Jersey as a whole gets the butt of the end of the jokes, but then people come down to our beaches and love it here," she said.

Drew Michelini, another resident of the Jersey Shore, said the show is misleading.

"It makes it look dirty,"

Michelini (sophomore-division of unde. graduate studies) said. "It leads people to believe that everyone here is like that, but most of those people don't even live in this area. The locals are nothing like that."

Though Ryan DeMuth said he doesn't live in the same area the show was filmed — Seaside Heights, N.J. — the two places look similar. He said the show exaggerates what the Jersey Shore is actually like.

"It's an extreme show, so it See JERSEY SHORE, Page 2.



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CCSG Liaison DJ Ryan resigned from UPUA last semester, citing poor communication. Now the groups are working together.

