

Students line up for T.I. tickets

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Students swarmed the HUB-Robeson Center Wednesday and purchased more than 2,000 student tickets for rapper T.I.'s Sept. 24 concert.

The sale was what Bryce Jordan Center Director of Sales and Marketing Bernie Punt called a "great turnout."

"T.I. is very popular in Happy Valley," Punt said.

Students lined up hours before student tickets officially went on sale at noon.

Joe Corle (freshman-finance) said he and his friends were willing to wait because they're excited to see T.I.

"I have a class in 20 minutes," Corle said. "But I'm still going to stay here so I can get great seats."

All student tickets cost \$25, courtesy of the University Park Allocation Committee.

William Doncsecz (freshman-finance) said the cheap ticket price makes the concert even more worthwhile for him.



Christine Reckner/Collegian

Students line up in the HUB-Robeson Center Wednesday for T.I. tickets.

T.I.'s success was also a factor for people who showed up for the ticket sale. The rapper has produced hit singles like "Whatever You Like" and "Live Your Life" featuring Rihanna.

T.I. will release his seventh studio album, "King Uncaged," on Sept. 28., just four days after performing in Happy Valley. Shannon Traurig (freshman-elementary education) said T.I. is a good choice for a BJC headliner because of his fame and reputation.

She said it's thrilling to be able to see such a big act at Penn State.

Other students compared T.I. to rap legends.

"T.I. is one of the most successful rappers since Jay-Z," Eric Stevens (freshman-accounting) said.

Kevin Maher (freshman-finance) said he waited because he wants to sit as close as possible to the stage.

Maher said he thinks the BJC show is one of the first big events for T.I. since his prison sentence — and the wait will make the show even better.

"The fact that T.I. was in jail makes him awesome," Doncsecz said.

Tickets for the concert cost \$39.75 and go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday.

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Company invests in PSU graduates

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Despite a ho-hum job market, Penn State graduates are finding promising careers in growing industries spurred by innovation and hard work.

Epic Systems Corporation, an electronic medical record company, is one such place. Located in Verona, Wis., Epic was founded in 1979 and has made its way up to the top of a continuously growing field.

According to the official Epic fact sheet, 43 percent of its employees work as "implementers" — including at least 40 Penn State graduates.

John Outrakis, Class of 2010, was recruited by the company through the Bank of America Career Services Center and was hired shortly after graduating last spring.

"The learning style [at Penn State] really prepared me for this, to learn how to work on my own, take in the information that you need and use it," Outrakis said.

Fellow alumnus and implementer Chris O'Hara (graduate-manufacturing management) said he feels comfortable being a part of the young staff.

O'Hara said that while the dress code is relaxed and most of the workers may be in their late twenties, each is highly motivated.

"It's professional but not with wasted formality. Everyone is very serious about their work," O'Hara said. "I've been to meetings where everyone was dressed like they were in a college classroom."

Barbara Hernandez, part of Epic's marketing department, said the company is one of the leaders in its industry.

"We have over 200 clients," Hernandez said. "In total, they represent 95 million patients."

The company is also known for its dedication to detail and its willingness to work closely with its clients, she said.

"We build, implement and support our software," Hernandez said.

"We train people on the ground to become experts in our software."

Despite a progressive work environment, location remains a factor in the decision making process — and Wisconsin might not be an obvious first choice.

"People looking for a fun or interesting place to work wouldn't normally look [in Wisconsin]," Hernandez said.

Madison, the capitol of Wisconsin and home of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is just ten miles away. O'Hara said the city's proximity is one of the factors he considered before making the commitment to work at Epic.

"Madison was surprisingly cool," O'Hara said.

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Lambert garners nine CMA nominations

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Miranda Lambert made history Wednesday morning when she was nominated for nine CMA Awards, the most for a female country music artist.

She'll be celebrating with close friends Lady Antebellum and fiancé Blake Shelton. Lady A earned the second most nominations with five and Shelton was next with four, tied with Zac Brown Band.

The year 2010 is taking on fairy tale qualities for the fiery Texan, who won three Academy of Country Music Awards in March, and engaged a few months later and has much to look forward to the rest of the year.

"I don't think it gets better than this," Lambert said in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "It's been a dream and it's not even over with. I'll be sad when 2011 comes because this year has just been one blessing after another. It's just incredible. I don't know what it is about now that all this is coming to a head, but I don't care. I'm just glad it is."

Lambert and close friend Dierks Bentley announced nominations in five categories Wednesday morning on "Good Morning America." The first seven categories were announced Tuesday in Nashville.

Lambert, Lady A, Zac Brown Band, Brad Paisley and Keith Urban were



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Country music stars Miranda Lambert, left, and Dierks Bentley announce the nominees for this year's CMA Awards on "Good Morning America" Wednesday.

nominated for entertainer of the year, the Country Music Association's top award.

Lambert when entertainer of the year she'll continue a girl-power trend at country music's two top awards shows. Taylor Swift became just the third female winner of the CMA's top award last year and Carrie Underwood made history in April as the first woman to win the ACM Awards' entertainer of the year twice.

Women also figure prominently in several CMA categories this year.

"It's definitely something that's been needing to happen for a long time," Lambert said. "I think it's been slowly but it's finally starting to show through with the girls being really strong right now in country music."

Lambert, whose last album "Revolution" was widely hailed by her peers and critics, fell just short of Alan Jackson's overall record of 10 nominations, set in 2002. Merle Haggard is the only other artist to receive nine or more nominations.

Apple unveils box for streaming movies

By Jessica Mintz
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SAN FRANCISCO — Apple Inc. announced a smaller, cheaper version of its Apple TV device for streaming movies and television shows over the Internet and into the living room. It also unveiled a new line of iPods, including a touch-screen Nano model.

The new Apple TV announced Wednesday will only let people rent, not buy, content. For first-run high-definition movies the day they come out on DVD, people will have to pay \$4.99. High-definition TV show rentals will be 99 cents.

The price of the box is also being cut to \$99, from \$229. Cheaper options for streaming video had been available, including Roku's set-top boxes that start at \$60.

Apple TV has been around since 2007, but it hasn't caught on with the mainstream. It doesn't record shows

the way TiVo and other digital video recorders do.

"We've sold a lot of them, but it's never been a huge hit," Jobs told hundreds of journalists, bloggers and analysts in San Francisco.

He said the previous Apple TV setup is too complicated for average consumers.

The new Apple TV, which will be available within a month, will give people access to the high-definition version of movies just released on DVD, though he didn't say which movie studios have agreed to include their titles for streaming.

Television episodes from News Corp.'s Fox and The Walt Disney Co.'s ABC will also be available, including such hits as "The Simpsons" and "Glee." Jobs said those were the only two television companies willing to license their shows for streaming so far, but that he hoped others would join once the service gains popularity.



Paul Sakuma/Associated Press

Apple CEO Steve Jobs speaks at a news conference Wednesday.

People who watch content from Netflix Inc. streamed over the Internet can also access their "instant" queue through Apple TV.

Early Deadline Info:
Tuesday, Sept. 7
 is 4pm **THURS. SEPT. 2**
Wednesday, Sept. 8
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