

Two dead in violence-plagued Chester

CHESTER, Pa. (AP) — Police in a violence-plagued suburban Philadelphia city say no suspects have been arrested in the shooting deaths of two men over the weekend.

Police in Chester say 27-year-old Tyrone Thompson and his 19-year-old nephew, Jeffrey Joyner, died early Monday at Crozer Chester Medical Center after being shot at about 11:45 p.m. Sunday about a block away from their home.

Detective James Nolan said investigators are still trying to piece together what happened. He says police are not sure whether the shootings were related to earlier incidents in the same area.

If the shootings are ruled homicides after autopsies, they would be the 17th and 18th for the year in Chester. In June, the mayor declared a state of emergency and a 9 p.m. curfew was imposed in problem areas after a rash of shootings left four people dead in eight days.

Pa. man gets 10 to 20 years in murder

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — A northeastern Pennsylvania man has been sentenced 10 to 20 years in prison after testimony from a murder victim's widow on his behalf.

Luzerne County Judge Lewis Wetzel said Tuesday that he would have imposed a stiffer sentence on 23-year-old Martin Green of Plymouth Township without the testimony of Diana Gerson.

Gerson said her husband, 44-year-old David Gerson, had loved Green like a son, and Green's children were like the couple's grandchildren.

Green pleaded guilty to third-degree murder in June. He apologized Tuesday and said the victim had been a father figure for him, and the November 2009 shooting stemmed from his own drug use.

Family members said David Gerson was a licensed social worker who befriended Green and was trying to help him turn his life around.

The video "Monongah Remembered" will be shown at 12:15 p.m. today in 105 Deike Building, Earth Mineral Sciences Library. Call 814-863-7073 for details.

Hugh Morrison from the National Center for Atmospheric Research will speak on "Representation of Microphysics in Models and Its Impact on Simulations of Moist Deep Convection" today at 3:30 p.m. in 112 Walker Building. For details, call 814-863-8566.

Abhijit Saha from the National Optical Astronomy Observatory will speak on "The Outer Limits of the Magellanic Clouds" today at 4 p.m. in 538 Davey Laboratory. Call 814(865-0418) for details.

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: chicken quesadillas, cream of tomato soup, wild rice soup, chicken spinach strawberry salad, grilled cheese sandwich, grilled cheese sandwich on whole wheat, grilled ham & cheese sandwich, Thai shrimp & vegetable stir, baby carrots with dill, brown rice, Italian green beans

Simmons: pasta e fagioli, chicken spinach strawberry salad, roasted vegetable whole wheat pizza, taco bar toppings, three cheese whole wheat pizza, vegan taco, zucchini ribbon penne with chicken, broccoli with caramelized onions and pine nuts, corn, grilled eggplant, Israeli cous cous and mushroom pilaf, jasmine rice with edamame, simmons mashed redskins, whole baby carrots

Warning: shepherd's pie, lunch roll basket, minestrone soup, chicken spinach strawberry salad, baby carrots with dill, beef gravy, chicken cosmo not, grilled chicken sandwich, grilled chicken breast, Italian green beans, mixed melon cup, quarter pound cheeseburger, quarter pound hamburger, shoestring fries, thai shrimp & vegetable stir

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: cream of tomato soup, wild rice soup, boneless teriyaki chicken wings, boneless buffalo chicken wings, crab cakes, grilled chicken breast, roasted vegetable whole wheat flat bread pizza, baby carrots with dill, steamed asparagus spears, sweet potato fries

Simmons: pork filettino, bruschetta chicken parmesan

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International student council meets

By Alyssa Sweeney COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Students from around the world met Tuesday at this year's first International Student Council (ISC) meeting in the HUB-Robeson Center.

Representatives from countries like Africa, Turkey, China, and Puerto Rico gathered like a mock United Nations for Penn State to discuss issues concerning international students.

"The ISC is like an umbrella organization over all international student associations," said ISC President Jinghao Lu (senior-sociology). "Our purpose together is to truly represent the international students, to get the voices out."

Executives from ethnic student groups attended to exchange ideas about promoting awareness of different cultures, issues within their native countries, and to create a

home away from home for international students.

Ideas included a cultural food festival, salsa lessons given by students from Latin American student associations, and raising awareness of child trafficking in Cambodia.

Lu said that the ISC is a very old group, but that it hasn't been as active in recent years.

"International students want to communicate, but what they've lacked is a venue," Lu said. "We would like to fix that."

Centre County Mayor Elizabeth Goreham and University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) President Christian Ragland also spoke at the meeting.

"You play a special role here," Goreham said. "You bring new ideas and perspectives of the rest of the world, we want to learn from you," she said.

Goreham welcomed ISC mem-

bers to State College, and encouraged the students to get involved in the Penn State Community. Ragland also called on ISC members for their insight and participation at different events at Penn State.

"I want to be able see every type of student out there, I want a lot of diversity," Ragland said. "Let's challenge each other to look outside our own mission statements, and work together. We'll find creative ways to get messages out."

Lu also said that the associations should support each other in "representing the under-represented." He suggested a listserv and a newsletter for all the different student associations to connect and get involved with others. The motions passed by a majority, and executives will present plans to the council at the next meeting.

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WTC column hoisted at Ground Zero

By Deepti Hajela ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK — Officials hoisted a 70-foot piece of World Trade Center steel at ground zero Tuesday and vowed to open the Sept. 11 memorial by next year.

They acknowledged, though, that the ongoing construction at the site would limit where and how the public could visit.

The memorial, with reflecting, waterfall-filled pools set above the footprints of the fallen towers, its wall of victims' names, its trees and green spaces, is expected to open by the 10th anniversary of the 2001 attacks.

Officials have said the site would be open to the general public after that.

But the public will only be able to enter the memorial from the western edge of ground zero, while

fenced boundaries that surround the site on three other sides of the 8-acre plaza will still be there, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said Tuesday.

"Every once in a while they're going to have to move a beam or something and they'll close off a part of it," the mayor said.

But he said visitors would be able to still walk through the cobblestoned plaza and pause by the memorial pools, which have been built up to street level.

"You'll be able to come, walk the plaza, sit, contemplate, the fountains will be working, look at the names, you can reflect," he said.

Thousands of visitors come to peer inside the fenced construction site or visit two adjoining museum sites a day. Once the official memorial is open, officials estimate 7.1 million people will visit it in the first year.

Bloomberg said a northeast sec-

tion of the plaza would be closed at some point while a transit hub is being built underneath it.

He said other parts of the plaza could close as needs warrant. Several of the 400 trees that are planned at the plaza — including 16 that were planted this summer — will still need to be installed after the 10th anniversary passes.

Bloomberg and other officials described progress at the memorial and at half a dozen other projects underway at the 16-acre site.

Those projects include the signature, 1,776-foot skyscraper meant to replace the fallen trade center towers.

It was followed by the hoisting of a salvaged 50-ton steel column.

That column was once part of the north tower's facade.

It is set to mark what will be the entrance of the memorial museum.

Homecoming

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The 2010 Faculty Court was also announced on Tuesday night.

It includes Mary Edgington, Susan James, Cheryl Knobloch, Melissa Marshall, Frank Clemente, James Binney, Barry Bram and Dirk Mateer.

The faculty court is nominated by students and comprised of faculty members who have had an impact

on the university, Belliveau said.

Nominations for the court were opened in the last few weeks of the spring semester and the first week of the fall semester. Rush said there were about 120 nominations this year.

Court nominees are informed of their selection and then invited to fill out applications detailing their education, classes, volunteer work, activities and professional work experience, she said.

Belliveau, Homecoming

Executive Chair Matt Peyton and the Homecoming faculty adviser then narrowed the nominations to 20 students.

From there, court interviews and selections are conducted and decided by a panel of faculty, staff and alumni.

Students can vote for Homecoming King and Queen at elections.psu.edu throughout Homecoming week.

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Football

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The inexperienced left side and the unit as a whole still needs time to develop together: Paterno said he hasn't decided whether he'll rotate left guards Johnnie Troutman and DeOn'tae Pannell on Saturday.

"We're not a cohesive group yet, and I blame a lot of that on the fact that so many kids have not played much, so there's not a lot of real leadership," Paterno said.

Royster down in pounds

Paterno said he isn't concerned about Evan Royster's weight hindering him.

Instead, his stamina was more the issue.

"I don't think he's overweight now," Paterno said. "He's down to about 218."

With Royster acting as a tailback and a receiver the past several

years, Paterno thought his versatility would be affected.

"I was nervous that if he was too heavy he might not be able to do some of those things as well as he has done them," Paterno said.

He said Royster, who rushed for only 40 yards Saturday, needed more running room. Once the offensive line gets more experience and Royster is added to different schemes, he will become more effective, Paterno said.

Bolden will feel the heat

Paterno admits Alabama will be a difficult task for freshman quarterback Robert Bolden.

"He's going to have his problems Saturday," Paterno said. "We can't protect him like we did against Youngstown. He's going to get knocked around."

But Paterno said he believes Bolden will still keep his poise. The success he had against Youngstown State won't be replicated at

Alabama, but Paterno hopes he takes something out of the experience.

"He'll go on against Alabama and get better," Paterno said. "And if something happens, I feel confident that the other two kids that can play will be able to step in there and do some things."

Bear not a topic

Paterno wouldn't speak about the history between him and former Alabama coach Paul "Bear" Bryant on Tuesday. He said he'd rather talk about this weekend's game and didn't think the current teams were concerned about the past history.

"A year from now, they stick my picture up, everybody's going to say, 'Who's the long-nosed guy?'" Paterno said. "And they stick Bryant up there with that hat and they'll say, 'Who would wear a funny hat like that these days?'"

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Schreyer

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Jessica Tucker (freshman-business administration) said the honors college was what attracted her to Penn State.

"When I found out about the honors college at Penn State, I knew this was the place I wanted to be for the next four years," she said. "There are so many opportunities here for me and my peers."

The program concluded with the presentation of the "Scholar Involvement Award." Arbutina said this brand-new award is given to a scholar selected by the honors college staff in recognition of their involvement within the honors college community.

"We wanted to do something to show how appreciative we are of these students who give so much of their time, which is a very precious commodity, especially for college students," Arbutina said.

The first-ever recipient of the award was Tom Novack (senior-kinesiology).

Novack said receiving the award is "very humbling," because of the amount of hard-working and involved students he knows in the college. "Tom has made himself very available to represent us at all sorts of events," Arbutina said. "He's a great example of what a Schreyer Scholar is and does."

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Author

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what I expected," Stryker (sophomore-English) said. "But it inspired me to read and learn more about Afghanistan."

Amy Mastrine, another fan, lists Hosseini in her top three favorite authors.

"I've read both his books," Mastrine (sophomore-advertising) said. "The Kite Runner" has a brilliantly told plot.

I couldn't put it down. I actually brought it to college with me to read it."

Of Hosseini's books, "A Thousand Splendid Suns" is Mastrine's favorite because it features the lives of two women living in Afghanistan.

"It's amazing what the Taliban got away with," she said.

While some people in the United States automatically think about 9/11 and the Taliban when they think of Afghanistan, Hosseini's novels tell the stories of the real people living in the country, Mastrine said.

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Theatre

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just before the renovated venue reopened. As a five-year board member with experience as an entertainment manager, Negra was appointed executive director by the board of director.

Negra said taking the job was a natural transition.

While he said this was one of the toughest jobs he's ever had, Negra wishes the State Theatre all the

best and encourages the community to stay involved and support the venue.

"It was a pure joy and I'm very proud of where the State Theatre is now and where it has come in a three-and-a-half to four year," Negra said. "I think it has a very bright future."

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