

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police: female student assaulted

A female Penn State student was assaulted by three men at about 11 p.m. Thursday inside the Music Building, Penn State police said.

Police said the incident was not a sexual assault and the student was not injured. There is no indication that alcohol was a factor in the incident, police said.

The student said the men who assaulted her were tall and white, police said, but she could not provide any additional identifying information.

Police said an investigation is ongoing and no more details of the incident are available at this time.

Police: laptops stolen from campus

A university-owned laptop was stolen sometime between Sept. 1 and 2 from Sparks Building, Penn State Police said.

Police said the theft was reported at about 2:15 p.m. Friday, and the value of the laptop is estimated at \$500.

A student's laptop was also stolen from a classroom inside the Forum Building, police said.

The student said the laptop was unattended when it was taken, and the theft occurred between 12:20 p.m. and 1:10 p.m. Wednesday, police said.

Police said the laptop is valued at about \$1,500. Investigations into both incidents are ongoing, police said.

Iran could release American woman

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — After a power struggle within Iran's conservative leadership put her freedom in doubt, an American woman arrested more than a year ago along the Iraq border is on the verge of heading home. Her two companions, however, could be on their way to spy trials.

Sarah Shourd could be released in the "next two or three days" — or even sooner — after \$500,000 bail is paid, said Masoud Shafiei, the Iranian lawyer for Shourd and the other detained Americans, Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal.

CAMPUS NOTES

Penn State professor Djelal Kadir will speak on "A Delicate Subject: Comparative Literature, Erich Auerbach, and Penn State" in 102 Kern Building at 12:15 p.m.

ON THE MENU

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: black bean chili, New England clam chowder, beef cheesesteak, beer battered fish, middle eastern grain salad, coleslaw, corn and edamame succotash, peas, seasoned curly fries, fresh baked chocolate chip cookie, lemon glazed pound cake, BLT pizza, chicken marsala, chicken parmesan melt, pepperoni roll, sesame chicken and vegetables, sundried tomato pesto

Simmons: chicken and corn chowder, cream of tomato soup, baked tomato basil tofu, turkey BLT wheat wrap, cilantro orzo and beef, garden stir fry, grilled cheese sandwich on whole wheat, grilled turkey cheese sandwich, barley pecan pilaf, broccoli florettes, brown rice, cauliflower and roasted red peppers, grilled vegetables, honey ginger carrots, roasted rosemary potatoes

Waring: New England clam chowder, middle eastern grain salad, chicken cosmo not, corn and edamame succotash, feature burger, feature grilled chicken sandwich, grilled chicken breast, peas, Philly cheesesteak sandwich, quarter pound hamburger, shoestring fries, sub toppings, chicken with mixed vegetable, BBQ chicken pizza, breadsticks, cheese pizza, fettuccini w/vegetables, macaroni & cheese, marinara sauce, meat sauce, penne pasta plus, pepperoni pizza, baked potato, black bean chili, broccoli florettes, cheese sauce, vegan burger wrap, vegetarian burger

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: Black bean chili, New England clam chowder, cheese ravioli, chicken tenders, grilled chicken breast, pulled pork BBQ, corn & edamame succotash, peas, sweet potato wedges, BLT pizza, boneless wings platter, chicken marsala, pepperoni roll, sesame chicken & vegetables, sundried tomato pesto

Simmons: Chicken and vegetable quesadilla, beef in garlic sauce, grilled chicken breast, milano sauce
naked chicken parmesan, wheat penne pasta, barley pecan pilaf, broccoli florettes, brown rice, cauliflower and roasted red peppers, grilled vegetables, honey ginger carrots, roasted rosemary potatoes

Waring: New England clam chowder, chicken tenders



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Council to hold first fall meeting

By Anita Modi
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In its first meeting since students' return for the fall semester, the State College Borough Council will discuss proposals about upcoming town events and solidify plans for zoning initiatives.

Assistant Borough Secretary Sharon Ergler said very few items from the last meeting will be carried over to this one. Instead, the borough council will address new proclamations, consent items and student reports.

But one item the council will briefly return to at tonight's meeting concerns zoning in the West

End. Ergler said the initiative has been discussed for several years and involves new design plans for the area.

New retail shops, convenience stores, benches and lighting all serve as components of the design plan, which attempts to cater to both the growing student population and the permanent resident population, she said.

The council will not vote on any plans at the meeting tonight, but a public hearing scheduled for Nov. 1 will allow both students and permanent residents to voice their opinions about the designs, Ergler said.

Also on the agenda is Mayor

Elizabeth Goreham's presentation of a proclamation that will designate Oct. 10 as "TEDxPSU Day".

This is the Technology, Entertainment and Design (TEDx) event's first year in State College, and will provide an opportunity for guest speakers to offer insight about innovation, culture and knowledge. The expo will be held at Penn State's Schwab Auditorium, Goreham said.

The borough council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 304 of the Municipal Building, 234 S. Allen St., and all meetings are open to the public.

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THON captains fill Alumni Hall

By Vera Greene
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All 315 THON captains filed into Alumni Hall at the HUB-Robeson Center on Saturday morning — meeting together for the first and last time ever.

The "All Captain Orientation" gathered every captain for the 2011 Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon to kick off the year, THON Overall Chairwoman Kirsten Kelly said.

Even though the event was early, Committee Outreach captain Lindsay Gordon said it was worth getting up for on a Saturday morning.

"It went really well and it was amazing to spend my Saturday with people who love THON," Gordon (senior-broadcast journalism) said.

The day was a success, Kelly (senior-marketing) said, because it was a chance for everyone to get to know each other, share advice and talk about goals for the year.

"There was a lot of energy and excitement in the room while we talked about what we'll accomplish together this year," Kelly said.

During the workshop, the captains created cheers and assembled into various groups to discuss the upcoming challenges ahead on the road leading to THON.

"We mixed all the different captains up, so students got the chance to talk to people from different committees," THON Overall Public Relations Chairwoman Jony Rommel said.

Many of the goals talked about during the orientation were geared toward continuing to improve THON, getting to know the families

better and spending more time with the kids, Rommel (senior-philosophy) said.

The returning captains gave advice to the first-years, which made the day even better, Rommel said.

Being a first year captain, Gordon enjoyed the guidance from the seasoned THON veterans.

"Everyone was so welcoming and so great," Gordon said. "It wasn't intimidating at all."

As a way for captains to connect, the workshop created an atmosphere for everyone to get excited, trade stories and expand their THON family.

Captains even got to share their fears they have for THON 2011, which Gordon described as comforting.

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Football

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said. "We got a long ways to go to be a good football team."

The Lions squandered a trio of opportunities with three turnovers inside the Alabama 30-yard line. Freshman quarterback Rob Bolden got his first taste of big-time college football, throwing two interceptions, getting hit as he threw both times, before eventually being replaced with sophomore Kevin Newsome late in the fourth quarter for the Lions final drive.

Regardless of Bolden's 13-for-29, 144-yard performance, which Paterno characterized as "some good, some bad," defensive coordinator Tom Bradley said the Lions were beaten with porous defense. Bradley's answer was simple when he was asked to evaluate the unit's

performance through two games.

"Poor," Bradley said. "We've got a long way to go, a lot of work to do."

Bradley harped on the Lions' inability to tackle, and it was never more evident than on Alabama's first touchdown. Crimson Tide wide receiver Kevin Norwood caught what should have been a 12-yard gain and split a pair of arm tackles before flipping head first into the end zone to cap a 36-yard touchdown reception.

The speed of Alabama's offense impressed Bradley, but he said even that could have been neutralized with execution.

"It's no excuse," Bradley said. "They did a good job, but fundamentally we have to work on our tackling, our pursuit and our hustle."

Junior running back Stephfon Green said the gameplan was there, but the execution wasn't. He dis-

agreed with Paterno's statement that the Lions weren't adequately prepared.

"It's a frustrating feeling when you get your behinds kicked," he said.

"24-3, when you know that if you just execute plays, we could win that game."

Only a late field goal helped the Lions avoid being shut out for the first time since 2001. Three points is the team's lowest point total since a 13-3 loss at Wisconsin in 2006.

The game also marked Paterno's return to Alabama 20 years after the Lions ended an annual series that lasted throughout the '80s.

"I didn't think about being back in Alabama," Paterno said. "I'm just trying to think — I thought we had a little bit better football team than we showed today."

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Volleyball

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The Miami (Fla.) men's tennis team will remain atop the Division I record book with 137-straight victories from 1957-1964. The Lions, meanwhile, end their historic run as the No. 2 longest streak, and sit at 7-1 in the 2010 season.

"I didn't talk about it the last two years," coach Russ Rose said of the Lions' record stretch. "I don't want to talk about it now that it's done."

Against Stanford, Penn State was limited to a measly .091 hitting percentage and recorded just 3.0 total team blocks.

It seems fitting the Cardinal were the ones to finally crack the Lions. Stanford was the last team to beat Penn State — back on September 15, 2007.

The Lions had beaten Stanford three times since then, most notably in the finals of the 2007 and 2008 national championships.

Cardinal coach John Dunning called Saturday night's win "really exciting" for his team.

"We had lost some really big matches in that streak to Penn State, so to have a chance to win a match against them was really great," Dunning said. "They're a great team and have been for a long time."

During the streak, Penn State lost just 19 sets and won an unprecedented three consecutive national championships.

But on Saturday night, the Lions were simply out-classed.

Cardinal Alix Klineman had a match-high 16 kills and 10 digs, while four Penn State starters — Arielle Wilson, Blair Brown, Deja

McClendon and Katie Kabbes — posted hitting percentages of less than .300.

Rose, who has always been reluctant to talk about the streak, was quick to note that this year's team is different than his teams in years' past.

Gone are Megan Hodge and Alisha Glass, two All-Americans who graduated last spring as part of the winningest class in school history.

The 2010 Lions are a squad that features nine freshmen and a lineup that, eight games into the season, is still not finalized.

"It's not realistic to expect three freshmen on the floor to maintain the traditions of the previous teams," Rose said. "[On Saturday] Stanford was the better team."

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Passion Pit

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to Penn State because it epitomizes their goal.

"We want to help students live a more green-sustainable life," Kaslow said.

Once it was decided that the CCT wanted to come to Penn State, there was one more hurdle to jump — where to hold the concert.

That's when the Bryce Jordan Center came in the picture.

BJC Sales and Marketing Director Bernie Punt said they were somewhat reluctant to bring the show in, but only because of how many shows are already booked at the venue.

"We have to make sure we have enough room in between shows," Punt said. "[Students] don't have a lot of discretionary income."

Punt said once the BJC realized how many people wanted the CCT and Passion Pit to come to Penn State, the show had to go on.

"It was kind of meant to be if we have this many people interested," Punt said.

For Rachel Hoh (sophomore-community environment and development), Passion Pit's environmental morals are just as important as their music.

Hoh said she tried to see Passion Pit over the summer, but her plans fell through and she's been looking for another chance to see them ever since.

She said once she found out that Passion Pit was coming to Penn State to promote greener living — coupled with the fact that the show is only \$20 for students — her future was set.

"It couldn't be more perfect," Hoh said.

All tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. today and cost \$32.50 for the public and \$20 for Penn State students.

There will be a special student sale at the HUB from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets can also be bought at the Bryce Jordan Center, Eisenhower Auditorium, Penn State Downtown Theatre Center, online and at 814-865-5555.

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said. "That act of American spirit began our healing."

Corman ended his address by stressing the importance of national unity. He said no matter what political, religious, or cultural affiliation people have, they still represent one country as American people.

"If we grab that spirit, we will continue to be the greatest nation on earth," Corman said.

State Rep. Scott Conklin, D-Centre, also spoke and said he is grateful to the police officers and firefighters who risk their lives every day to keep the citizens of this country safe.

State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham gave the final speech. She spoke about treasuring the local community and said it's important not to allow the events of 9/11 to diminish the spirit of Happy Valley.

After the speeches, Anthony Christina, a University Park Undergraduate Association repre-

sentative and the vice chairman of the Penn State College Republicans, called for a moment of silence.

Christina (sophomore-political science and history) said he was pleased by the turnout, especially since there hasn't been a 9/11 memorial on campus in five years.

"We've grown complacent and forgotten those feelings we all had the day after 9/11," Christina said. "We need that spirit back."

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