

NEWS IN BRIEF

Items stolen from unlocked dorm room

Unknown actors took \$336 in wallets, cash, credit cards and an iPhone from an unlocked room in Packer Hall between 11:30 p.m. Friday and 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Penn State Police said.

Man loses control of vehicle

A man was taken to Mount Nittany Medical Center after losing control of his vehicle at 2:22 a.m. Saturday on West Branch Road near Woodside Drive, the State College Police Department said.

The man swerved to avoid a deer in the road, police said. He then lost control of the vehicle, which flipped over before it came to a stop right-side up, police said.

Police said the man drove the vehicle back to his residence where police later located him. The individual suffered small cuts and abrasions from the crash, police said.

The officer on duty detected the smell of alcohol on the man and drove him to the hospital, police said.

Police could not release the name of the individual.

CPA to hold 'Patio Party'

University Park students are invited to the Student Patio Party — a dance event that will be held at 7 tonight at the Eisenhower Auditorium patio.

The Center for the Performing Arts (CPA) is putting on the show, which includes free food, entertainment and prizes. Food suppliers include Doan's Bones, Gingerbread Man and Sugar on Top, according to the event's website. Prizes are supplied by Best Buy and the Bryce Jordan Center, among others.

B94.5 will provide music for the night. Penn State Performing Magicians and local balloon artists Connie Peters and Linda Forrest will also pitch in for entertainment, according to the event's website.

Hershey in dispute over iPhone app

HARRISBURG — The Hershey Co. is asking a federal judge to decide whether its iPhone application to make virtual chocolate milk violates another company's copyright.

The Pennsylvania chocolate maker has filed a federal complaint asking for a judgment in its legal dispute with Las Vegas-based software developer Hottrix LLC.

The two companies are battling over their respective iPhone apps which both involve making virtual chocolate milk. A Hottrix lawyer says the company expects to soon file an answer to Hershey's complaint, along with counterclaims.

Hershey says its app is much different, including its use of a red and white straw to "drain" milk from the phone screen.

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: French dip roast beef with au jus, French onion soup, wild rice soup, chicken and cashew stir fry, macaroni and cheese, broccoli with roasted red peppers, brown rice, Monaco blend, tater tots

Simmons: Black bean chili, Pennsylvania vegetable soup, Simmons turkey club low fat, pork BBQ on whole wheat bun, tabouli with whole wheat wrap, Thai chicken stir fry, baked sweet potato, broccoli florettes, brown rice, green beans and sunflower seeds, primavera vegetables, quinoa and vegetables, roasted roma tomatoes

Warning: French onion soup, antipasto salad, Asian BBQ pork sandwich, broccoli with roasted red peppers, feature grilled chicken sandwich, Monaco blend, popcorn chicken, quarter pound cheeseburger, quarter pound hamburger, seasoned curly fries, chicken and cashew stir fry

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: Filet with gorgonzola sauce, French onion soup, wild rice soup, grilled chicken breast, grilled vegetable Israeli cous cous, island grilled fish, roast turkey, turkey gravy, bread dressing, corn, Monaco blend, whipped potatoes

Simmons: Fresh fish with pineapple salsa, chicken and roasted vegetable pasta, grilled chicken breast, stuffed peppers, zucchini corn quesadilla, baked sweet potato, broccoli florettes, brown rice, green beans and sunflower seeds, primavera vegetables, quinoa and vegetables, roasted roma tomatoes

Warning: French onion soup, antipasto salad, baked parmesan tilapia, bread dressing, corn, feature grilled chicken sandwich, grilled chicken breast, Monaco blend, roast turkey, turkey gravy, whipped potatoes, tomato beef stir fry

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Council hears Innoblue's proposal

By Colleen Boyle COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Monday evening, student leaders from Innoblue, a program designed to assist entrepreneurs in State College, approached the State College Borough Council with one request: a workspace.

Penn State juniors Drew Mohoric and Jon Tornetta said with help from the council in the form of providing a work facility, their program could bring the same spirit of innovation found at schools like Stanford University here to Happy Valley.

Innoblue is an educational program that the founders hope will provide a connection between available resources and those looking to launch an idea. Mohoric (junior-accounting) said he hopes the program will make up for what Penn State lacks in providing direction for

students and community members looking to start their own company. "Every student has an idea because every student has a need," he said. "They don't realize that they can actually do something about it."

Innoblue already has connections with companies such as Tomorrow Innovations, which Tornetta (junior-science business) said are fundamental. All they need, he said, is a space to work.

Borough Council members said they were concerned about some key aspects the plan, including why they should take a role.

"Who pays for this and why isn't the university doing it," council member Ronald Filippelli asked the presenters. "I think it's a great idea, but I'm puzzled by the taxpayer role."

Tornetta and Mohoric said by separating from the university, they

could avoid certain restrictions and also provide their resources to State College residents. Council member Silvi Lawrence said the students were asking a lot of the council considering its already limited budget.

"We have a very different budget," she said. "What does Penn State have, billions?"

Despite their concerns, members of the board said they were intrigued by the idea of such a program.

"There's no real location where people can bring new ideas and really find support," said Mayor Elizabeth Goreham. "It's something that's missing in our town."

Innoblue "starts and supports student ventures and ideas from a civic perspective and a business perspective," said Tornetta, who works closely with founder David Adewumi (senior-Spanish).

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Legislation

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these acts often disturb community residents.

The legislation would also allow municipalities that are home to a college or university to charge an extra \$100 fee to fund alcohol abuse prevention programs, as long as they have an "alcohol prevention unit" to direct them.

In addition to hearing from State College community members, the panel of five state senators listened to representatives from West Chester, Pa. and Indiana, Pa. The municipalities are home to West Chester University and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, respectively.

"Today we're looking for public

comment," Corman said in his opening address. "We want to fashion a piece of legislation to make the excessive and dangerous drinking problem go away."

State College Chief of Police Tom King used statistical figures to illustrate the urgency of a fine increase.

King said 45 percent of the borough's \$18.6 million operating budget is used by the police department, with two-thirds of the 7,000 crimes reported in State College related to alcohol abuse.

He also showed how dated the current \$300 fine is by stating its equivalent when adjusted for inflation: \$1,326.64.

Ragland (senior-political science) discussed the initiatives student groups are working on to help cut down on excessive and dangerous drinking at Penn State.

He said he supported the legislation and discussed successful UPUA programs like the White Loop extension that have curbed alcohol-related incidents late at night. But he said more funding would be helpful in creating further progress.

"Student leaders are often called on to combat this situation," Ragland said. "But we don't always have the resources."

Though more discussion is necessary, Corman said the meeting was informative and accomplished the goal of getting feedback on the legislation and working toward a solution to the excessive drinking problem.

"It gave everyone a chance to understand what these municipalities are going through with this problem," Corman said.

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Survey

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"Our education goes beyond just the book learning."

Connections Penn State faculty are making with researchers turn into jobs for students, Mountz said.

Tanna Pugh, director of Penn State's Industrial Research Office, said the National Science Foundation ranks Penn State third in the country in industry-sponsored research, bringing in \$100 million annually for research, Pugh said.

Pugh said the connections her office creates between faculty members and companies sponsoring research projects grow into opportunities for students to get involved with the research.

Since 1995, 49 companies have signed research agreements with Penn State — 80 percent of them in the last five years, Pugh said.

Recruiters also ranked the colleges based on what majors they recruited from and which schools produced the best graduates in those majors, Merritt said.

According to the 479 companies surveyed, Penn State ranked No. 5

in accounting, No. 6 in finance, No. 7 in computer science and No. 9 in engineering.

Overall ranking for a school was done by a point system. Recruiters were asked to rank their top schools overall.

The survey required a college to have at least 60 companies out of the 479 say they recruit from that institution to be considered for rankings. Penn State saw recruiters from 187 companies — the most of any school listed, according to the survey.

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Volleyball

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Cathy Quilico said Monday was her first time in the nation's capital. The Thousand Oaks, Calif., native said she made sure to take a lot of pictures — not only for herself, but for her mother.

Quilico and the other Penn State players also got a chance to do something else they don't typically do around Happy Valley — wear their championship rings.

"The ring's insanely cool and amazing, but it's heavy and really flashy," Quilico said. "It's celebrat-

ing last year's team, which is cool to wear to things like this. But when we're walking around campus, it's [about] this year's team."

Penn State Director of Athletics Tim Curley, who was also in attendance, said Monday's event was a great opportunity for the athletes to represent the school. The Lions' men's and women's fencing teams were also in attendance.

"I think it's wonderful that he would take the time to give them the recognition that he has today," Curley said. "It's an opportunity of a lifetime for our student athletes."

Following Obama's speech, which lasted about five minutes, athletes

and coaches lined up to shake the president's hand. Members of Congress, including Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, also mingled with the champions.

While many of the athletes were excited to greet the president, Obama spoke in high regard of their accomplishments in his speech, too. "You're always going to know what it means to compete and what it means to be a champion," Obama said. "That's something that nobody will ever be able to take away from you, and that is something that you should be extraordinarily proud of."

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Fencing

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The Penn State men's and women's fencing teams — along with a collection of nearly three dozen other 2009 national champion squads ranging from the Duke men's Jaccrose team to the Fairleigh Dickinson women's bowling team — were honored Monday by President Barack Obama at NCAA Champions Day.

And, according to Ochocki, the highlight for the Nittany Lions was the chance to mingle with their counterparts from around the country.

"We didn't really talk sports," said Ochocki, who, in 2008, became the first true freshman to become a NCAA saber national champion.

"We just talked about life, where you're from, things like that."

The Lions arrived at the reception about two hours before Obama made his remarks. They spent that time socializing with their peers, trading stories and comparing the NCAA championship rings each athlete sported at the event.

Junior fencer Miles Chamley-Watson even joked that he "talked to a bunch of cute girls."

"I got a bunch of numbers," Chamley-Watson said with a grin.

But once the ceremony began, all eyes were on the podium.

"This is the most athletic talent we've ever had on the South Lawn," Obama told the audience, who clapped and cheered every time the president took even the slightest pause.

During the speech, Chamley-

Watson stood somewhere in the middle of the crowd of student athletes. He used his lanky 6-foot-4 frame — that helped him earn All-American status last season — to extend his arm above the crowd and capture the speech on his iPhone.

"It's just an amazing experience," Chamley-Watson said.

Penn State Director of Athletics Tim Curley, who accompanied the Lions to the nation's capital, echoed Chamley-Watson's sentiment.

He said being honored by the president should give the athletes some motivation to keep working hard for the upcoming season.

"Anytime you get a ring on your finger, and get a chance to do this, it's a reward," Curley said.

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Reel Big Fish

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venue that was somewhat different than the HUB lawn," said Knight (senior-political science) said.

At the Augustana concert, only seats were available. But this time, attendees will be able to stand on the field near the performers, said Chris Phillips, assistant general manager of Medlar Field.

The stage will be in center field, with special flooring surrounding it. "I think that this act is much more high-energy," Phillips said. "So for the most part people will want to be as close to the stage as possible."

Based in Huntington Beach, Calif., ska act Reel Big Fish, which combines vocals with trumpets and trombones, took off in 1997 when their single "Sell Out" became an MTV favorite, according to MTV.com.

Since the late 1990s, the band has continued making music with both

Jive Records and its own independent record label.

John Koznecki (junior-biology), who has been a Reel Big Fish fan for about two years, said he's excited to see the humorous stage antics for which the band is known.

"I really like the banter between the band members," Koznecki said.

Phillips and SPA began discussing plans for a concert at the field as early as May, Phillips said.

But it was difficult to plan events that would not interfere with the schedules of the State College Spikes and Penn State's baseball team.

By Monday afternoon, SPA had sold about 1,500 tickets for the concert, McKnight said.

SPA Entertainment Chairwoman Katy Tufts said she thinks most of the ticket holders will show up for their event.

"People are more likely to show up [than if the concert were free] because they already spent the

If you go

What: Reel Big Fish concert
Where: Medlar Field at Lubrano Park
When: Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Reel Big Fish start at 8:30
Details: No food or drink permitted into venue; refreshments sold inside; tickets will be sold at door

money on the ticket," Tufts (junior-marketing and public relations) said.

McKnight said tickets will continue to be sold today in the HUB-Robeson Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students.

If any tickets are still available at show time, they will be sold at the entrance of the field.

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