

NEWS IN BRIEF

Counterfeit bills used at JCPenney

Several unidentified individuals used ten counterfeit \$100 bills last week at JCPenney in the Nittany Mall, 2901 E. College Ave., the State College Police Department said.

Police: Player cited with underage possession

A Penn State varsity men's soccer player was cited with underage possession of alcohol at 3:35 p.m. Saturday in Lot 13, Penn State Police said.

Indecent exposure reported

A resident of Nittany Garden Apartments, 445 Waupelani Dr., reported an indecent exposure at about 11:30 p.m. Friday that may be related to a string of related incidents in the State College Borough and on Penn State's campus, the State College Police Department said.

Police: Student seen breaking into vehicles

A Penn State Altoona student was arrested at about 3:30 a.m. Sunday after the State College Police Department said he was seen breaking into vehicles in the parking lot of Nittany Garden Apartments, 445 Waupelani Dr.

Police: Man tried to abduct student

EASTON, Pa. — Police in eastern Pennsylvania say a man tried to rob and abduct a woman in a parking lot outside a Lafayette College dormitory.

ON THE MENU

LUNCH:

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: Beef thai wrap, hearty vegetarian chili, Italian wedding soup, fried chicken sandwich, vegetarian tikka masala, jasmine rice, peas and carrots, roasted cauliflower, shoestring fries

DINNER:

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: Hearty vegetarian chili, Italian wedding soup, alfredo pasta, beef lasagna, chicken parmesean, grilled chicken breast, hoagie roll, hot Italian sausage, milano sauce, spaghetti, wheat penne pasta, cous cous tuscano, Italian vegetables

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Troupe gives 'Pseudolus' a modern twist

By Hannah Rishel COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

This weekend No Refund Theatre put a modern twist on an ancient play.

The theater group gave an interactive performance of Plautus' play "Pseudolus" on Friday and Saturday night. Admission was free, but donations were accepted to benefit the organization.

In the play Pseudolus (Katherine Leiden), the title character who is traditionally played by a male actor, pledges to her master, Calidorus (Matt MacMurchy), that she will help him save his love, Phoenicium (Morgan Pfeiffer), from being sold to a Macedonian.

The performance was interactive,

with Pseudolus breaking down the fourth wall to address the audience directly. In the beginning of the play she began reading the story out of a book, but then stopped and told the audience that she'll show them the story instead.

Pseudolus also conducted the audience in singing "Happy Birthday" to Ballio (Robin Kowa) and often appeared in the back of the hall, sitting down with audience members, as she watched the scenes on the stage in front of her unfold.

Anne-Marie Pietersma said Pseudolus was her favorite part of the production.

"The actress did a really good job," Pietersma (freshman-art) said. Most of the actors appeared in traditional togas, but occasionally others wore modern street clothes. The harlots belonging to the character of Ballio, a pimp, wore belly shirts, short skirts and stilettos as they wandered the aisles of the hall.

speaking to Socrates (Bryan Thurston), were dressed in band shirts and jeans, and spoke in modern slang to pay homage to Bill and Ted from "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure."

Melissa Herder attended the play because she loves theater. "Pseudolus" was her first NRT experience and she said she definitely plans on attending more in the future.

"Socrates was so funny," Herder (freshman-mathematics) said. "He was my favorite part."

Chris Hirsh, a member of NRT who will be appearing in "Cabaret," also liked the character of Socrates, who spent most of the play looking up at the ceiling and saying random words.

"I enjoyed the clever plot 'Pseudolus' comes up with," Hirsh, Class of 2010, said.

Madeline Fitzgerald contributed to this story.

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Dylan

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For Matt Woznicki, that's just what makes Dylan special.

Woznicki said even though he believes the lyrics, melody and instruments all share equally important roles in Dylan's songs, he still likes his lyrics most of all.

He said that Dylan is a living legend and that not many musicians have been popular while still touring and recording for as long he has.

"He's been doing this for over 40 years," Woznicki said. "It's a pretty incredible testament to how much

he loves what he does."

Dylan's first album was 1962's "Bob Dylan," and since then he has released a total of 34 studio albums, allowing his music to span multiple generations.

Emily Botto (junior-neurobiology) said that the Dylan concert is going to be huge because of how many people listen to him. Botto said that a Dylan show is something that hasn't been seen in State College recently and the chances of him coming after his November show are slim to none.

"It's definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience for a lot of people here," Botto said.

Botto said she's excited to see Dylan live for the first time but she doesn't know what to expect because Dylan has such a large catalog of songs.

"Sometimes if you want to hear your favorite song he might not play it," Botto said. "If he does he might completely twist it around to something you might not like."

Botto said she hopes Dylan plays "Mr. Tambourine Man" at his concert.

"It's just one of those songs where every time I hear it I can't help but smile," she said.

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Volleyball

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and we had swings at it in the fifth game and it just wasn't meant to be," Rose said.

The last time Penn State lost a conference game was when the then-No. 3 Lions were swept by then-No. 23 Ohio State in Columbus on Nov. 8, 2006. Penn State, winners of seven-straight Big Ten titles, had defeated Illinois 13 times in a row before Friday night.

The Lions have rolled through their Big Ten slate since then, posting conference records of 20-0 in each of the last three seasons while dropping only 11 sets.

In fact, the Lions dropped two sets

in a single match only three times in their last three national championship seasons. However, with a younger and less experienced starting lineup, this season already has a different complexion.

The Big Ten is historically one of, if not the toughest conference in college women's volleyball. And this weekend, Penn State wasn't the only school to get upset. No. 14 Minnesota — which the coaches voted to finish third in the conference's pre-season poll — lost to No. 22 Michigan on Saturday night, also in a five-set contest.

"Every game in the Big Ten is going to be tough competition on the road for us and at home," senior co-captain and libero Alyssa D'Errico said. "It's just a very talented con-

ference across the board."

Though Penn State (11-2, 1-1 Big Ten) bounced back with a sweep of Wisconsin (11-2, 0-2) on the road Sunday afternoon, the Lions know many tough conference battles lie on the road ahead.

The Lions hope to learn from their loss to Illinois as they look forward to their Big Ten home opener against Michigan State on Friday night at Rec Hall. Penn State, which will likely drop in Monday's AVCA rankings, will also host Michigan on Saturday night.

"It's any given night in the Big Ten," Brown said. "Anybody can beat anybody else. I just think you have to go in to every game ready."

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Football

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career scoring drive to help solidify his final-high 187 rushing yards, bringing him 184 yards shy of Penn State's all-time rushing record.

"It feels good to show that I can still play the game," Royster said. "I think a lot of people were thinking that I couldn't anymore. Everybody's got their times when they're down a little bit."

But the second half belonged mainly to the defense. Calming down from the emotional second half, linebacker Nate Stupar sat sweaty and was shaking when interviewed after the game.

Ogbu and linebacker Chris Colasanti — along with wide receiver Brett Brackett for the offense — were the leaders who stepped up at halftime. Stupar reiterated the simple message that was spoken.

"[They] just told us we got to stop. [They] finally just make to play," Stupar said. "Just do what we're supposed to and dominate as a defense."

Stupar likened the momentum shift in the third quarter to a chain reaction with each play building off the one before and defenders feeding off each other.

Defensive tackle Devon Still said the Lions also made technical adjustments. The Lions' defense changed how the linebackers were used in the second half. Because the defensive linemen drop back into coverage on occasion, it leaves a gap for the opposing running backs.

Still said the linebackers moved closer to the line of scrimmage in the second half. That created less running room for the Temple rushing attack, and instead of over-pursuing the Owls' running backs, the linebackers stood waiting for them.

Part of the reason for the turnaround was the play of linebacker Michael Mauti, along with Stupar, flailed his arms after big hits in a visible show of increased intensity. Mauti, Stupar and Colasanti each had seven tackles, which tied for the team lead.

"I think we're playing aggressive," a defensive coordinator Tom Bradley said. "[Mauti] went after some things. They attacked the ball carrier. Coach [Joe] Paterno, constantly you hear him say in practice, 'Attack, attack, attack.' I think for a while there we were giving them too much cushion instead of just going after them and not break down. We saw a couple guys today flying to that football."

Pete Massaro, often causing pres-

"Just do what we're supposed to and dominate as a defense."

Nate Stupar

linebacker

sure in the Temple backfield, got the start again at defensive end. Though Drew Astorino and Andrew Dailey both got time, Astorino remained on the field late in the game.

Heading into Iowa, the defensive spark against Temple was a step toward the defense establishing its identity, one filled with high expectations entering 2010, but suffered early in the season, notably in Alabama.

"We went in down," Still said. "And that's unacceptable to go into half-time down, so we knew we had to step it up. We just found something inside of ourselves to keep on playing."

NOTES: Redshirt freshman wide receiver Shawn Kersey was not with the team Saturday. Right tackle Lou Eliades is out for the season after tearing his ACL in the third quarter.

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Athletes

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Oriard said he's not sure student athlete compensation is sufficient because while coaches and athletic coordinators have had an income increase, students have not been given any kind of raise for their efforts.

A focus on revenue is also detrimental because student athletes are not given the same level of education they were in the 1950s because athletes have to spend significantly more time in practice, Oriard said.

"I got the best education the institution offered," he said, adding that

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Michael Oriard

Former NFL player, current professor at Oregon State University

the same education was available for everyone in his generation.

Oriard also commented on the role of football in the culture of higher education.

"We're in a time when football as we know it is short-lived," he said.

Since its beginnings, he said, football was a "game to be watched more so than played" and became so popular because it made a shift from an "extra-curricular to a popu-

lar spectacle of the media."

Football has also been a portrayal of class conflict in the past, he said.

Alex Gilliland (freshman-journalism) said he enjoyed Oriard's presentation because it combined ideas of old and new football culture in America. "I'm big into sports, and the culture of football is really interesting," he said.

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PAWS

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Centre County PAWS, emphasized the importance of taking proper care of pets — something PAWS helps owners finance, she said.

"I really can't emphasize the pet importance it is to help control the population," Houser said. "I'd love to

see a day where there are so few homeless animals that PAWS doesn't exist anymore, but I don't think it will ever come."

PAWS has a wide selection of dogs and cats available for adoption. Bezilla estimated there are about 70 cats immediately available for adoption, with more than 200 on the waiting list.

The demand for dogs is much

higher, with 15 in house and a shorter waiting list.

Back in front of the PAWS adoption booth, Jean Breon held on to Rain's leash and summed up the PAWS mission in one thought.

"It's so important to adopt a dog," she said. "These dogs really deserve a second chance."

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