

INCIDENTS

Students report incidents of tampered mail

Two incidents of tampered mail were reported at Findlay Commons on Monday, Penn State Police said. At 5:53 p.m., a student told police an item in her mail had been tampered with at some point in September, police said. Later, at 10:32 p.m., another student told police an item in her mail had been tampered with between Sept. 21 and Sept. 22, police said.

Police: Student assaulted in South Halls

A student reported that another female student she knew assaulted her at about 11 p.m. Monday in Cross Hall, Penn State Police said. Police did not say whether either student was injured in the incident. An investigation is ongoing, police said.

Several streets closed for parade

Several streets surrounding the route of the State College Area High School Homecoming Parade will be closed today from 5:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., the State College Police Department said.

The parade begins at the State College Area High School at 650 Westery Parkway, and will move east on Westery Parkway to South Allen Street, north on South Allen Street to Nittany Avenue, then west on Nittany Avenue to Fairmount Street, police said.

The 100 and 200 blocks of West Nittany Avenue will be blocked off for the parade, police said. The parade will last through the end of the parade, which will begin at 6 p.m. and will run about an hour and a half, police said.

Police said the streets surrounding Memorial Field will be closed at this time for a pep rally held at the field following the parade.

Delays are possible near South Atherton Street and Westery Parkway may experience delays around the time of the parade, police said, and drivers are advised to avoid the area if possible.

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Weather: Today: High 71, Tonight: Low 50, Tomorrow: High 65. Extended forecast campusweatherservice.com

Deceased soldier, student honored

By Anita Modi, COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Out of dozens of tables and 280 seats at the Nittany Lion Inn's Banquet Hall, one place setting stood out at Wednesday night's dinner.

A lone, white-clothed table set with a single rose, a sliced lemon, sprinkles of salt and a candle — all symbols of a fallen soldier — stood at the front of the hall.

The Seal of Honor Dinner, hosted by the Navy League of the United States' Central Pennsylvania Council and the Nittany Leathernecks Detachment of the Marine Corps League, honored the late Penn State alumnus Lieutenant Michael Patrick Murphy.

Murphy posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his service to his nation as a Navy Seal in 2007, presented to his parents by former President George W. Bush, and recently received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Penn State Alumni Association.

"No one among our ranks is more distinguished and more deserving of Penn State's highest honor than Michael Murphy," said Captain Ryan McCombie at the start of the banquet, addressing an audience of Penn State alumni, state representatives and ROTC students and faculty alike.

The guest speaker for the night was author Gary Williams, who published "Seal of Honor," a biography about Lt. Murphy's life, in May and is touring the East Coast to promote the book.

He spoke to the audience about leadership, drawing on anecdotes and experiences documented in his book to demonstrate how Lt. Murphy epitomized a strong leader. Among many abilities, Williams said, Lt. Murphy proved that he learned from his mistakes, controlled his emotions even when faced with death and listened to others.

The father of Lt. Murphy, Dan Murphy, also attended the banquet. He presented a video tribute to the audience after dinner and spoke about his son's years at Penn State.

Dan Murphy recounted one long drive to Penn State from the family's home in Long Island on a Sunday night, when Michael and a Navy Seal father he wanted to be a Navy Seal.

"As a combat veteran injured in Vietnam, I was hesitant about the idea," Dan Murphy said. "But to say I'm proud of him is an understatement."

Lt. Murphy died in Afghanistan in 2005 after putting his own life in jeopardy to save his men, who were outnumbered by Taliban fighters 50 to one, Dan Murphy said.

John Groenewald, Central Pennsylvania Council president and coordinator of the event, said the event served not only to highlight the service of Lt. Murphy, but to also honor the members of the military in attendance.

Williams will be signing more copies of "Seal of Honor" from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the HUB's bookstore, and both he and Dan Murphy will address Penn State's full ROTC unit about leadership today.

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Khaled

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area of the world that is so relevant today."

Different from all other speakers in the past, Hosseini's presentation will be entirely in a question-and-answer format, McConnell said.

Up until last Friday, students could e-mail questions they had for Hosseini, which a moderator will ask the author during the first half of his presentation. After the moderator has asked all those questions, audience members can approach the microphone and ask Hosseini any other question they may have.

Muslim Student Association (MSA) Vice President Shawn Munir said that though he is not much of a reader, he is a fan of "The Kite Runner" and will be attending Hosseini's lecture.

Munir's father was born in Pakistan and told his son stories about flying kites through the streets when he was a boy — similar to Amir, the main character in the "Kite Runner" who flies kites with his best friend and servant, Hassan.

The character Amir, like Hosseini, has a wealthy and mostly peaceful life in Afghanistan until the Soviets invade his country and his life is forever changed.

"The book is told from a civilian perspective," Munir (junior energy engineering) said. "It showed how the country changed right before his eyes."

Munir said he thinks the novel's popularity has helped clear up some people's misconceptions about the Middle East.

"Most of what people know about Afghanistan is what they see in the news. They think that it has always been this war-torn supremacist society," Munir said. "But before then it was a pretty neat place. It had its glory day."

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Debate

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on the topic during a question and answer session.

While most said they thought the debate went well, some had mixed responses.

"I was really pleased with how it turned out," Erica Wertheim (sophomore-psychology and marketing) said. "I was glad to see how many people there were who wanted to ask questions — it was great to see them so enthusiastic."

Everardo Tapia said he wished there was a greater emphasis on the human aspect of the issue since it's not just an "immigrant issue but an undocumented people issue," he said.

"A lot of people don't know what the issue is so it's a good thing that we had a forum to learn about the two sides of the issue and how the two sides are approaching the issue," Tapia (junior-petroleum and natural gas engineering) said.

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As the son of an illegal immigrant himself, Ernesto Alvarado said he thought the debate was great and helped show two very different points of view on the topic of immigration.

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While he said he was disappointed there wasn't a consensus on solutions to the problem, Alvarado acknowledged there usually isn't with debates regarding these kinds of issues.

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Harvey

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Facebook group and blog supporting Harvey surfaced and hundreds of his current and former students voiced their displeasure with the move.

"It was like getting to have your funeral while you were still alive," John's wife, Judy, said of the student reaction. "John was very touched."

The paper's Board of Directors voted unanimously to re-instate Harvey less than two months later. Hamilton announced his resignation less than two months after that.

"I never understood it because he had always been such a great adviser and confidant when I had been there," said Collegian Alumni Interest Group board member Andrew Staub, speaking on personal experience from his days as a student reporter at the Collegian and not on behalf of the board.

Staub and former Collegian reporter Wade Malcolm helped organize a surprise party for Harvey.

On Sept. 11, about 40 students,

past and present, gathered at Damon Grill's on short notice to see their adviser and watch Penn State football one last time with him in State College.

Malcolm, Class of 2006, recalled conversations he had with Harvey after he finished school. Malcolm was working in Pittsburgh and his then-girlfriend, now current wife Nichole Dobo, another Collegian alumna, was working in Wilkes-Barre.

"I was trying to figure out what to do next, as far as balancing professional success with my personal life and wanting to satisfy both things," Malcolm said. "Going back and forth, I would pass through State College at the time. I would just stop in, go up to his office and just talk to him."

After having cake with his students Wednesday, Harvey went back to his office to tear down several sheets of paper that hung on his wall: an excerpt from William Faulkner's "As I Lay Dying," a Walter Lippmann journalism saying and Carl Jung's "Stages of Life."

Harvey then sat back behind his desk and reflected on his tenure at the Collegian, a conversation that

inevitably returned to his firing last May. A then-56-year-old getting fired for the first time made for a very difficult experience, he said.

But the greatest thing that ever happened to him came out of it.

"Within hours I had this incredibly humbling experience of students coming to my defense," Harvey said, holding back tears. "And I know that whatever happened in my life, I was redeemed."

Harvey will do some more packing Thursday before hopping in his car Friday morning. He'll stay in Roanoke, Va., Friday night and arrive in Savannah, Ga., on Saturday, just in time to watch Penn State play.

On Monday morning he'll walk into his new office, at a school half the size of his old one.

He'll hang up a poster he brought to the James Building, when he was set to begin teaching for the first time in his life.

It's covered in signatures by Collegian reporters, along with a picture of Bob Marley.

It reads: "Redemption Song."

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Night out

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(sophomore-division of undergraduate studies) said. "People can walk in and out."

Ragland said UPUA decided to make Campus Night Out less of a programming event so it will cultivate more of a "live atmosphere."

"We don't want to keep people for two hours sitting around," he said. "[We want to] make sure we have an event all about safety and have things to draw people in like having a DJ."

Cannon said there will be resource tables set up by different groups and organizations that focus on safety, such as Men Against Violence, University Health Services and the Centre Country Women's Resource Center (CCWRC).

CCWRC Executive Director Anne Ard said the group decided to take part in the event because enhancing safety is part of its mission. CCWRC attended last year's Campus Night Out, she said.

"Anytime you have an event for the first time, I think people aren't sure what it's going to be like," Ard

said. "I think that UPUA and Christian in particular have done a really great job in talking about the importance of [safety], so I expect it to be a better event this year."

Cannon said she encourages everyone to attend Campus Night Out.

"We think it's really important to address the issue of campus safety," Cannon said. "It's one of our main initiatives this year. I think [Campus Night Out] is a great way to centralize all the resources that are available to the students."

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