

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police: Man ran on roofs of bar, bank

The State College Police Department arrested a man at 12:57 a.m. Thursday after he was found running on the roofs of Café 210 West, 210 W. College Ave. and Sovereign Bank, 216 W. College Ave., police said.

The man was removed from Café 210 and later attempted to re-enter the bar by climbing up the outdoor deck area, police said. The man climbed onto the roof of the bar and adjacent bank before police detained him, police said.

The man had a BAC of .236 and was taken to Mount Nittany Medical Center, police said. The man faces charges of disorderly conduct and public drunkenness, police said.

Police: Chrome rim stolen

A 17-inch chrome rim valued at \$370 was taken from the back of a pickup truck at 445 Waupelani Dr. sometime between Sept. 25 and 26, State College Police Department said.

The theft was reported on Sept. 29 but the police have not identified any individuals who may have been involved in the incident, police said.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Penn State professor Gaelle Ducher will be giving a presentation on "Negative Impact of Energy Deficiency on Bone Health: Is a Full Recovery Possible?" at 11:15 a.m. in 127 Noll Laboratory (with video conferencing to room CG628 at the College of Medicine). The event will be hosted by the Department of Kinesiology. For more information call 814-865-3453.

Princeton University professor Steve Jardín will be giving a presentation on "An Introduction to Finite Elements," at 12:15 p.m. in 114 McAllister Building. The event will be hosted by the Department of Mathematics. For more information call 814-865-7527.

Penn State professor Joel Hunter will be giving a presentation on "Agronomy to Agroecosystem: Tales from the Interface of People, Soils, Plants, and Critters," at 12:20 p.m. in 101 Agricultural Sciences and Industries Building. The event will be hosted by the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences. For more information call 814-865-6541.

Penn State professor Alok Laddha will be giving a presentation on "Loop Quantization of Parameterized Field Theory: Part Three," at 1:15 p.m. in 320 Whitmore Laboratory. The event will be hosted by the Institute for Gravitation and the Cosmos. For more information call 814-863-9605.

Carnegie Mellon University professor Steven Shreve will be giving a presentation on "Matching Statistics of an Ito Process by a Process of Diffusion Type," at 2:30 p.m. in 106 McAllister Building. The event will be hosted by the Department of Mathematics. For more information call 814-865-7527.

Princeton University professor Steve Jardín will be giving a presentation on "An Efficient High-Order Implicit Algorithm for 3-D Magnetohydrodynamic Studies of Strongly Magnetized Plasmas Using C1 Finite Elements," Steve Jardín, at 3:35 p.m. in 106 McAllister Building. The event will be hosted by the Department of Mathematics. For more information call 814-865-7527.

Penn State professor Thomas Lauvaux will be giving a presentation on "Can We Improve Uncertainties in CO₂ Flux Inversions?" at 4 p.m. in 529 Walker Building. The event will be hosted by the Department of Meteorology. For more information call 814-863-8566.

ON THE MENU

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: corn, golden gravy, green beans, grilled chicken breast, macaroni & cheese, meat sauce, rice, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, roasted rosemary potatoes, cream of broccoli soup, hearty vegetarian chili, 6' turkey BLT hoagie, breadsticks, cheese pizza, garlic butter sauce, milano sauce, ranch dressing, roasted vegetable whole wheat flat bread pizza, Italian vegetables, roasted corn & black beans.

Simmons: black bean chili, Pennsylvania vegetable soup, MTO hoagie bar, MTO sandwich bar, bowtie limone with shrimp, bruschetta, whole wheat flatbread pizza, cajun chicken, chick pea & corn patty, barley pilaf, brown rice, harvest blend, long green beans, roasted vegetables, spinach, sweet potato wedges

Waring: cream of broccoli soup, cream of tomato soup, lunch roll basket, soup of the day, deluxe cheeseburger salad, chicken cosmo not, feature grilled cheese sandwich, feature grilled chicken sandwich, fish sandwich, grilled chicken breast



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Tonight: Low 43



Tomorrow: High 61



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Rain

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he said. "We just didn't want it all the same day."

For some students, there was no option but to wait out the rain.

Students waiting outside for apartment leases said the torrential downpour made camping outside miserable.

Zach Dugan (freshman-public relations) said sitting in the rain for hours would only be worth it if he and his friends get their desired living space next year.

"If we get those apartments, it'll be worth it," he said. "Basically the most miserable experience you would possibly imagine — I'm not gonna sugarcoat it."

Even students who arrived in apartment lines early Thursday

afternoon and were able to sit under building awnings said the rain tempered his experience.

"You can't really socialize as much because of the rain," Mike Uhas (sophomore-elementary education) said.

"Everyone was wrapped in trash bags if they didn't have a tent."

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Writer

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Christian Brady, Dean of the Schreyer Honors College, as Brady asked him previously submitted questions in what he joked was in the format of "Inside the Actor's Studio."

The author sat with his hands folded and legs crossed as he spoke about how he began his first novel in 1999. He said "The Kite Runner" began as a short story that was inspired by a news segment he saw on kite flying in Afghanistan, which reminded him of his own childhood. He admitted that the Sept. 11 attacks created an interest in "everything Afghan" and probably did help him get published.

The questions and conversation

soon shifted to the past current-day state of Afghanistan.

Hosseini, who lived in Afghanistan before the invasion of Soviet Russia in 1979, said that when he was a child in Kabul he never heard a single gunshot go off and his life was very peaceful.

"The Soviet invasion defines so much of what Afghanistan is today," he said. "And to some people in the audience, Afghanistan started with 9/11. There was an Afghanistan before this. It is a very ancient country."

Karim Bataineh (senior-community, environment and development) said that he liked the author's discussion but had some disappointments.

"I liked it in general. I understand that he needed to talk about politics. But I was hoping he'd talk a little

more about his book," Bataineh said.

As an international student from Jordan, Bataineh said that he liked how he put the Afghans' lives and situations into perspective.

"I can relate to what he was saying about how the media mostly depicts Muslims," Bataineh said. "Understanding another person's country is so important. The scale of which we measure democracy is very different than how we measure democracy."

Peter Breen (freshman-chemistry) said that seeing the author in person made him relate to his books even more.

"I thought it was incredible. He seemed like such an easy person to talk to," he said.

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Mascot

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mascot position, calling it a "waste of time."

Now his father said he takes back his first response.

"I was wrong. We're very proud of him," Mark Levi said.

Levi will not run out of things to occupy his time now that his time as mascot is over.

A Schreyer Honors College student, he speaks fluent Russian. To improve his language skills, he recently applied for a Fulbright Scholarship to study abroad in

Russia for a year. He said he hopes to get a consulting job in strategy and operations if he does not receive the scholarship.

Levi's adventurous side appears whenever he takes off the suit as well.

He bicycled more than 4,000 miles across the country last summer.

In two years, he said he plans on beginning a sail-around-the-world tour with his brother.

"I'm still young, so why not?" Levi said, laughing.

Alyssa Gagarin (junior-musical theatre) befriended Levi before his full-time run as mascot.

As a singer, she entertained

guests with Levi at tailgates hosted by Penn State President Graham Spanier.

She said she has been wowed with his vigor.

"He's been incredibly busy with so much work. I don't understand how he has so much energy," Gagarin (junior-musical theatre) said.

Though Levi's run ended Thursday, he said he was willing to hand back his suit to veteran Gyory.

"There's always a sense of attachment to a position when you do it for a while. It's been a great ride," he said.

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Indiana

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fundraiser, THON Public Relations Overall Chairwoman Jony Rommel said.

"THON and Penn State football are two things Penn Staters are passionate about — and I'm excited for the stadium to be filled with blue and white as a result," THON Overall Chairwoman Kirsten Kelly said.

In an attempt to lure as many Nittany Lion fans to Landover, Md. as possible, FedEx Field officials were eager to attach the tickets with a THON fundraiser, Myford said.

"They stepped forward with this offer as I began talking about the importance of THON to our univer-

sity and our community," Myford said.

As soon as they heard the proposal, Kelly (senior-marketing) said the Overall Committee was excited to work with Penn State athletics and the Washington Redskins.

Though the Nov. 20 game is not a home game, Rommel (senior-philosophy) said she hopes to see many students make the trip to FedEx Field. And, she said, there are a lot of Penn State alumni in the area around FedEx Field.

Student ticket purchases will proceed like most away games — except with a student block and "Ride FTK" package.

Tickets for the game have been on sale for a while, but starting today, 5 percent of the proceeds will be

donated to THON, he said.

"There's obviously a significant opportunity to raise a great deal of money for THON and we're fully supportive of doing that," he said.

And of course, he said, it's a perfect chance to fill up an away game with a crowd of blue and white.

Lower level student section tickets cost \$95 and upper level student section tickets cost \$60, he said. But students who wait until Oct. 18 to purchase their tickets will have the opportunity to buy a ticket package that includes a "Ride FTK" option: roundtrip transportation to FedEx Field, Myford said. The cost of the package still needs to be determined, he said.

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Ice cream

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graham crackers, chocolate shavings and apple pie filling.

The concoction is named after Kate, a 12-year-old from Tampa, Florida with a life-threatening congenital spinal cord condition. She wished to design the flavor for the annual ice cream social and found herself flying out to the Cold Stone Creamery headquarters in Scottsdale, Arizona last February.

State College's own Bryona Hamilton, a 10-year-old with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, made a wish to visit Disney World in 2005 and was welcomed to Orlando by Mickey Mouse himself.

Hamilton stood outside the ice

cream store Thursday night to pass out free ice cream tickets to passersby alongside her mother, Gloria Harvold, and Maggie Russell.

Hamilton and Russell are both wish-granters for the foundation, responsible for meeting Make-a-Wish families in the Centre County area and telling Make-a-Wish children that their wishes have been granted.

"I've granted 27 wishes to 27 children," Russell said. "And I haven't lost one."

She said she still keeps in touch with the local Make-a-Wish children she once made smile, and has seen many of them graduate high school, go off to college and get married over her 14 years as a wish-granter.

Russell has been participating in the annual ice cream social for the

past four years, she said.

Brenda Kelly, store manager for Cold Stone Creamery in Altoona, said several hundred locals and Penn State students attended past socials to taste the ice cream samples and donate to the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

"The customers were out the door and down the street," Kelly said. "There's always a really nice turnout in State College. The kids really love to help."

The State College Cold Stone Creamery has been selling the Make-a-Wish Foundation's signature paper stars all month to raise awareness about the social, which served as a culmination of their fundraising efforts.

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Iowa

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flamboyant, he's not looking for the spotlight. He's humble. He doesn't say a lot, but when he gets down to business, he's got a little bit of an angry streak in him that serves him well."

It served very well last season, specifically. Clayborn racked up 70 tackles, 20 for a loss, and had 11.5 sacks. His all-conference season culminated with an Orange Bowl MVP award in the Hawkeyes' 24-14 win over Georgia Tech.

His national recognition started, for the most part, on one play last year in Happy Valley. With the Hawkeyes trailing Penn State by five in a rain-soaked slugfest, Clayborn broke through the line to block a punt, scooped the ball up and sprinted 53 yards for a game-changing — and season-changing — score.

The play put the Hawkeyes in the Big Ten title hunt and effectively ended Penn State's national title aspirations. But for Jenkins, the play was just the first national exhibition of what he has seen for years.

"He's been making those plays since he was playing in high school," Jenkins said. "We were all ecstatic because it put him on the map, but as far as the family and people around Webster, he's just always excelled. It was nothing new for us."

Now that Clayborn is making those sorts of plays on a national

stage, he tries to avoid the attention he receives by focusing on next week's game. But Clayborn does have time to make hospital visits to ill children. When he enters the room, the man who plays before millions on national TV — the man who will eventually play on Sundays — starts to feel a bit anxious.

"They're usually in shock," Clayborn said of the kids' reactions to seeing one of their heroes. "I'm usually just as nervous as they are. It's fun to visit the little kids and get the reaction out of them. It puts a smile on my face as much as it does theirs."

Both Ice and Jenkins said that humble, respectful attitude comes directly from Clayborn's mother, Tracie, who raised her three children as a single mom in St. Louis.

"In a lot of ways she kind of has that shy, quiet personality, and she's passed that on," Jenkins said. "Growing up in the city and seeing some of the things that we saw growing up, it just can humble you. To be in a position where you're able to get out of that and do things different from the norm — it's a humbling experience."

Tracie wouldn't let her son play football until sixth grade because of shoulder problems growing up, but Clayborn always had a love for the game. When Clayborn finally started playing, Ice said he progressed very quickly but never more than between his junior and senior seasons of high school.

Clayborn was playing both offense and defense at the time.

Ice thought he was taking plays off because he was winded.

The coaching staff suggested a long-distance running program in the offseason.

And despite his 6-foot-4, 285-pound frame, Clayborn participated.

Clayborn's hard work is the reason Penn State left tackle Quinn Barham had Clayborn as his phone background during the offseason, in preparation for what will arguably be his toughest challenge this year.

The hard work is the reason right tackle Chima Okoli, who will make his first start Saturday, has faced questions about "being thrown into the fire" all week.

"That kid's as good as anybody there is," Joe Paterno said. "[Okoli's] gonna have troubles. Everybody else in the country who's played against him has had troubles."

But excuse Clayborn if he hasn't heard Paterno's praise yet. During football season, there aren't enough hours in the day to worry about what a college football legend is saying about him.

"There's no time to pick up a newspaper or a magazine and look at that stuff," Clayborn said.

"I'm just focusing on each week-end and the guy that's trying to kick my butt."

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