

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man accused of ripping wig off ex sentenced
ALLENTOWN, Pa. — An eastern Pennsylvania man accused of breaking into a home where his ex-wife was sleeping and tearing off her wig has been sentenced to 11 months to two years in Northampton County Prison.

The Morning Call of Allentown says 35-year-old Darren Best of Bethlehem pleaded guilty Monday to robbery and simple assault. Police said Best got into the house March 21 through a kitchen window and woke Micia Best, who fled outside. Authorities said he grabbed her there, pushed her to the ground, hit her in the face and pulled her hair, removing the wig. Police said he also tried to take her purse, saying he needed money. Judge Michael Koury also ordered Best to remain on probation for six years, pass random drug tests and get psychological treatment.

Deer hunt set next month after yearlong delay

VALLEY FORGE — Officials at a suburban Philadelphia park say a deer hunt will begin next month after a yearlong delay due in part to protests.

Managers at Valley Forge National Historical Park say the "lethal reduction" is needed because the herd has become too big and destructive. They plan to reduce the deer population from its current 241 per square mile to about 35 per square mile. Animal rights activists say the shootings are unnecessary and dangerous to people living nearby.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Penn State professor Kevin Masser will speak at "Dynamics of Hydrogen-Bonding Polymer Blends Exhibiting Minimized Self-Associations and Liquid-Crystalline Polymers of Unique Chemistry," today at 10 a.m. in 301 Steidle Building. Jerzy Lewandowski, of the University of Warsaw (Poland), will speak at "Loop Quantum Gravity with all the Degrees of Freedom," at 10 a.m. in 320 Whitmore Laboratory.

Penn State professor Serge Ballif will speak at "An Embedding Problem for Latin Squares" today at 11:15 a.m. in 106 McAllister Building.

Penn State professor Mark Levi will speak at "Some Open Problems in Dynamics," today at 5 p.m. in 106 McAllister Building.

ON THE MENU

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redfer and Warnock: Mushroom barley soup, southwestern turkey chili, cheese lasagna, falafel pita, peruvian beef stir fry, french fries, harvest blend, sauteed spinach

Simmons: Maverick chili, tortilla and corn soup, baked sesame tofu, tuna salad wrap, bruschetta flatbread pizza, whole wheat hot turkey sandwich, orzo with eggplant and zucchini, broccoli with olives and raisins, corn, long green beans, Mexican rice, primavera vegetables, Simmons mashed redskins, baked beans

Warning: Southwestern turkey chili, spinach salad, feature grilled chicken sandwich, harvest blend, Italian wedge, popcorn chicken, quarter pound cheeseburger, quarter pound hamburger, sauteed spinach, seasoned curly fries, hunan beef stir fry

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redfer and Warnock: Mushroom barley soup, southwestern turkey chili, black bean corn salsa, chicken fajita, fiesta toppings, grilled chicken breast, portabella fajita, steak fajita, tortilla chips, vegetable chimichanga, black beans, harvest blend, Mexican rice, sweet corn cake

Simmons: Bbq rub, chicken breast, fresh fish, grilled chicken breast, roasted corn and bean enchilada, shrimp and pasta, broccoli with olives and raisins, corn, long green beans, Mexican rice, primavera vegetables, Simmons mashed redskins, baked beans

Warning: Assorted speciality breads, soup of the day, southwestern turkey chili, fiesta toppings, black beans, chicken fajita, fajita bar toppings, feature grilled chicken sandwich, grilled chicken breast, harvest blend, Mexican rice, steak fajita

Corrections:

An article "Court members have long ties to State" on page 3 of Monday's Daily Collegian incorrectly stated two graduation dates.

Jared McKnight's grandfather graduated from Penn State in 1942 and his mother graduated in 1980.

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Climate activist educates students

By Alyssa Sweeney COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

World-renowned American environmentalist and author Bill McKibben claims he knows the most important number in the world.

It isn't the 181 countries that participated in climate crisis rallies, the one-degree global climate increase or the record-high temperatures Russia saw last summer — the highest in at least 1,000 years.

The number McKibben spoke of at the HUB-Robeson Center on Monday was 350 parts per million (ppm), which scientists say is the safe upper limit for carbon dioxide (CO2) in the atmosphere. The world is currently at 392 ppm, and rising 2 ppm annually.

McKibben said the use of fossil fuels emits heat-trapping CO2 into the atmosphere, resulting in throwing every physical system off-kilter. One degree was enough to melt 20 percent of polar ice caps, and McKibben said if nothing changes it will increase five or six degrees by the end of the century.

"If one degree can melt the arctic, I sure as hell don't want to see what six will do," he said.

The world has already seen the negative effects of temperature increase, and it doesn't stop at the disappearance of polar ice caps. Russia — the third largest grain provider in the world — was unable to export any last summer because of temperatures, which McKibben said spiked prices globally.

"It will only get worse, unless we make a very rapid transition from fossil fuels," McKibben said. "A transition more rapid than is economically or politically convenient."

The 350 Movement has caught on in nations all over the world and led the International Day of Action on Oct. 29, 2009, during which there were 5,200 simultaneous demonstrations in 181 countries for the climate crisis. CNN called it "the most widespread day of political action in our planet's history."

"We aren't done yet, we still need your help," McKibben said. "Your next chance is next Sunday, October 10th."

The 350.org campaign started "A Day to Celebrate Climate Solutions," which will be on Oct. 10, 2010. More than six thousand events are registered in 184 countries, including sumo wrestlers in Tokyo

riding bikes instead of in cars, groups insulating schools in London, and solar panel installers in Kenya.

The mission is to promote alternative energy sources and to celebrate practical actions to cut carbon emissions. The website homepage provides links to for help starting events or finding events close to you.

John Corr of the ClearWater Conservancy group said he agrees with what McKibben is trying to promote, and believes students at Penn State can make a difference.

"Its all about personal conservation at this point," Corr said. "Maybe if you could cut your energy use by only 20 percent a week, that could make a big difference. It's as easy as not running the dryer as much."

McKibben called on students to get involved with the movement to prevent further climate change.

"The moral position a human being can take who is conscious of the worst thing to happen to earth of our time is to try for change," McKibben said. "I look forward to working side by side with you in this effort."

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Council

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shown to the governmental affairs committee for UPUA's opinions and suggestions, Bard said.

"Once the resolution is presented to us, one thing the borough council is leaving up to us is how we decide the selection process [of choosing the student representative]," Bard said. "We will then be drafting a resolution on our end... We want to hold this person accountable not only to the borough but also to the student body."

Since student representation on borough council will work on a trial basis initially, Bard said it's essential to select "an individual who will make this something special and worthwhile."

But UPUA President Christian Ragland said before UPUA begins figuring out the details on how to select the student representative, his main priority is receiving the resolution and making sure there is student representation on council.

"Overall I think the important part is getting that formalized voice on borough council," Ragland (senior-political science) said.

"Hopefully we get it as soon as possible so by the end of the semester we have a game plan starting up for next semester."

Ragland said he is looking forward to receiving the resolution and seeing what council has to say about the student representative position.

"In essence it's what we wanted to have — a student voice to speak up on issues that need to be," he said. "I'm looking forward to getting the resolution back from the borough. I'm very excited and ... positive [for the results] right now."

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Generators

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during football games to power lights and other equipment that won't be affected by the ban, Bodenschutz said.

But unlike the university's power sources, Bodenschutz said portable generators used by fans pose a risk of harmful carbon monoxide emissions or severe burns from the hot equipment with the large density of vehicles sets up in the game day lots.

And when it comes to keeping any generator-related incidents at bay, Bodenschutz said a blanket ban on all portable ones is the best course of action.

"I don't know of many schools that have the same environment that we have as far as the number of overnight RVs," he said, noting that Penn State's unique tailgating

habits make it difficult to compare game day policies to those enacted at other institutions.

One football Saturday veteran — Lee Industries President and CEO Bob Montler — said he's been tailgating for more than 30 years with a group of fans from his company.

Montler said he understands the need to look out for everyone's safety. His group usually doesn't rely on a portable generator, but he said the ban could pose a problem for people who rely on the portable generators to keep warm or provide other amenities if they camp out overnight.

Fans who use the generators for medical reasons will be permitted to keep their generators running, Langsdale said.

Bodenschutz said the university is looking into possible compromises to address fans' concerns. Some possibilities, he said, include arranging for vehicles with attached gener-

ators to "daisy chain" their electricity out to surrounding tailgaters, or eventually establishing a university-provided source of power in the lots.

These measures would take several years to implement, Bodenschutz said. In the meantime, fans will have to be willing to make an adjustment.

"It's the kind of thing where folks are asked to follow the rules," Bodenschutz said. "And if they don't, they'll be asked not to come back."

But even as Penn State tries to enforce these policies, Montler said the university should be cautious to avoid driving away their most loyal fans.

"Tailgating is a great thing about the Penn State tradition and the Nittany Lion tradition," he said. "To lose that would be to lose the true experience of a Penn State football game."

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Homecoming

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walked in, but I stood here for awhile and watched the dancing and cheering," York (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said. "It's helping me understand more about Penn State."

Nathan Moses said as a freshman, he didn't really realize the grandness of Homecoming before walking into Findlay on Monday night. But after seeing how excited some of the students were, he's looking forward to his first Homecoming parade.

"A lot of people showed up for this, it's actually pretty cool to see," Moses (freshman-business) said. But for Competition Captain

Melissa Demos, this is her last Homecoming as a student at Penn State.

"It's my time to go, but I love that I can be a part of the freshmen's first experiences with it," Demos (senior-nutrition) said. "I like being on the other side of things and showing the freshmen how much love there is for Penn State and how much enthusiasm we have for our school."

Homecoming Public Relations Director Caitlin Rush said one of the most important things for a freshman to do is get involved, so if the East Halls Celebration inspires a student to go to other activities throughout the week — or even apply to be a captain for next year — she'll be happy.

"I love Homecoming week and I'm really excited about how many

students are stopping by," Rush (junior-marketing and public relations) said. "Members of the Homecoming court are acting goofy — dancing and having a great time. It's great."

For University Relations Director for Homecoming Billy Nunez, it's been four years since he's gotten to experience these celebrations with a freshman perspective — and he remembers that it can be overwhelming.

"It all kind of hits you at once, so it's hard to know what's going on, but that's what this celebration is for," Nunez (senior-forensic science) said. "This is to show the freshmen that we, as students, faculty, staff and alumni are bonded."

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Research

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Even if the university does not experience the same growth in the next ten years, meaningful research is all that matters, Hanold said.

"If the economy restricts and the political forces aren't aligned in our favor then that's OK as long as we're

making some kind of difference," he said.

University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) President Christian Ragland said that though this growth is a significant accomplishment, the university should not lose sight of the population it educates.

"We have to still push for funding for students to afford a quality edu-

cation. It's not the research that makes the university — it's the students," Ragland (senior-political science) said.

Hanold said an up-to-date report of annual research activity by the Office of the Vice President for Research should appear at the beginning of next year.

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Pakistan

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talking about her hometown of Karachi, known as the city of lights.

"I miss it all," Khan said. "It was a really great hometown. Of all the cities, it had the most activities."

With a laugh, Khan explained that she and her friends used to compare hometowns — she used to win.

"No matter where you grow up, it always stays with you," she said. "Even though I'm here, Pakistan has significance to my life."

Khan said the Pakistani government tried to limit the flood's inevitable consequences. The flood did not hit Khan's hometown.

"Think about it — the government wanted them to leave their homes and their possessions," she said. "Even if they fled and survived

the consequences would have been the same — they would have no homes or clothes — so they chose to bear the burden."

Khan said everyone was mentally prepared for the flood and watched television to stay informed about where the flood was hitting.

Shaking her head, Khan said her eyes were filled with tears as she watched live images of people being swept away by the water.

"When there is a part of your country in torture you don't feel like doing anything fun," she said. "There are your brothers and sisters struggling to bring their lives together. The last thing you care about it your summer break."

According to CNN, the monsoon took 1,600 lives and left at least one million homeless. College students started relief camps and raised money by going to popular destina-

tions to get donations, she said.

When Khan returned to Penn State she refused to forget about the victims of the flood. Instead, she was determined to also help. With the help of the Pakistani Student Association, Khan and the other members began raising money for the victims.

Yasar Awan (senior-science), president of the Pakistani Student Association, said the student organization has raised \$1,500 in donations.

"The country is corrupt and poor. We are just trying to help out as much as we can and raise awareness because the media isn't doing enough," said Eijazahmed Mulla (sophomore-security risk analysis), the organization's public relations chairman.

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