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Officials discuss stabbings

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In the wake of two separate stabbing incidents that left four Penn State students and one non-student hospitalized this weekend, local officials are still searching for answers into the cause of the "riotous behavior" and how to best move forward.

A meeting Tuesday brought together about 16 people from

both Penn State and the surrounding community — including

State College Borough Manager Tom Fountaine, State College Police Department Chief Tom King, Penn State Vice President for Student Affairs Damon Sims and Director of Judicial Affairs Danny Shaha.



Sims

Student leaders from the Black Caucus and the Penn State National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) were also involved, Sims said.

At this point, Sims said the goal wasn't to focus on disciplinary repercussions — instead, he said, the meeting's goal was to de-construct what led to the violence and what might be done to curb it in the future.

This weekend's first incident

broke out early Saturday morning following a Homecoming celebration at the Knights of Columbus, 850 Stratford Dr., the State College Police Department said. Two Penn State students, ages 19 and 21, and one non-student, 21, suffered "life-threatening" stab wounds during a large fight that originated inside the event and spilled out into an adjacent parking lot, police said.

Nearly 24 hours later, police

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Nick Sukay (1) blocks a kick.

'Boys' delight crowd

By Hannah Rishel
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The Penn State School of Theatre took the audience in the Pavilion Theatre to an English prep school last night in their production of "The History Boys."

The play, written by Alan Bennett, opened last night to a packed audience. Seven more performances of the show are scheduled.

"The History Boys" follows eight schoolboys who are all hoping to attend Oxford or Cambridge after graduation. The headmaster hires a young teacher named Irwin to prepare the boys for the Oxford entrance exam, in an effort to improve the school's reputation.

Irwin's teaching style greatly differs from that of the boys' favorite teacher, Hector.

While Hector encourages the boys on a quest for truth, Irwin wants them to put their own spin on history for the exams in order to make their essays less dull.

While dealing with their academic struggles the boys also deal with other coming-of-age trials such as religion and their sexual orientations.

The play also focuses on the students' relationships with their teachers — to which there is often more than meets the eye.

The cast of "The History Boys" fully utilized the stage of the Pavilion Theatre, which is a theatre in the round, with the

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Daniel Bott/Collegian

Jeremy Greenbaum (junior-musical theater), left, and Stephen Millett (junior-music) act out a scene during a performance of "The History Boys" at the Pavilion Theater on Tuesday evening.

Lions battle injury

By Audrey Snyder
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

During Tuesday's Big Ten coaches teleconference, Joe Paterno rattled off a list of injuries that was so extensive he nearly forgot to mention the worst of the news.

Safety Nick Sukay will miss the remainder of the season with a torn pectoral muscle, the latest blow to a team that's trying to rebound from the worst amount of injuries Paterno said the medical staff has seen in 24 years.

Sukay, who leads the team with three interceptions, sustained the injury during the opening kickoff of Penn State's 33-13 loss to Illinois.

"Sukay was coming on and was probably leading our team in interceptions, all of a sudden he gets a bump and it's a serious one," Paterno said. "It didn't look like it was that serious and he's out for the year and they're gonna have to operate."

According to a press release issued by Penn State, Sukay will have surgery this week. Sukay's rehabilitation is expected to take a minimum of six months.

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Walking wounded

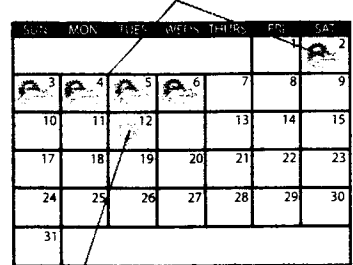
- Out for the season:**
- S Nick Sukay (pectoral)
- Out for minimum of two weeks:**
- WR Curtis Drake (leg)
 - DE Eric Latimore (wrist)
 - TE Andrew Szczerba (back)
- Possibles for Minnesota game:**
- DE Jack Crawford (foot)
 - LB Mike Mauti (ankle)
 - LB Gerald Hodges (leg)
 - LB Bani Gbadyu (calf)
 - S Andrew Dailey (stinger)
 - DT Jordan Hill (ankle)

For coverage on quarterback Rob Bolden. | SPORTS, Page 8.

Wacky weather

October temperatures have fluctuated greatly.

Oct. 2-6: 4-9 degrees below average



Oct. 12: 12 degrees above average

Source: Allegheny Power
Heather Schmelzlen/Collegian

Atypical weather continues

By Kristin Stoller
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

After a week of atypically warm fall weather, Monday's thunderstorm proved to be the most unusual weather event of the season so far.

Penn State meteorology instructor Marisa Fergersaid the storm was unusual because of its "summer-like qualities."

Though the total precipitation was only 0.29 inches for the 24-hour period from Monday at 8 a.m. to Tuesday at 8 a.m., there was a significant amount of lightning and thunder, which led to

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DADT policy could end

A judge's injunction ordered the military to stop enforcing a ban on openly gay soldiers.

By Julie Watson
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SAN DIEGO — A federal judge ordered immediately stop enforcing its ban on openly gay troops, bringing the 17-year "don't ask, don't

tell" policy closer than it has ever been to being abolished.

Justice Department attorneys have 60 days to appeal the injunction but did not say what their next step would be.

President Barack Obama has backed a Democratic effort in Congress to repeal the law, rather than in an executive order or in court.

But U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips' injunction leaves the administration with a choice: Continue defending a law

it opposes with an appeal, or do nothing, let the policy be overturned, and add an explosive issue to a midterm election with Republicans poised to make major gains. Department of Justice and Pentagon officials were reviewing the judge's decision and said they had no immediate comment.

"The whole thing has become a giant game of hot potato," said Diane H. Mazur, a legal expert at

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Actress inspires LGBTQA community

By Mike Hrick
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Red curtains drawn and lights dimmed, mildRED opened the stage-left door to reveal her dreadlocks, penciled-on biker mustache and flowing men's clothing.

mildRED, a Haitian-American drag performance actress, delivered her one-woman show in the HUB-Robeson Center Auditorium Tuesday night in celebration of National Coming Out Week.

mildRED's performance — poetry, drag, dance, music and drama joined as a whole — challenged audience members to escape society's conventions.

The University Park



Allocations Committee (UPAC) and the LGBTQA Student Resource Center co-sponsored the event.

The audience laughed as mildRED greeted them and challenged the audience to predict their reactions to her show.

"What will you do? What will you see? Boy, girl, neither?" mildRED asked.

Throughout the evening, she donned outfits arranged around the stage and relayed vignettes

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Tom Ruane/Collegian

Inspirational LGBTQA speaker mildRED performs at the HUB.