

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bail raised for man charged in burglary

The bail for Maksim Illarionov was raised from \$800,000 to \$2 million on Monday, Centre County District Attorney Stacy Parks Miller said in an e-mail. Illarionov petitioned the court to lower his bail, but it was raised at the request of Parks Miller. Illarionov, 21, and two other men — Dmitriy Litvinov, 23, and Alexei Semionov, 23 — together face 21 charges of burglary, receiving stolen property, theft, attempt to commit armed robbery and criminal conspiracy to commit burglary and robbery. The charges stem from a series of State College robberies between November 2009 and March 2010.

Two frats charged with furnishing alcohol

Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, 403 Locust Ln., was charged with two misdemeanor counts of furnishing alcohol to minors from an incident which occurred on July 30, according to court documents. A male and female were found on the fire escape of the fraternity building performing "various sexual activities" before being stopped by police, according to court documents. The individuals had a BAC of .167 and .116 and were arrested for minor's law violations, according to court documents.

Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity, 328 E. Foster Ave., was charged with two counts of misdemeanor furnishing alcohol to minors from an incident which occurred on July 4, according to court documents. Two males exited the fraternity and urinated on the side of a tree, according to court documents. The males were found to have a BAC of .109 and .038 and were arrested for minor's law violations, according to court documents.

POLICE LOG

■ Theft: A student reported the loss of a cell phone valued at \$600 from Rec Hall between 9 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Monday, Penn State Police said.

■ A student struck by a university vehicle at 11:20 a.m. at the intersection of Curtin Road and Bigler Road suffered minor injuries but refused medical treatment, Penn State Police said.

METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

Rich Lehoucq of Sandia National Laboratory will speak on "Nonlocal Balances in Continuum Mechanics" at 10:10 a.m. in 216 McAllister Building. Contact the Department of Mathematics. For more information, call 814-865-7527.

Derrick Lampkin of Penn State will speak at 11:15 a.m. in 529 Walker Building. Contact Earth and Environmental Systems Institute. For more information, call 814-865-0478.

The video "Diamond Road" will play at 12:15 p.m. in 105 Deike Building. Contact the Earth and Mineral Sciences Library for more information at 814-863-7073.

Nathaniel Rosi of the University of Pittsburgh will speak on "Biomolecules as Building Blocks for Directing the Structure and Function of New Materials" at 1:30 p.m. in 102 Chemistry Building. Contact host Tom Mallouk of the Department of Chemistry for more information at 814-863-9637.

Ignacio Taboada of the Georgia Institute of Technology will speak on "Neutrino Messages from Gamma-Ray Bursts" at 2:30 p.m. in 339 Davey Laboratory. Contact host Ty DeYoung of the Department of Physics for more information at 814-863-9594.

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: cream of tomato soup, wild rice soup, beef gravy, grilled cheese sandwich, grilled cheese sandwich on whole wheat, grilled ham and cheese sandwich, rice, shepherd's pie, Thai shrimp and vegetable stir fry, baby carrots with dill, Italian green beans.

Simmons: Greek beef sandwich, roasted vegetable whole wheat pizza, taco bar toppings, three cheese whole wheat pizza, vegan taco, zucchini ribbon penne with chicken, broccoli with caramelized onions and pine nuts, corn, grilled eggplant, Israeli cous cous and mushroom pilaf, Jasmine rice with edamame, Simmons mashed redskins, whole baby carrots

Waring: lunch roll basket, minestrone soup, soup of the day, chicken spinach strawberry salad, baby carrots with dill, beef gravy, chicken cosmo not, feature grilled chicken sandwich, grilled chicken breast, Italian green beans, quarter pound cheeseburger and hamburger, shoestring fries

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Dinner invites discussion on identity

The Social Justice Experience hosted an event with students, faculty and community members.

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Jessica Harris, program coordinator for the Social Justice Experiment

By Alexa Agugliaro and Christine Cooke, COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

When Lindsay Trujillo walked into the ballroom of the Nittany Lion Inn Tuesday night, she had no qualms about immediately introducing herself to a room full of strangers.

Trujillo (senior-biochemistry and molecular biology), along with other students, faculty and community members gathered to talk about the night's theme of identity, among other topics, at the first night of the three-night series of Dinner and Dialogue, a component of the Social Justice Experience.

Trujillo said the event was a great way to get to know other people as well as herself. She said by talking about herself with others, she was better able to "solidify" her own identity.

The event featured no speakers — instead, it was designed to facilitate conversation and acceptance.

Jessica Harris, the program coordinator of the Social Justice

Experience said her main goal in putting together this event was to promote peer education and active participation. She said the Social Justice Experience is designed to provide the Penn State community the opportunity to become more aware of social justice.

"This type of dialogue not only helps students, but staff and faculty as well," Harris (graduate-education) said. "All types of different views coming together in one room is a really special thing."

Harris also said she was happy to see unfamiliar faces at the event and felt the dinner portion was an extra incentive for attendance this year.

The night began with an ice-breaker, which allowed the participants to get to know each other by asking each person who they were. This opener allowed guests to identify with various traits such as their race, heritage, gender, sexual orientation, religion and even personality.

Students like Carolina Morales (sophomore-psychology) said they

especially enjoyed this technique of getting to know one another because it was not an average introduction.

Morales said she was glad to gain a new perspective on the meaning of identity while also having an open mind towards other people.

Attendees then combined to form bigger groups that continued to discuss issues of identity throughout the evening.

Peer educator Arlana Henry (senior-crime law and justice) said the event had the turnout she was hoping for.

"The Social Justice Experience offers a safe space for anyone who wants to be open and we couldn't be happier that everyone came out to do just that," she said.

Harris said anyone who attends at least one of the dinners are automatically considered for the Spring 2011 all-inclusive Social Justice Retreat, which will take place sometime next semester.

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Movin' On

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the funding of Movin' On by contributing their \$20,000 honoraria, or allocations for events, to the concert.

This plan was held for further discussion, Donovan said.

Before coming to a vote, UPAC committee members debated about the feasibility of groups contributing their honoraria.

They also discussed issues of fairness toward other organizations in granting Movin' On automatic standing allocation status.

Movin' On Overall Director Tim Haynes said he trusts that UPAC has moved in the best interests of

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University Park Undergraduate Association president

the student body that the spring concert will serve.

"The whole point of Movin' On becoming its own organization was to address students' concerns of why there were three concerts within three weeks," Haynes (senior-energy, business and finance) said.

At a meeting earlier this month, the University Park Undergraduate Association voted in favor of combining the Movin' On and student government's spring festival Last Stop into one.

UPUA President Christian Ragland said he approves of the decision to unify the spring concerts.

"My personal standpoint why I'm excited to see this happen is because it takes the burden off of UPUA," Ragland (senior-political science) said.

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Gift

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Hartnett said the committee discusses things like where the gifts will be located and how they will benefit the community.

Greg Gormley said he would vote for the option that means the most to him on a personal level.

"I would vote for the Lt. Murphy Plaza. I'm familiar with that story and I think it would be a great way to commemorate not only him, but all Penn State veterans," Gormley (senior-supply chain and informa-

tion systems) said.

Jordan Ford, the committee's adviser, said he has been pleased with how the selection of this class' gift has gone so far.

Ford said the committee ranks the class gifts on feasibility, cost and student excitement regarding each gift.

Based on years past, Ford said he's confident the class of 2011 can raise nearly \$200,000.

"About 80 to 85 percent of students donate a \$100 dollar deposit from their bursar account to the class gift," Ford said.

To promote student voting for the

class gift, Hartnett said the Senior Class Gift Committee has been active on both a blog and Facebook account.

"We are also going to have members of our committee visit different organizations to give presentations about the gifts," she said.

Voting will be open to seniors from Monday, Oct. 25 to Friday, Oct. 29 — both online and in the HUB-Robeson Center.

Hartnett said a formal announcement of the final class gift selection will be given on Nov. 2 in the HUB.

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Concert

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"Something for the Rest of Us," which is the band's first album in four years.

The Spill Canvas, an alternative rock band from South Dakota, opened for the Goo Goo Dolls.

Lead singer Nick Thomas thanked the crowd for coming to see them play, even though he knew the

majority of attendees were there to see the Goo Goo Dolls.

"Even if you don't know us, you like music and that's all that matters," he told the crowd.

Landon Heil, the Spill Canvas' bassist, told the crowd before the last song of the set that he was "desperately looking for someone to introduce [him] to Joe Paterno" because he's a big fan.

The Spill Canvas received mixed reactions from the crowd.

Christine McGinnis (senior-aero-space engineering) said that while the music itself was good, she "couldn't hear one word the singer was saying."

But Blasko said that she enjoyed the band's set. She added that "Staple Gun" was her favorite song they played.

"It's funny, because I hate staple guns," she said.

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UPUA

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UPUA Governmental Affairs Chairman TJ Bard said Smith has merit to serve as the student representative.

"I don't think the assembly as a whole would have an issue with it because I do think she is one of the most qualified persons," Bard (sophomore-economics and political science) said.

Though Bard said he thinks Smith is a good selection, he still wants legislation — which he said should be ready for UPUA's Oct. 27 meeting — where the assembly would select the person based on a vote.

But the only people who would be

up for consideration would be at-large representatives, the vice president or the president — those who were elected directly by the student body.

Though Smith said she would love to continue working with council members by being a student representative, she thinks it's important for the assembly take part in the selection process.

Following this interim appointment, the current UPUA president will annually provide a recommendation for the position by April 1 to ensure council members have enough time to confirm the appointment by the third Monday in April, as stated in the resolution.

The student representative will then serve a yearlong term begin-

ning each May. Bard said he recommends the same process be taken for future appointments.

Ben Pugh — a member of UPUA's governmental affairs committee — said Bard's idea would ensure the Penn State population had a voice in the selection of the student representative.

"Hopefully we're going to get this person appointed as soon as possible," said Pugh (sophomore-actuarial science). "Being a townie, it's finally great to see a step forward in regards to the university students and the residents working together. Hopefully they'll bring a lot to the table — both to the council and the UPUA assembly."

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Student

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In an essay that asked who inspired him to pursue his dreams, he chose to write about his parents.

He said they were "real great examples" for him to carry on despite having cystic fibrosis.

He said his parents are always conscious of his health and constantly support him.

Whether they are making sure he is eating and keeping his weight up or patting him on the back to clear his lungs of mucus, Hughes said he is grateful his health has always been his parents' top priority.

Ginny Hughes said cystic fibrosis does not define her son in any way.

"The disease is definitely not the first thing people know about David," Hughes said.

"He is hitting a milestone in his life where he is taking matters into his own hands and becoming more independent."

Hughes said she hopes other people can relate to her son's determination and be encouraged by his journey.

Mike Hughes said his son has never used cystic fibrosis as an excuse to not have goals.

"He's always gone above and beyond and has always been one to take on big challenges," he said.

Out of a list of 20 high school achievements included in his scholarship profile, David Hughes said he was most proud of being named

valedictorian of Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy.

"It was the one moment when I knew for sure that all my hard work had paid off," he said.

At Penn State, Hughes is a Schreyer Honors College scholar.

He's also a member of Penn State's Outing Club, which participates in outdoor and hiking activities.

The Solvay Cares Scholarship voting period ends October 21.

Hughes said he is confident in his chance at winning.

But, he added, he could always use more help.

He is now "super healthy," he said, with normal lung function.

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