

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police: student reports exposure incident

A female student reported that an unknown man exposed himself to her and a group of friends at about 1 a.m. Sunday near the north side of Thompson Hall, Penn State Police said.

The student said she and her friends were outside of the building when two intoxicated white, college-aged men started talking to the group and dancing in front of them, police said. One of the men - described as about 5'3" and heavy-set with light brown hair - exposed himself to the group, police said.

At that point, the student and her friends walked away, police said. Police said they are still trying to determine the identities of the men involved.

Trial in student's rape begins today

Isaiah J. Elijah, 19, of Philadelphia, will go on trial today in connection with the rape of a female Penn State student in April inside the University Gateway Apartments, 616 E. College Ave., according to court documents.

Elijah is charged with one count each of felony criminal conspiracy and rape, according to court documents.

The charges stem from an incident in which the State College Police Department said Elijah held a woman against a wall inside a University Gateway stairwell while another juvenile man raped her.

The non-jury trial begins at 8:30 a.m. today in Bellefonte.

Signal work to cause traffic restrictions

Efforts to update traffic signals in the area will cause several lane restrictions this week between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Atherton Street, PennDOT said.

Monday through Thursday, the upgrades will close the lanes adjacent to Sheetz, 101 Valley Vista Dr., and Lowes, 100 Valley Vista Dr., and the right lane of Atherton Street near Meyer Dairy, 2390 S. Atherton St., PennDOT said.

Tuesday through Thursday, the right lane of Atherton Street between College Avenue and Beaver Avenue will also be closed, PennDOT said.

PennDOT said the work is part of a \$1.4 million project to link 17 traffic signals and install other traffic flow systems in Patton, Ferguson and College townships and State College Borough.

LUNCH

**Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock:** black bean chili, southwestern turkey chili, cheese lasagna, falafel pita, Peruvian beef stir fry, french fries, harvest blend, sauteed spinach, banana wafer pudding, chocolate butter cream icing, chocolate chip cupcake, fresh baked, chocolate chip cookie, grape cluster, whipped topping

**Simmons:** 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, mashed redskins, vegetarian baked beans

**Warning:** southwestern turkey chili, spinach salad, feature grilled chicken sandwich, harvest blend, Italian wedges, popcorn chicken, quarter pound cheeseburger, sauteed spinach, seasoned curly fries, Hunan beef stir fry

DINNER

**Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock:** black bean chili, southwestern turkey chili, bean chili, black bean corn salsa, chicken fajita, fiesta toppings, grilled chicken breast, portabella, steak fajita, tortilla chips, vegetable chimichanga

**Simmons:** fresh fish, BBQ rub chicken breast, 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, vegetarian baked beans

Correction

An article "Losing streak snapped" on page 1 of Monday's Daily Collegian incorrectly stated a photo credit.

The photo is courtesy of the Associated Press.



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Tonight: Low 56



Tomorrow: High 68



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Lecturer speaks out against trafficking

A representative from the Project to End Human Trafficking shared victims' stories Monday night.

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senior-recreation, park and tourism management

By Kathleen Loughran COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Many Americans think that slavery was eradicated at the end of the Civil War in 1865 — but this is not the case, Mary Burke said Monday night.

Burke, of the Project to End Human Trafficking, gave a lecture to raise awareness about human trafficking in Greg Sutliff Auditorium of the Lewis Katz Building.

Burke said people often refer to slavery and human trafficking interchangeably, but human trafficking is the actual exchange of human beings.

"Human trafficking is defined as the recruitment, transport, sale or harboring of individuals through force, fraud or other coercive means for the purpose of economic exploitation," she said.

Burke added that on average it costs traffickers \$90 to purchase and enslave a human being.

She said there is disparity in the estimated number of people who are currently enslaved, which ranges from 2.4 million to 27 million people.

During her lecture, Burke shared individual stories of victims she has helped through her work with the Project to End Human Trafficking.

Two Russian college-aged women came to Pittsburgh to work jobs they found on Craigslist but instead found themselves forced into prostitution. They eventually escaped and were intercepted by the FBI. Burke said she made sure the women were properly tested for sexually transmitted diseases before they were sent back to their country.

Zach Frelin, who attended the lecture, said he enjoyed learning

about the "powerful topic."

"It's one that people aren't aware of as we should be," said Frelin (senior-recreation, park and tourism management). "That presentation makes you want to help out. There's so much as Americans that we can do in this world."

Burke shared with the audience ways in which people can help mitigate human trafficking, such as spreading awareness, forming coalitions and signing petitions to pass legislation.

Attendee Noel Habash said he thought the lecture was informative and provided ways in which people can help.

"I think it was a really good overview of issues related to modern day slavery," he said. "It gave good insights into the broader scopes of the issues and some steps that we can do to help."

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Eco-Action

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administration is eager to provide facts to the students as they relate to this issue."

Now that a meeting has been set up, Eco-Action representatives will talk about ways the university can work on its current sustainability strategies.

Those strategies are set to conclude in 2012.

The group will also work towards creating a long-term plan for the university, Eco-Action's Greenpeace

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Eco-Action's Greenpeace student representative

student representative Braden Crooks said.

Crooks (senior-landscape architecture) said it is imperative the university begins hashing out both large and small-scale solutions that will eventually lead to the ultimate goal of having a 100 percent carbon-neutral campus.

"My hopes for this meeting are that it marks the beginning of this movement towards clean energy," he said. "Penn State is doing great in terms of becoming sustainable, but it needs to do more and we will push for that."

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Witmer said the building's fire alarms went off and an employee rushed up and down the hallways to tell people that it was not a drill.

Soon, Witmer said, he and the others inside the building watched from the street outside as vehicles from Alpha Fire Company, Penn State Police, Penn State University Ambulance Services and Penn State Environmental Health and Safety Services lined up along Hastings Road. But over the next two hours, it became clear that the situation wasn't as dire as it first seemed, Witmer said.

"First, two guys in full Hazmat suits went in, then they came out and got hosed down, and two more went in, one of whom wasn't wearing the full Hazmat suit," Witmer said.

"Eventually a couple of people went in without any masks or anything on, so we all knew it wasn't so bad."

Once the crews determined that the spill wasn't hazardous to the entire building and didn't create any atmospheric contamination, Penn State spokesman Geoff Rushton said, the building was re-opened at about 1:20 p.m.

Hastings Road re-opened shortly after, at about 1:30 p.m., Rushton said.

The cause of the spill was still unknown as of Monday afternoon. A small section of the hallway surrounding the room was still sectioned off with caution tape as of about 3 p.m., and Hazmat crews working in the area said they were unsure how soon they'd be able to determine the cause of the spill.

Though it complicated the investigation, Witmer said the lack of any witnesses to see the spill was a mixed blessing.

"No one was around to see what happened," Witmer said. "So the same reason no one got hurt was the same reason it required such a huge response."

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Onorato

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As an alumnus of both Penn State and University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Onorato said he has a "soft spot" for the four state-related schools in Pennsylvania. Making sure they are treated equally to the 14 state-owned institutions by the federal government is a priority, he said.

Marcellus Shale drilling was also addressed during the discussion. Besides training the employees the drilling companies will likely hire, Penn State's reputation for research will be a valuable asset as far as answering questions about water quality after drilling starts.

"Penn State is right in the middle of this academically," Onorato said.

Onorato made one final pitch to the audience, appealing to the nostalgic sports fan.

"Another objective of mine as governor will be to get that Penn State versus Pitt game back on the schedule," he said.

The forum closed with one last question for Onorato from Janesch about this weekend's football match-up against the University of Michigan.

His prediction: Penn State 28, Michigan 21.

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Students

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method called "dead-ins," in which participants lie down in an open area to represent the deaths that are a result of the conflict.

Penn State's SJP chapter is one of more than 75 chapters nationwide.

Holzman said the ADL first became aware of Penn State's chapter of SJP in 2009 when they raised money for Viva Palestina.

Viva Palestina is a pro-Palestinian non-profit group that organizes missions to Gaza.

After SJP raised more than \$5,000 for aid, ADL became concerned that the money was being channeled to the terrorist group Hamas.

Qader (senior-international politics) said she first found out about the ranking when she received an e-mail from one of her members.

SJP then issued a press release, and since then several other college chapters have decided to back the statement.

"That's nothing to be proud of, and it sheds a negative light on our organization," Qader said of the ranking.

The conflict between Israel and

Palestine is a "touchy subject," Qader said.

But she added she doesn't believe education on the subject should be suppressed.

As a group, SJP is against the abuse of human rights and wants killings on both sides to stop, she said.

Qader said she personally supports integration and peaceful coexistence between the two groups.

"It's a worldwide issue, and I think everyone should be concerned about it," she said.

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Conklin

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wanted to leave something behind that my family could be proud of."

Conklin was elected Centre County Commissioner in 1999 and reelected in 2003. As county commissioner, he brought Centre County to its best financial rating in history, he said. He also had the county jail rebuilt to accommodate more inmates, provide drug and alcohol rehabilitation services and help inmates work toward their GED.

In 2006, Conklin was elected to represent the 77th district in the state House of Representatives, and is currently still serving in this office.

Recently he garnered support for House Bill 2026, which was passed in the House. The bill, also known as the Demi Brae Cuccia Law, calls for more education in middle and high school curriculums about the dangers of dating violence.

"I want to make sure that from the time you're born to the time you become an adult, you have nothing but good memories," Conklin said. "And this bill will help tremendously."

Now, he's taking the next step: In addition to running for reelection as the 77th district representative, Conklin is also running as gubernatorial democrat candidate Dan Onorato's lieutenant governor.

As lieutenant governor, Conklin said he can give central Pennsylvania a voice it hasn't had in decades. He said there's a reason why big cities like Pittsburgh and Philadelphia get a lot of funding and support, and it's because those areas are where the lieutenant governors are from.

"This isn't about leaving my district," Conklin said. "I love this district, but this is an opportunity for central Pennsylvania to have a voice at the table."

A lieutenant governor has three main jobs, Conklin said. The office is responsible for overseeing the state senate, the pardons board and emergency management board.

"With me, there's no training required," Conklin said. "I'm on a first name basis with everyone in the state senate, and I understand and know the other jobs."

While it is possible for him to serve both offices, Conklin said he would prefer to concentrate his efforts on one position. If he wins

both elections, Conklin said, a special election would take place to allow residents of the 77th district to choose another representative.

Running for two offices keeps Conklin busy, but he said he wouldn't have it any other way.

"If you believe in something, you have to be willing to work," Conklin said. "You keep working to do what you believe in and never stop until something stops you."

But when he does find some spare time, Conklin said he divides it between his three passions: fishing, cars and the arts.

When he can't be outside fishing or tinkering in his garage, it's the little things that keep Conklin motivated. Whether it's helping a senior citizen get his rent rebate, or making sure someone has their PACE forms filled out properly, those are the instances that make the job worth doing, Conklin said.

And it's that mindset that Conklin wants to be remembered for, or have on his tombstone.

"Life is filled with spice, it's all about living," Conklin said. "Follow your passion. I wouldn't be here today if I didn't."

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