

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police: Two men took \$600 in electronics

Police are searching for two men identified on video after taking \$600 in electronics and other items from an unsecured home between 11 p.m. Friday and 1:30 a.m. Saturday, the State College Police Department said.

The two men entered the home on the 600 block of West College Avenue and removed backpacks containing iPods, clothing and wallets while the residents were asleep inside the house, Lt. Keith Robb said.

One of the credit cards taken was used at 2 a.m. Saturday at Dunkin Donuts, 200 W. College Ave., Robb said. Police released surveillance pictures of the men and anyone with information about the burglary is asked to call police.

The Earth and Mineral Sciences Library will host a screening of the film "Michigan's Copper Country: The Keweenaw, a History of Copper Mining in Michigan's Upper Peninsula" at 12:15 p.m. in 105 Deike Building. For more information, call 814-863-7073.

Seth Ostheimer will speak on "Pick-and-Place Microgrippers" and David Kirby, of Penn State, will speak on "Advancement of Polymer Actuators toward Development of Artificial Muscles," at 2:30 p.m. in 102 Chemistry Building. Chris Keating and Mary Beth Williams, of the Department of Chemistry, will host the event. For more information, call 814-865-9456.

Ralph Kahn, of NASA, will speak on "Aerosol Remote Sensing from Space: What We've Learned and Where We're Heading," at 3:30 p.m. in 112 Walker Building. The Department of Meteorology will host the event. For more information, call 814-863-8566.

Tim Kane, of Penn State, will speak on "Adaptive Optics: Astronomy and Beyond" at 4 p.m. in 538 Davey Laboratory. Chris Palma, of the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, will host the event. For more information, call 814-865-0418.

Roger Deal, of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, will speak on "Chromatin Dynamics and the Specification of Cell Fate" at 4 p.m. in 101 Althouse Laboratory. Scott Selleck, of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, will host the event. For more information, call 814-867-4373.

Reka Albert, of Penn State, will speak on "Network-Based Dynamic Modeling of the Immune System" at 4 p.m. in 510 Mueller Laboratory. Ash Pathak, of the Center for Infectious Disease Dynamics, will host the event. For more information, call 814-867-2941.

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: roasted corn and shrimp chowder, tortilla and corn soup, beef taco, chicken taco, fiesta toppings, grilled cilantro lime chicken sandwich, tortilla chips, vegan taco, Mexican rice, refried beans, southwestern corn, zucchini and yellow squash

Simmons: Simmons low fat turkey club, three cheese whole wheat pizza, three mushroom whole wheat pizza, turkey tetrazini, vegan burger wrap, broccoli with caramelized onions and pine nuts, brown rice and grain pilaf, ginger glazed sugar snap peas, sauteed zucchini, Simmons mashed redskins, vegetable creole rice, whole baby carrots

Warning: lunch roll basket, roasted corn and shrimp chowder, soup of the day, Cajun chicken salad, bbq beef sandwich, beer battered onion rings, chicken cosmo not, feature grilled chicken sandwich, grilled chicken breast, peas, quarter pound cheeseburger, quarter pound hamburger, shoestring fries, zucchini and yellow squash, Peruvian beef stir fry

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer, and Warnock: roasted corn and shrimp chowder, tortilla and corn soup, cheese ravioli, fried chicken, grilled chicken breast, milano sauce, pork filettino, colored greens with bacon, potato medley, zucchini and yellow squash

Simmons: roast turkey, bourbon chicken, grilled chicken breast, Thai tofu and noodles, vegetable lasagna, broccoli with caramelized onions and pine nuts, brown rice and grain pilaf

Correction

An article "Cage-free egg petition reaches 1,000 signatures" on page 3 of Tuesday's Daily Collegian incorrectly stated information in the headline.

The petition garnered more than 10,000 signatures.



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Republicans

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politicians who refuse to listen to the people," he said.

In Senate races, tea party favorites Rand Paul in Kentucky and Marco Rubio in Florida coasted to easy Senate victories, overcoming months of withering Democratic attacks on their conservative views. But Christine O'Donnell lost badly in Delaware, for a seat that Republican strategists once calculated would be theirs with ease.

Democrats conceded nothing while they still had a chance. "Let's go out there and continue to fight," Speaker Nancy Pelosi exhorted supporters in remarks before television cameras while the polls were still open in much of the country.

But not long after she spoke, Democratic incumbents in both houses began falling, and her own four-year tenure as the first female speaker in history seemed near an end.

With unemployment at 9.6 percent nationally, interviews with voters revealed an extraordinarily sour electorate, stressed and poorly disposed toward the president, the political parties and the federal government.

Sen.-elect Paul, appearing Tuesday night before supporters in Bowling Green, Ky., declared, "We've come to take our government back."

About four in 10 voters said they were worse off financially than two years ago, according to preliminary exit poll results and pre-election surveys. More than one in three said their votes were an expression of

opposition to Obama. More than half expressed negative views about both political parties. Roughly 40 percent of voters considered themselves supporters of the conservative tea party movement.

Less than half said they wanted the government to do more to solve problems.

The preliminary findings were based on Election Day and pre-election interviews with more than 9,000 voters.

All 435 seats in the House were on the ballot, plus 37 in the Senate. An additional 37 governors' races gave Republicans ample opportunity for further gains halfway through Obama's term, although Andrew Cuomo was elected in New York for the office his father once held.

Republicans were certain of at least six Senate pickups, including the seat in Illinois that Obama resigned to become president. Rep. Mark Kirk won there, defeating Alexi Giannoulas.

Democratic Sens. Russell Feingold in Wisconsin and Blanche Lincoln in Arkansas were turned out of office. In addition, Republicans scored big in races for Democratic seats without incumbents on the ballot. Former Rep. Pat Toomey won a close race in Pennsylvania, North Dakota Gov. John Hoeven won easily there, and former Sen. Dan Coats breezed in a comeback attempt for the Indiana seat he voluntarily gave up a dozen years ago.

"Republicans will continue to stand up for the American people and for the priorities they voted for today, and we are hopeful that the administration and Democrat leaders will change course," Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell said in a written statement.

Democrats averted deeper losses when Gov. Joe Manchin won in West Virginia — after pointedly distancing himself from Obama — for the unexpired portion of the late Sen. Robert C. Byrd's term, and Attorney General Richard Blumenthal was victorious in Connecticut, dispatching Linda McMahon, former CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment. Sen. Barbara Boxer was elected to a fourth term in California, overcoming a challenge from Carly Fiorina.

The GOP gubernatorial gains came after a campaign in which their party organization spent more than \$100 million, nearly double what Democrats had.

Among the incumbents who fell were Ted Strickland in Ohio, defeated by former Rep. John Kasich, and Chet Culver in Iowa, loser to former Gov. Terry Branstad.

In California, former Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. was elected to the office he held for two terms more than a quarter-century ago.

In a footnote to the brutal politics of the campaign, Republican-turned-independent Lincoln Chafee was elected governor of Rhode Island. Obama campaigned in the state in the campaign's final week.

Rand Paul Kentucky senator-elect

Corbett

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He stressed that it is now time to bring the people of Pennsylvania together and work toward making the commonwealth better.

"I'm the governor for all of Pennsylvania, not just Republicans, Democrats or Independents,"

Corbett said in his speech.

"I look forward to working with everyone to make Pennsylvania great."

Now that the campaign is over, it is time to work toward the challenges facing the state, like the job market and government spending, Corbett said.

The governor-elect promised Pennsylvanians he would work hard

for them in return for the confidence reflected in their votes.

"We have to look at these challenges as opportunities," he said. "Pennsylvania is a great state, but it can be so much better. Our goal is to make Pennsylvania the standard of excellence for the rest of the country."

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Turnout

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election victory fell from 19 percent participation to 9 percent in this year's race.

The numbers are the lowest since the 2002 midterm elections, according to exit polls conducted Tuesday.

Students sometimes feel they don't have a reason to vote if they aren't permanent residents of the

area, said Donna Brooks, Precinct 28 judge of elections.

But by 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, Brooks' polling place — located at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 109 McAllister St. — had seen 145 voters, a number that impressed her.

"It's definitely more than we were expecting for a general election," Brooks said.

Mallory Reed, a member of the Penn State College Democrats, said she was pleased with the student

turnout in the HUB-Robeson Center at noon.

But she did say she wished more students participated in the election.

"If every student votes, that would be ideal," Reed (junior-political science) said.

"But as long as the numbers are steady, I'm happy."

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Paterno

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"We're fortunate that all of a sudden we got a couple of kids I think that can get the job done for us."

Paterno, who normally prefers playing only one quarterback in a game, said he'd be open to the idea of playing both this Saturday.

Bolden suffered a concussion two weeks ago at Minnesota, and the coaching staff held him out of last Saturday's win against Michigan for precautionary reasons.

The medical staff had cleared Bolden to play, however.

Paterno said he believes Bolden is fully over the injury after talking to him on Monday.

McGloin filled in for Bolden and finished 17-for-28 with 250 yards and a touchdown in the Michigan win.

Bolden previously started every game for Penn State this season before he suffered the injury. Paterno said he wasn't concerned about Bolden dealing with losing the starting job if it happened.

He also said Bolden had progressed well before the injury and has a lot of future potential.

"That's one of the reasons I'm

reluctant to get up here and say, 'Hey, somebody beat him out,' because I'm not sure anybody has beat him out," Paterno said.

Approaching 400 wins

No matter how many times reporters asked Paterno about 400 wins, he had no problem deflecting the questions.

"I don't go home and think about what we've done," Paterno said. "I go home and worry about what we've got to get done."

Paterno said he doesn't think about the milestone and hasn't talked to anybody about it. He said his focus is providing wins for his players, who are only in college for four years.

He said he doesn't pay attention to getting 400 wins because he's been a coach for such a long time, the milestone is bound to come. Paterno is in his 45th year as head coach at Penn State.

"You've got to win a couple of games in that time," Paterno said. "I really don't give it much thought. It won't make much difference if I win 390 or 400."

Sympathy for Notre Dame

Paterno addressed the tragedy

that hit Notre Dame last week.

Declan Sullivan, a Notre Dame football student manager, was on a scissor lift videotaping football practice in 50-mph winds when the lift toppled over and Sullivan fell to his death.

Paterno expressed remorse for the student and others involved.

Paterno said making sure managers are in safe areas can be hard because they have so many tasks to do during practice.

But there are certain things Penn State does to prevent that type of tragedy, he said.

Paterno said he won't practice outside in 35-mph winds or above, and Penn State often uses an overhead camera to videotape practice.

"That could happen to anybody," Paterno said.

"There are a lot of things that can happen."

NOTES: Paterno said cornerbacks Stephon Morris and Chaz Powell will compete for the starting spot ... Paterno on thinking about retiring over the years: "I've not ever gotten to the point where I have felt, 'Hey, I'm going to get out of this thing, but it's going to come.'"

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Gift

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three gifts. The other two options were an Alma Mater display and an Old Willow Tree and trustee scholarship.

University Planner for Campus Planning and Design Steven Watson said his office is currently working with the administration to decide where the plaza will be built. Watson said the plaza should be constructed in a prominent location, possibly near the center of campus or in association with an ROTC facility.

Murphy's former Penn State roommate Tommy McCann was in attendance at the announcement.

McCann said the plaza will be an immortal shrine to a friend who was an "incredible individual."

McCann said he is still in close contact with friends of Murphy and said they all are excited about the plaza.

ROTC program leader Michael Runey, who finished graduate studies at Penn State in 1999, said there are tributes to fallen veterans throughout campus, but it is rare to find one that highlights a single soldier.

Roney said the fact that the gift came from the senior class is the most humbling part.

Senior Class Committee Overall Chairman Bill Witt (senior-biology) said he's confident the senior class will raise more than \$225,000 for the plaza.

That would surpass the record set last year, he said.

He said individuals in the community are also welcome to donate.

"It would be very exciting to have the senior class surpass the record by donating all or part of their security deposit," Witt said.

Four Loko

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accomplished by singling out our product or a beverage category." Phusion Projects, the makers of Four Loko, wrote in a statement.

The drink's ingredients — specifically the combination of caffeine and alcohol — are "standard fare in bars and restaurants everywhere," according to the company.

But combining any alcohol with

caffeine can be dangerous because an individual may not realize how impaired they are, Linda LaSalle, associate director of educational services for University Health Services, said in September.

The FDA investigation of alcoholic energy drinks and the companies that produce them — including Phusion Projects — has been ongoing since 2009, Witalec said.

According to the FDA website, there are no regulations that address the addition of caffeine, at any level, to alcoholic beverages.

The drinks are typically sold individually for \$2.50 or \$26 for a 12-pack.

They appeal to college students because of the drink's affordability, Witalec said.

But even if money is tight among college students, recognizing the risk of the drinks is important, she said.

"We're responsible for making sure people know what it means to be responsible consumers of an alcoholic product," Witalec said.

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