

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police: Man charged in connection with robbery

A Reading man charged in connection with the July 15 robbery of First National Bank, 460 Westerly Parkway, waived his right to a preliminary hearing in court Wednesday.

Algis Diaz, 25, is charged with one count each of felony robbery, theft by unlawful taking or disposition and receiving stolen property, according to court documents.

Diaz is also facing charges in Berks County related to the robbery, police said.

At the time of the robbery, the State College Police Department said an unknown man entered the bank and handed the teller a note stating that he had a gun and demanding to be given "all of the cash." The teller gave the man \$6,159 from a cash drawer, police said, and the man then fled the scene in a vehicle.

The incident was captured on security cameras and fingerprints at the scene were used to link Diaz to the robbery, police said.

Police investigating electronics thefts

Police are looking into several electronics thefts that occurred last weekend, the State College Police Department said.

On Saturday, an unknown person took an Xbox, Gamecube and several video games from 356 E. Fairmount Ave., police said. Police could not specify a value on the items.

Another theft occurred early Sunday morning from a car parked in Beaver Garage, 200 W. Beaver Ave., police said, when an unknown person took an iPod and a GPS from a vehicle. Police could not specify whether the vehicle was locked.

On Tuesday, an iPhone stolen over the weekend was traced to a local apartment with the help of a tracking application the owner downloaded on the device, police said. Police did not say where the residence was located.

Investigations into all of the incidents are ongoing, police said.

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: Cream of mushroom soup, tortill and corn soup, cheeseburger wrap, macaroni and cheese, mango salsa, open faced hot turkey sandwich, broccoli with toasted almonds, green bean casserole, whipped potatoes

Simmons: Baked sesame tofu, san antonio chicken wrap, dal makhani, grilled cheese sandwich on whole wheat, grilled turkey cheese sandwich whole wheat, vegetable fajita with whole wheat wrap, baby carrots with dill, broccoli florettes, brown rice, buttered parslid potatoes, chick pea bulghur, tomato pilaf, corn, grilled eggplant

Waring: Cream of mushroom soup, lunch roll basket, soup of the day, middle eastern chopped salad, bread dressing, corn, feature grilled chicken sandwich, green bean casserole, grilled chicken breast, open faced hot turkey sandwich, popcorn chicken, quarter pound cheeseburger, quarter pound hamburger, seasoned curly fries, turkey gravy, whipped potatoes, hunan beef stir fry, breadsticks, cheese pizza, garlic mashed potato pizza, macaroni and cheese, marinara sauce, meat sauce, pasta with spinach and chicken, penne pasta plus, pepperoni pizza, baked sweet potato, cheddar cheese sauce, tortilla and corn soup vegetable turnovers, vegetarian burger, velvet gravy

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: Cream of mushroom soup, tortill and corn soup, beef gravy, broc and cheddar stuffed chicken breast, grilled chicken breast, meatloaf, vegetable turnovers, velv gravy, green bean casserole, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, whole baby carrots

Simmons: Beef brisket with bbq sauce, barley pecan stuffed peppers, citrus fish, grilled chicken breast, grilled chicken with terriyaki glaze, baby carrots with dill, broccoli florettes, brown rice, buttered parslid potatoes, chick pea bulghur, tomato pilaf, corn, grilled eggplant

Waring: Assorted speciality breads, cream of mushroom soup, soup of the day, middle eastern chopped salad, broc and cheddar, stuffed chicken breast, feature grilled chicken sandwich, green bean casserole, grilled chicken breast, miso glazed white fish, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, whole baby carrots, tomato beef stir fry, breadsticks, cheese pizza, garlic mashed potato pizza, hoagie roll, margarita wheat penne pasta plus, meat sauce, meatballs in sauce, penne pasta plus, pepperoni pizza, baked sweet potato, broccoli florettes, cheddar cheese sauce, tortilla and corn soup, vegetable egg roll, vegetarian burger



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UPUA

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important to the members of the borough council.

"Just speaking from a knowledge standpoint, initially, the borough council proposed that the representative be a State College resident who is also a student," said Bard (sophomore-economics and political science).

UPUA member Tyler Doppelheuer (sophomore-agriculture) said despite Smith's professional contacts, Pugh's practical contacts in the communities — like working with faculty in a lab on campus and also for a landlord in student housing — were even more beneficial.

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TJ Bard

UPUA governmental affairs committee chairman

"He's worked for our local businesses, that shows very strong connections," said Doppelheuer. "That's relevant in terms of employment, tax base and revenue for the borough."

Doppelheuer said Pugh's speech, with his spirited close, "12 months of the year I live for State College, I bleed blue and white," summed up what the assembly should be looking for.

"After Ben spoke, it made me almost want to go out and play foot-

ball or something," he said, laughing. "I think it would be setting a good standard to pick someone who has that."

Bard said the assembly could not have made a wrong choice between the two candidates.

"It definitely was not an easy decision on the assembly's behalf," he said. "Either candidate was an awesome choice for the position, I'm very happy with how it went."

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Democrats

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impact of these losses," Woessner said.

"It wasn't a complete catastrophe for them."

Woessner cited the re-election of Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada and "twin victories" in California for Sen. Barbara Boxer and gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brown, among others, as cases where Democrats were able to offset some of their losses.

And the fuel behind the Republican victories in the election also shouldn't be solely attributed to a fundamental shift to the right, he said.

"It's clear that the electorate was angry at Democrats, but the electorate still lacks confidence in the Republicans," Woessner said. "There's a difference between having confidence in Republicans and simply throwing out democrats they perceive to be out of touch."

Penn State College Republicans Chairman Josh Crawford said the election was less about a change in ideology than it was about general discontent with the steps taken by

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Penn State College Republicans chairman

the party in power over the past two years. "This was a referendum on policy, not on a person — I don't believe this was a referendum on Obama," Crawford (junior-crime, law and justice) said. "It was a referendum on policies that were supposed to bring us back from economic despair but have only increased our deficit and not increased jobs."

And even though Ghormoz said priorities for the next few years should focus on economic recovery, he's not too optimistic about the Republican Party's ability to come to the nation's rescue.

"I think people forgot [Tuesday] night who got us into this mess," Ghormoz said. "And that is, you know, President Bush and the Republican-controlled Congress."

But Crawford and Woessner said

this time could be different.

"Republicans have rediscovered conservatism," Woessner said. "And there's a good chance they're going to want to be much more fiscally disciplined than they were when they last controlled the House and the Senate."

Crawford said he's confident the party will be able to move forward from its past actions, too.

"This is a chance for Republicans to come in and learn from the mistakes they made in 2008 and to be responsible and to keep this country moving forward again," Crawford said. "And I'm hoping that the two sides can sit down at the table together and decide what's best for the American people."

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Elections

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Onorato, who published his higher education vision on his website — presents a challenge.

"When you have a written-out plan, it makes our lives as students easier because we know the direction to take," Bard (sophomore-economics and political science) said.

"We're kind of up in the air because we don't know his solid position, so it's something we need to take an active role in figuring out."

Ragland (senior-political science) said not knowing Corbett's

higher education policy isn't necessarily a bad thing. "It's a bargaining tool — we can go in and say something like, 'Listen, your opponent, he had a plan for higher education,'" he said. "I doubt [Corbett] was hiding a plan for education, but those are the questions we need to ask and challenge our politicians on."

CCSG President Mohamed Raouda said student government leaders expected to see a control shift in the House of Representatives and in the governor seat.

As a result of the shift, Raouda (senior-history and international politics) said students need to "come out in stronger numbers."

"The state of Pennsylvania is facing a budget deficit that is enormous," he said.

"I think we will see a rise in tuition next year simply because I don't think the state has enough money to support the university. That's why it is important for students to come out ... The more money that comes into the university, the more likely that money is going to tuition relief."

Raouda said he recommends taking advantage of being home during Thanksgiving break to advocate the importance of making higher education more affordable to local legislators.

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Cook

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Cook described the scenario of the perfect stabbing, in which after you stab someone, clean off the knife and go to your neighbor's house. Once inside, put the knife into their utensil drawer with all the random kitchen utensils.

"No one questions the origin of a knife," Cook said.

Seeing a random knife in their drawer might warrant a call to the police, but what would they say? Cook said.

"Missing my show... that's probably a bad idea."

Dane Cook

comedian

Cook also covered topics such as relationships, friends and dating.

"I'm here to educate as well as entertain," Cook said to an audience member who interrupted one of his stories.

At the end of Cook's set, he announced that he had a surprise for the audience — a musical performance. Cook and Al Del Bene, one of the opening acts, took the

stage to sing a couple mash-ups.

Afterward Chris J. Newberg and Ben Gleib, the other opening acts, joined the duo on stage for a special encore that included audience participation.

"Missing my show..." Cook sang as the audience echoed with, "that's probably a bad idea."

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Ruskin said. "We're not looking at construction to last a few decades, we're looking at a 100-year time frame."

Specifically, Ruskin said the committee will look for the proposals to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. The university wants the building to not only be pleasing to the eye, but also environmentally efficient, he said.

"The building must have minimal impact on the environment in the way it is designed, in the way that it is constructed and in the way that it is operated and main-

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Paul Ruskin

Office of Physical Plant spokesman

tained," Ruskin said.

Proposals using local materials in construction will also have an advantage, as Ruskin said the university likes to use materials from Pennsylvania rather than getting them from around the country.

Battista said the committee will follow the same process again to decide on a construction team. Battista said they hope to break ground in the next 9-12 months, in

either late summer or early fall 2011. Ruskin said there are many factors the committee will look for, including how the design proposals will fit in with the surrounding buildings.

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Band

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likes Yonder Mountain because their music is so conducive to dancing. Precone said he's seen the band a handful of times and he couldn't pass up an opportunity to see them in his hometown.

"They never let me down," he said.

Ressel said the reason live Yonder Mountain shows are so good is because the band feeds off the crowd's energy during its live performances.

"Studio recordings are nothing compared to their live performances," he said. "They're partying along with you."

Ressel said everyone should experience a Yonder Mountain

concert whether they're a bluegrass fan or not, adding that its variety of instrumentation is one of the most impressive aspects of the band. He said that a Yonder Mountain concert is a chance for him to forget about life for a while and leave his problems at the door.

Ressel's only gripe was the set up of the venue, in particular the seats.

"It's hard because the seats are going to get in your way [of dancing]," he said. "If only the seats were moveable, this would be the best venue in town."

Even so, he said the State Theatre has a very intimate feel to it. Austin agreed with Ressel on the atmosphere of the theater.

"The cool thing about a joint like this is that we get to play songs we don't get to play that often," Austin

"None of these 75 minute sets like some of these bands nowadays."

Jeff Austin

mandolin player

said. "We're just feeling in a bluegrass mood and we're going to keep that rolling."

And he kept his promise as Yonder Mountain played two full sets driven by its traditional, acoustic bluegrass roots.

"None of these 75 minute sets like some of these bands nowadays," Austin said. "I do 75 minutes when I wake up."

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