

IN BRIEF

Police: Sawdust fire breaks out

Flames broke out at about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon at Spectra Wood, 2553 Carolean Industrial Dr., when sawdust caught fire in the bed of a dump truck in the rear of the building, Assistant Alpha Company Fire Chief Jeff Martin said.

Sawdust was being loaded from a large dust collector attached to the building into the truck when the fire broke out, Martin said.

The building was quickly evacuated and the blaze was contained within about an hour, Martin said. No one was injured in the fire, Martin said.

Damage was minimal, and the only structural damage to the building was due to smoke, Martin said.

Break Zone to debut Xbox Kinect

Xbox Kinect will make its Penn State debut from 2 to 6 p.m. today in the HUB-Robeson Center's Break Zone.

The event will include Best Buy gift card raffles, greek sing spirit points and other prizes, according to a press release.

Participants in the event will be able to try six games and various programs designed for Kinect. The event will also showcase different capabilities of Kinect, including video chat and voice recognition, according to the press release.

Organizations to present "Zaireeka"

The Lion 90.7 FM and Students Organizing the Multiple Arts will present "Zaireeka" by the Flaming Lips from 9 to 11:30 tonight at Chronic Town, 224 W. College Ave.

The four-CD album will be played in its entirety on four different sound systems. The event is for those 18 and over, and there is no cost for admission. It will be "a special psychedelic sound immersion experience," according to the event's Facebook page.

Bon Jovi tickets available early to Penn Staters

A special pre-sale for Bon Jovi tickets will take place online at ticketmaster.com or bic.psu.edu until noon today. Penn State faculty, staff, students and alumni can get their tickets before everyone else. The special code for the pre-sale is NITTANY.

Tickets will then be available for purchase by the general public starting at 10 a.m. Friday at the Bryce Jordan Center, Eisenhower Auditorium, Penn State Theatre Downtown, Ticketmaster outlets, online at ticketmaster.com or bic.psu.edu.

They are also available by phone at 800-745-3000 or 814-865-5555. Tickets cost \$19.50, \$29.50, \$49.50, \$79.50 and \$129. Tickets are subject to applicable service charges and event time and date are subject to change. Visit the band's website (bonjovi.com) for up-to-date information about the concert.

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: Hearty vegetarian chili, turkey noodle soup, chicken cheesesteak, edamame rice fried rice, shrimp scampi with penne pasta, broccoli florettes, cheddar cheese sauce, seasoned curly fries, sugar snap peas.

Simmons: Baked tomato basil tofu, grilled buffalo chicken wrap, chicken pot pie, hearty vegetable sauce, sixth pound burger, vegetarian garden burger, wheat penne pasta, baby carrots with dill, broccoli florettes, chick pea bulghur, tomato pilaf, ginger glazed sugar snap peas, oven baked potato wedges, sauteed zucchini, tropical rice pilaf

Warning: Lunch roll basket, soup of the day, turkey noodle soup, turkey BLT salad, broccoli florettes, chicken cheesesteak, feature grilled chicken sandwich breast, popcorn chicken, quarter pound cheeseburger, quarter pound hamburger, seasoned curly fries, sugar snap peas, beef and broccoli stir-fry

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: Hearty vegetarian chili, turkey chicken noodle soup, burger topping bar, gilled chicken breast, hot dog, hot dog bar, quarter pound bacon cheeseburger, quarter pound hamburger, turkey burger vegetarian burger, Boston baked beans, shoestring fries, sugar snap peas, zucchini and yellow squash

Simmons: California teriyaki rice bowl, baked cod with lemon, grilled chicken breast, grilled vegetables with whole wheat penne, sweet and sour beef stir fry, baby carrot with dill, broccoli florettes, chick pea bulghur, tomato pilaf, ginger glazed sugar snap peas, oven baked potato wedges, sauteed zucchini, tropical rice pilaf



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THON

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plethora of color, signs and posters giving reasons to participate in THON: to see a miracle, to be a child again and for love, among others.

Each of the committees had an event table, and activities which included signing a "random acts of kindness" pledge, creating kids mail, playing a trivia game and decorating small signs to hang in the Bryce Jordan Center during

THON weekend.

The activity that drew the longest line was the merchandise table, as students took advantage of one of the first opportunities to purchase 2011 THON gear.

DJ Larry Moore called morale captains to a makeshift stage several times throughout the afternoon and some students said breaking out in the 2010 THON line dance was one of the highlights of the afternoon.

Morale committee member Shea Hartman said she was impressed she knew all of the moves to the

dance. But the fact that she has practiced the dance several times since last February helps, she said.

"It's really exciting," Hartman (junior-elementary education) said. "My favorite part is seeing everyone together."

To end the celebration — which included performances by several student groups — some students headed to the Old Main lawn to dance in a silent rave and then posed to spell out the letters "FTK" for an aerial photo.

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Veteran

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been determined, the plaza will be constructed in a prominent campus location. Geoff Halberstadt, overall gift development chairman for the 2011 Senior Class Gift, said the committee has seen an overwhelmingly positive response from students, veterans and alumni.

"Personally, I don't think the value of this gift can be accurately described," Halberstadt (senior-political science and history) said.

"I think we've seen that in the support that we've seen from both the students and the alumni. People have been so proud that the Class of 2011 have chosen to honor and recognize the veterans."

2011 Class Gift Overall Chairman Ben Witt (senior-biology) said the gift is receiving so much support

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2011 Class Gift Overall

because it honors not just Murphy, but all Penn State veterans.

"This gift is to honor all Penn State veterans who have served since the Civil War," Witt said. "The focus is to honor all Penn State veterans who have given and sacrificed for our country. I think people are really excited to finally see a landmark on campus that honors Penn State veterans in such a way."

Halberstadt said the Class of 2011's choice to honor past, present and future Penn State veterans is

something the entire senior class should be proud of.

"This gift is really tremendous because for 150 years, Penn State has had a long history of having students or alumni partake in ROTC or serve in the military," Halberstadt said. "For the 150th graduating class to recognize that sacrifice, and choose to honor and pay tribute to Penn Staters who have served in the military is really wonderful."

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Advocate

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on issues that have influenced current politics, including LGBT marriage rights and school bullying. Savage spoke on the challenges that face teens growing up in anti-gay atmospheres and the unspoken barrier that exists between gay adults and gay teens.

"The deal for LGBT people has always been that we're theirs to torture until we're 18 — to brutalize and torment," Savage said. "And if we come out OK, then we can go on to be gay adults. But we can't talk to the kids that they're still torturing."

Savage started the YouTube phenomena of the It Gets Better campaign, where individuals in the gay community and political leaders alike, including Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, filmed video clips urging bullied teens to remember that life does get better and not to give up hope.

"I kept feeling like I wish I could have talked to those students. Then I realized I was waiting for permission I no longer needed," he said. "By giving ourselves permission to start the It Gets Better campaign, to take a video of ourselves telling gay teens that it does get better, we gave everyone permission to do the same thing."

In addition to the topic of teen bullying, Savage answered questions on the marriage rights of the LGBT community. Savage said the gay community didn't aim to change the institution of marriage — that the straight community had already done so in the elimination of dowries and arranged marriages.

"The big lie of the anti-gay marriage movement is that gay people are seeking to redefine marriage, but straight people redefined marriage 60 years ago," he said. "Now they can be religious, or not, monotonous, or not — it's a union of equal individuals who get to define marriage as individuals."

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Dan Savage

LGBT advocate

They defined marriage so they can't exclude us."

Most students agreed that Savage had spoken on important issues.

"This is something that everyone can learn from, whether they're gay or straight or lesbian or bisexual," said Jennifer Lee (senior-broadcast journalism).

When addressing the success of the It Gets Better campaign, Savage says he is always asked if he is happy with its popularity.

"People always ask me if I'm happy. I'm not happy," he said. "I'm heartened, I'm moved, I'm touched — but I'm not happy."

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Arena

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likes bringing in local architects to team with, and they found a perfect fit in Bohlin Cywinski Jackson of Wilkes-Barre.

Not only had the firm worked with Penn State before, it had received the AIA gold medal in 1994, the highest recognition in the United States.

But Crawford didn't stop there. After listening to Penn State, the firm knew it wanted championship ice. Murphy went on the search for the best refrigeration technician he could find, and found that person in Tim Moore.

After finishing its presentation last Thursday, the architectural team of Crawford Architects with Bohlin Cywinski Jackson and Moore was announced as the winner to the architectural rights the following day at the Penn State Board of Trustees meeting.

"It's all about the team," Battista said. "The way these guys all interacted, the roles they are all going to play, really made us feel very confident that this is going to be a great team to work with."

When the Penn State Board of Trustees announced Crawford Architects as the winners of the rights to design Penn State's new ice arena, a primary goal came to Murphy's mind — designing a building that raises the bar.

Designing large-scale sports complexes is nothing new to the firm. Their list of successful accomplishments is lengthy, including projects at the Boston Red Sox's Fenway Park, Qwest Field where the NFL's Seattle Seahawks play and a conceptual design of a new home field for the Minnesota Vikings.

They also have experience in ice arena design.

Crawford designed renovations to the Joyce Center at the University of Notre Dame. The firm expanded the ice, along with bringing the total seating from 2,763 to 4,000, among other renovations.

While they may draw from these experiences, Murphy wanted Penn State to know they would design a building to call its own.

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architect for the new ice arena

self-sufficient, and Murphy said he believes they'll meet those standards.

As far as any features definitely in the plans for the arena, Murphy said the team of architects would start from scratch. It's too early to make predictions of what the ice arena will look like beyond a conceptual sketch, but he said they will progress with the main goal in mind.

To create that championship ice, Murphy knew he would need help.

He put out a call to Moore, who Battista said is one of the foremost refrigeration technicians in the country.

Moore said he was delighted to take on the project.

"Large sports facilities are very near and dear to my heart," Moore said. "I've been kind of hoping we could be affiliated with this project since it first became public."

Moore is no stranger to Penn State, as Battista recruited his son, Brian, to play with the university's club team, the Icers. While his son ended up playing at Division I Bowling Green, the ties to Penn State were made.

The refrigeration technician said his work began with ice arenas 25 years ago, and he and his partner Joel Anderson have worked on more than 200 ice sheets.

As for the championship ice, Moore said its creation is his passion.

"We've learned how to do it properly, and we've learned what's important about it," Moore said. "We know what effects the conditions of the ice and whether it's fast or slow."

Moore said the ice system will consist of more than 100 moving parts. He will work to create the most efficient refrigeration units possible that will also be functional year-round.

"We recognize that Penn State wants the best ice in the country," Moore said. "We think we can bring that."

With Moore on board, Crawford moved to complete the team.

His team contacted architect Allen Kachel from Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, and invited him to join the pursuit of those rights.

Bohlin Cywinski Jackson has worked with Penn State numerous times in the past, including the designs of the new Biobehavioral Health Building on which construction just started.

Kachel said the firm has a high familiarity with the campus and the facility supervisors, and was excited to get involved.

"It's a project that we honestly couldn't have pursued without them," Kachel said. "We were really thrilled that they invited us to be part of their team."

He said the firm brings a unique design style, looking at each project individually.

"We really look hard at the nature of each project and the nature of each campus and try to design a project that relates to that circumstance which is something that I know Penn State is really interested in," Kachel said.

Office of the Physical Plant Project Manager Marv Bevan Jr. said the university will now interview construction managers.

Once a decision is made, the architects, construction team and members from the university will have a kickoff meeting on Nov. 30. It will be the first time the three components come together and begin working on the design.

Bevan said expectations are high for the architects.

"Our vision is that they will design and construct the best collegiate ice arena in the country," Bevan said.

With expectations so high, Moore said they will rely on the team they've created to get the job done successfully.

"The ability to create a building that looks stunning on the outside and equally stunning on the inside takes the whole team," Moore said.

Kachel said in the end, the goal is simple.

"We want to give Penn State the best collegiate hockey building in the country, one that sits on Penn State's site, is identifiable, and sustainable," Kachel said. "A building of this magnitude will be a significant challenge, but I'm confident we can get the job done."

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