

NEWS IN BRIEF

Harlem Globetrotters to play at BJC

Tickets for the Harlem Globetrotters show will go on sale Monday, Nov. 22. The event will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Bryce Jordan Center. Prices range from \$18 to \$41. Courtside VIP seating will also be available. The Globetrotters, an exhibition basketball team known for combining their athleticism with comedy, will take the court as part of their 4 Times the Fun World Tour. The tour will also include appearances by entertainers such as Showman "Big Easy" Lofton, who appeared on the CBS show "The Amazing Race."

WWE RAW tickets available Saturday

Tickets will go on sale for the World Wrestling Entertainment RAW World Tour at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20. Prices range from \$25.20 to \$59.95. The event will take place Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bryce Jordan Center. Tickets may be purchased at the Bryce Jordan Center box office or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Professional wrestlers including John Cena, Randy Orton, Melina and The Miz will appear.

Lecturer highlights injustice in Africa

As a native of Uganda, Columbia University professor Mahmood Mamdani shared his opinions and insight Thursday night about African human rights, violence, conflict and its possible solutions to a crowded room of faculty and students. Mamdani's lecture "Human Rights: The African Experience and the Way Forward" was presented in the Nittany Lion Inn as part of the 2010 Nelson Mandela Lecture Series.

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Penn State professor Ti-Cheng Chang will be giving a lecture entitled "Transcriptome of the Bovine Y Chromosome" at 11 a.m. in 324 Agricultural Science and Industries Building. The event will be hosted by the Department of Dairy and Animal Science. Call 814-865-7638 for more information.

University of Wisconsin professor Claudio Gratton will be giving a lecture entitled "Midge Madness! Quantifying Linkages Between Lake and Land" at 11:15 a.m. in 107 Forest Resources Building. The event will be hosted by Gary Felton of the Department of Entomology. Call 814-865-1895 or visit http://ento.psu.edu for more information.

Penn State professor Caroline Smith will be giving a lecture entitled "Regional Sweat Rates in Human" at 11:15 a.m. in 127 Noll Laboratory, with video-conferencing in room CG628 at the College of Medicine. The event will be hosted by the Department of Kinesiology. Call 814-865-3453 for more information.

University of Southern California professor Itzhak Bars will be giving a lecture entitled "Principles of Unitary and Causal 2T-Physics and the Implications for Space-Time and Universal Laws of Physics" at 1:15 p.m. in 320 Whitmore Laboratory. The event will be hosted by the Institute for Gravitation and the Cosmos. Call 814-863-9605 for more information.

University of Chicago professor Norbert Scherer will be giving a lecture entitled "Probing and Controlling Biological Function by Chemical Perturbation Spectroscopy" at 2:30 p.m. in 102 Chemistry Building. The event will be hosted by Tae-Hee Lee of the Department of Chemistry. Call 814-867-2232 for more information.

Junia College professor Ryan Mathur will be giving a lecture at 3:45 p.m. in 117 Earth and Engineering Sciences Building. The event will be hosted by the Earth and Environmental Systems Institute. Call 814-865-9910 for more information.

Princeton University professor Mansour Shayegan will be giving a lecture entitled "Electrons in Flatlands: Surprises Never Stop" at 4 p.m. in 117 Osmond Laboratory. The event will be hosted by Jainendra Jain of the Department of Physics. Call 814-574-7497 for more information.

Penn State professor Fuqing Zhang will be giving a lecture entitled "Flying Into Hurricane Earl" at 4 p.m. in 529 Walker Building. The event will be hosted by the Department of Meteorology. Call 814-863-8566 for more information.

Penn State professor James McCarthy will be giving a lecture entitled "The Social and Environmental Geographies of Boston's 'Big Dig': Preliminary Findings and a Research Agenda" at 4 p.m. in 112 Walker Building. The event will be hosted by the Department of Geography. Call 814-865-4562 for more information.



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Speaker dissects Middle East conflict

By Alyssa Bender COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Richard Becker says he's out to dispel myths surrounding the conflict between Palestine and Israel — and he elaborated on those myths at an event hosted by the Leftist Symposium and Students for Justice in Palestine Thursday night.

Becker, a writer and international commentator on the Middle East, based his presentation on his book, "Palestine, Israel and the U.S. Empire."

He said that though he's been to

the Middle East several times over the years for speaking engagements and research, he would not call himself an expert on the subject.

Becker addressed the factors leading to the Zionism movement and the development of Israel as a state.

During the lecture Becker presented a series of maps illustrating the loss of Palestinian land. He highlighted the 1947 United Nations Partition Plan, after which an estimated 750,000 Palestinians were displaced.

"They left because of terror,

unadulterated terror," he said.

While the conflict still has a large presence in the Middle East, Becker said he thinks a lot of progress is being made.

SJP president Heather Qader said she liked Becker's comparison of the current situation in the Middle East to apartheid in South Africa.

She said she hopes attendees took valuable information away from the presentation.

"Hopefully he wasn't preaching to the choir," she said.

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Slurs

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place, so I was disappointed at first and I was very upset and did lump everyone in a group like, 'Oh, they all must be racist.'"

When the couple returned home to Greensburg, Pa., they wrote a letter to Penn State officials and several local newspapers.

"I wasn't looking to gain anything from this," Baker said. "Except that hopefully in the future, because I said something about what hap-

pened, maybe it won't happen to anyone else."

Baker said she never expected her story to generate such a large response.

But in addition to the recent investigation by law enforcement, Baker said the response also included numerous personal letters from officials like Penn State President Graham Spanier, Associate Athletic Director for Facilities and Operations Mark Bodenschatz and football coach Joe Paterno.

Combined with the other well wishes she's received from the

Penn State community, these have helped to soften her nearly tarnished view of the school, she said.

And one letter in particular, Baker said, has been especially helpful in putting the incident into perspective.

"But like Mr. Paterno wrote in his letter to me — there's always going to be a few jerks," Baker said. "There's nothing you can do about it, and you just have to try to move on with your life."

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FedEx Field

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preparing for the next game," Lynch said. "And this has always been in D.C., this has always been in FedEx Field. So we've been prepared for it all along."

Asked to describe why the university made the decision in the first place, Lynch sidestepped the question.

"We thought it was the right decision at the time based on a lot of factors," he said.

Joe Paterno had a similar perspective, choosing to focus on the tactics for this weekend's game instead of where it's being played and why.

"I don't like to comment on what the other fellow does," Paterno said. "I think that they have a reason for doing it. I don't know exactly. I have not discussed it with them. I was

told that they were going to move the game to Washington, D.C., and I said to myself, probably, 'Hey, I wonder why they are doing it?'"

Paterno did mention the value of playing a game in the Washington, D.C., area, where Penn State has traditionally recruited well.

The trip home is special for the Penn State players from that region, but they wouldn't focus on why it came to be in the first place.

"You can't put a value on the experience of going back and playing in front of people you know," said right tackle Chima Okoli, who recalled fond memories of going to Redskins games as a child. "It's truly a blessing."

Playing games at NFL stadiums is nothing new in college football. But typically it's an annual rivalry game — Missouri and Kansas play at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., or it's a game being played at a larger stadium to accommodate

an influx of fans for an important game — TCU played host to Oregon State earlier this season at Cowboys Stadium.

Games are often moved for historical purposes, too. This weekend, Army hosts Notre Dame at Yankee Stadium, and Northwestern and Illinois will play at Wrigley Field.

For the Hoosiers, however, a move to FedEx Field — 648 miles from Bloomington, Ind. — makes a lot less sense, especially given their road woes. Despite an 0-6 record in the Big Ten, the three home losses have been one-score games, while the conference road defeats have each been by 28 points or more — including an 83-20 loss last weekend at Wisconsin.

"There's nothing I can do about it," said Paterno, who wouldn't get into the way Penn State benefits from the switch.

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Colvin

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and she has really interesting things to say."

Colvin's opener for the evening, Gregory Douglass, offered an indie singer/songwriter style.

He said he was excited to play and promote himself alongside a seasoned musician like Colvin.

"If any of you have heard of me, you're probably thinking of someone else," Douglass said.

"I'm an independent artist so opportunities like this don't come around often, and I'm thrilled to be here."

Douglass demonstrated skill at both guitar and piano and received crowd acclaim in response to his cover of Brandi Carlile's "The Story."

Poese said she enjoyed Douglass' style of playing.

"It was kind of slow, but very passionate and rhythmic," she said.

Ramsay said the State Theatre was a genuine venue to host artists like Colvin and Douglass. "You can't beat this venue," Ramsay said. "It's small and intimate, and there's not a bad seat in the house."

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Travels

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While an 11 percent increase in Thanksgiving travel may seem significant, it remains almost 30 percent below the 2005 peak of 58.6 million travelers, according to AAA's statistics. Despite recent increases in gas prices, the majority — about 39.7 million, or 94 percent of travelers — intend to drive, which is a 12 percent increase from last year, according to the AAA statement. The auto club also predicts the number of air travelers will increase 3.5 percent to 1.62 million during the holiday travel period — Wednesday, Nov. 24, to Sunday, Nov. 28.

Officials from the University Park Airport made an even more optimistic estimation.

"We are looking at about 5 percent more travelers than the past year," said James Meyer, Centre County Airport Authority's director and operational manager of the commercial airline terminal. "The heaviest schedule for us will be this weekend — we are doing 2,900 people for the week."

Meyer said he encourages students using the University Park Airport to arrive about an hour and a half before their designated take-off time.

But Fullington Trailways, a major bus company used by many Penn State students, predicts the number of bus travelers from State College will be roughly the same as last year.

"We have a captive audience. The bulk of whom we take home on Thanksgiving are students," said Milt Weisman, Fullington Trailways'

vice president of intercity coach services.

About 40 buses are expected to leave State College during the travel period, a similar number as last year, Weisman said. Each bus can take about 50 passengers.

"Students are still buying tickets — Friday is the big day (for ticket sales)," he said. "We keep a consistent price. It means whether you book it a month in advance or one day in advance, there is no difference."

Weisman said the bus company signed an agreement with LionCash this year, which enables students to buy tickets with their Penn State ID card at the bus terminal, but the plan has not been implemented on Fullington's website.

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Bars

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knowledgeable borough officials on liquor license regulations.

King said the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board devised a way to regulate the number of bars and restaurants allowed to serve alcohol in town several decades ago. The method takes a population-based approach, allowing one establishment per 3,000 residents.

State College is home to 38,866 citizens and therefore should only contain 12 businesses that have liquor licenses.

But savvy business owners can circumvent the restrictions — if they're willing to play by the rules.

Jennifer Zangrilli, director of operations at Dante's Inc., said her company obtained a liquor license in 1973 for The Deli, 113 Heister St.

Today, Zangrilli oversees the operation of eight bars and restaurants, including two that join the Deli on the corner of College Avenue and Heister Street — the Saloon and Inferno.

Zangrilli took advantage of the exemption that states that establishments can share a license if they're physically connected and belong to one owner.

Her three bars share a single liquor license, and Zangrilli isn't the only property owner in town taking

advantage of the opportunity to have multiple alcohol-serving establishments.

"You know how many licenses are on the corner of College and Allen? One," said Jody Alessandrino, director of the Downtown Improvement District.

That corner includes Hotel State College, the Allen Street Grill, the Corner Room and four bars that all exist under a solitary license.

King said PLCB records show that having an excess of liquor licenses is not uncommon across the state. In fact, every county has surpassed its limit.

But the limit on liquor licenses is not totally ineffective. It does prevent new licenses from being issued in the borough, meaning that any new restaurant that serves alcohol is the result of a sale or transfer of a license between business owners.

King said prospective business owners found a new way to receive a license in State College in 2003 due to another rule change.

The rule allowed a business to transfer a license between municipalities within the same county. While State College is over its license limit, other towns in Centre County are not, and can still be granted more licenses. For example, he said, a business could obtain a new license in Philipsburg and later attempt to transfer it to State College.

"It's up to the municipality that receives the transfer whether or not to allow it," King said, giving State College Borough Council the ability to create a list of limitations on any restaurant requesting a transfer.

Alessandrino said the most significant limitation the council has chosen to impose has been its mandate that 75 percent of a prospective licensee's total sales be food-related.

King said that ratio is one a family restaurant can meet, but bars cannot.

Most downtown bars' alcohol sales account for well over 50 percent of their total sales.

Since the regulations changed in 2003, three establishments have been granted transfer licenses: Rotelli's, Pizza Hut and Fuji and Jade Garden.

According to State College Borough Council records, during Rotelli's request for a liquor license, the council also limited the hours when alcohol could be served.

Alessandrino said the only way State College might see an increased number of bars, as opposed to restaurants, would be if a bar owner decides to expand into a neighboring property.

"It seems like the time has come and gone for people who want to open a bar in town," he said.

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