

NEWS IN BRIEF

Four guns stolen from residence, police said

Four guns were stolen from a Philipsburg residence last week after an unknown actor broke into the home through a sliding glass door, Pennsylvania State Police said.

The theft happened sometime between Nov. 20 and Nov. 25 at 3255 Casanova Road in Rush Township, police said.

The four weapons stolen include a 264 Remington rifle with a stainless steel barrel, a .22 caliber single bolt action rifle, a .22 caliber semi-automatic rifle and a 410 single shot shotgun, police said. A pair of Wolverine brand boots were also stolen before the actor fled the scene in an unknown direction, police said.

After entering through the glass door, police said the actor smashed the glass to another sliding glass door inside the home.

An investigation into the incident is ongoing, police said.

Burglaries reported in The Legend

Burglaries were reported in two separate third-floor apartments of The Legend, 246 Highland Ave., when the residents returned from Thanksgiving break, State College Police Department said.

An Xbox gaming system was taken from one apartment and a Dell computer was taken from another, police said.

Police are currently reviewing security footage in an attempt to identify the actors involved and how they entered the apartments, police said.

Matteo Smerlak, of Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon (France), will speak at 10 a.m. today in 320 Whitmore Laboratory. The Institute for Gravitation and the Cosmos will host the speech, titled "Bubble Divergences in State-Sum Models."

Penn State's Kokonad Sinha will speak at 10 a.m. today in 301 Steidle Building. The Department of Materials Sciences and Engineering will host the event.

Penn State's Jan Reimann and Daniel Thompson will speak at 2:30 p.m. today in 315 McAllister Building. The Department of Mathematics will host the speech, titled "Selection Rules: Part One."

Penn State's Roman Engel-Herbert will speak at 3:30 p.m. today in 339 Davey Laboratory. Nitin Samarth, of the Department of Physics, will host the event, titled "The Peculiar Magnetic Properties of Nanostructured Ferromagnetic Material Manganese Arsenide (MnAs)."

Cynthia Kenyon, of the University of California, will speak at 4 p.m. today in 100 Life Sciences Building with video-conferencing to the College of Medicine. Robert Paulson, of the Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences, will host the event, titled "From Worms to Humans: Genes Can Increase Lifespan."

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: Brown rice, chicken and cashew stir fry, French dip roast beef with au jus, macaroni and cheese, broccoli with roasted red peppers, Monaco blend, tater tots

Simmons: Simmons turkey club, pork barbecue on whole wheat bun, tabouli with whole wheat wrap, Thai chicken stir fry, baked sweet potato, broccoli florettes, brown rice, green beans and sunflower seeds, primavera vegetables, quinoa vegetables, roasted roma tomatoes

Waring: Greek salad, Asian pork barbecue sandwich, broccoli with roasted red peppers, grilled chicken sandwich, Monaco blend, popcorn chicken, quarter-pound cheeseburger, quarter-pound hamburger, seasoned curly fries, chicken and cashew stir fry

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: Bread dressing, cranberry apple salsa, cranberry sauce, grilled chicken breast, grilled vegetable, Israeli cous cous, island grilled fish, roast turkey, corn, Monaco blend, whipped potatoes

Simmons: Fresh fish with pineapple salsa, chicken and roasted vegetable pasta, grilled chicken breast, stuffed peppers, zucchini corn quesadilla, baked sweet potato, broccoli florettes, brown rice, green beans and sunflower seeds, primavera vegetables, quinoa vegetables, roasted roma tomatoes

Waring: Greek salad, baked parmesan tilapia, bread dressing, corn, grilled chicken sandwich, grilled chicken breast, Monaco blend, roast turkey, whipped potatoes, tomato beef stir fry



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Student governments prepare for weekend

By Kathleen Loughran COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments is making final preparations for the last Council Weekend of the semester, Dec. 3 and 4.

At CCSG's Monday meeting, members discussed two pieces of legislation that will possibly be brought to the floor at council.

CCSG President Mohamed Raouda said whether the legislation is brought up at council depends on it being passed at the

presidents' session on Dec. 4, when the presidents of all the Commonwealth campuses in attendance will meet.

The first possible piece of legislation will endorse the formation of the Pennsylvania Student Association on behalf of CCSG, if passed. In addition, the presidents will discuss "finalizing a contract with campuses to be able to provide standardized testing for students," Raouda (senior-history and international politics) said.

He added that they will also talk about whether they prefer Kaplan

or Princeton for the services.

At the Monday night meeting, members also spoke about the library student advisory board's next meeting on Thursday.

CCSG Caucus Overall Sean Goheen said the board plans to brainstorm names for the new search engine, possible furniture for the library and the application for mobile phones.

CCSG members also discussed finalizing agendas so they can be posted online in time for Council.

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Fraser

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came at the wrong time just as he was beginning to sell units, so I realize that was a difficult time to get commitments."

Council president Ron Filippelli agreed, noting the recession's effect on the project.

"I am in favor of making accommodations that do not result in a loss of revenue for the borough," he wrote in an e-mail. "The project is still very important for State College."

If the developer is granted the extension, he will have to pay interest on the amount in question,

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State College Borough Council member

council member Theresa Lafer said.

The delay, she said, would not negatively affect the project.

"Other delayed developments in the region are just now being financed, and are scheduled to start over the next few months," she said. "I think that the slow improvement in the overall financial situation will work in favor of

this development as well."

If the council approves an extension, Susquehanna would work to get construction started before the new deadline, Kay said.

"Our overall objective is to have sufficient commitments on the project to start construction," he said.

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Wendkos

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greek stance against dangerous drinking during State Patty's Day.

Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Director Roy Baker said he has watched Wendkos develop and mature as a leader who delegated between the university and his greek constituents.

"Max was certainly not a puppet of the university administration," Baker said. "He has had no difficulty letting us know when he did not agree with us and has his own ideas of what needed to be done and how he was going to reach his goals."

Wendkos said he only has one regret. In late January, only about two months into his presidency, he sent an e-mail that blew up into something he never expected.

Sending a message to all the fraternity presidents about a university-sponsored alcohol survey, Wendkos asked fraternity presidents to caution fraternity members about their responses.

"I regretted it, apologized for it and learned from it," Wendkos said

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Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Director

of last fall's experience. "It was not my intention to tell them to give untrue answers."

From creating some unpopular policies to implementing new agendas for greek life, Wendkos has been under public scrutiny for almost a full year.

And though he knows he's constantly being watched and often times judged, Wendkos said he's taken the negative feedback throughout his term and turned it into a positive learning experience.

"I fully understood the criticism I would face when I ran for this position," he said.

But for Wendkos, it's not important to be remembered by those policies.

Though there were facets of his term that he worked hard to achieve, Wendkos said he had one main goal all along: to be a leader

who would stand up for greek life, stand behind the members and support them at all times.

He said there were definitely disagreements over what was best for the greek community — which often created misconceptions about who he was as a leader and a person.

But with the end drawing near, Wendkos said he's thinking more about the final days of his college career.

Leaving behind his school, his legacy and his fraternity house, he said it'll be hard to say goodbye but he's ready for whatever the future holds.

"A fraternity is a lifelong commitment and I know I'll see these guys again," he said. "Hopefully they'll be at my wedding someday."

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Football

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The honor comes almost a week after the College Sports Information Directors of America named the senior an ESPN Academic All-American last Tuesday. Wisniewski became the program's first three-time academic All-American.

Wisniewski was an instrumental player on the offensive line this season. He and right tackle Lou Eliades were the only returning full-time starters on the offensive line coming into 2010.

After Eliades tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee during the Sept. 25 Temple win, Wisniewski took on a bigger role alongside right tackle Chima Okoli. Wisniewski is also known for his ability to play center. The senior made a smooth transition to the position just two weeks ago against Indiana, when center Doug Klopacz left the game with an injury to his left ankle.

In addition to his uncle, Wisniewski's father, Leo, also played at Penn State as a nose tackle from 1978-1981. Steve said the Wisniewski family has taken more from Penn State than they

could ever give back. Wisniewski, as with his recent accolade, puts the legacy in high regard.

"Even walking around our football building, like I see my uncle's picture every day on the All-American wall," Wisniewski said in last week's conference call. "I walk by my dad and my uncle's name on the lettermen wall, and it just kind of reminds me that I'm part of a Wisniewski tradition that's been going on here for a long time. It's been a privilege to be a part of it and just try to add to the legacy that they started."

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Borough

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College's rankings more significantly than a city with a higher crime rate.

"If you have 10 crimes and you have 11 the next year, you've gone up 10 percent — but if you have 100 crimes and you have 1, you've only gone up 1 percent," King said.

While State College Borough Manager Tom Fontaine said the police department is kept busy with incidents involving property

damage or alcohol abuse, it's still a fairly safe place to live.

"Certainly there are a number of issues," Fontaine said. "But overall it's still newswier when a serious crime occurs."

And when it comes to safety in the community, King said the favorable ranking can be attributed to State College's relative economic security — compared with other metropolitan areas — and the pride both students and permanent residents take in their town.

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State College Police Chief

their job, and when it gets low it's not just because police are doing their job," King said. "Everyone has a stake in it."

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Debt

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graduated in 2009 with an average debt of \$23,963 — nearly \$7,000 lower than Penn State students' graduating debt, according to a report published by the Institute for College Access and Success, which analyzed the average graduation debt per student from more than 1,000 universities in the country last year.

And Ohio State University students graduated in 2009 with an average debt of \$18,426 — nearly \$12,500 less than Penn State students, according to the report.

Penn State's tuition is the highest in the Big Ten — about \$14,400 per academic year — while Ohio State University students pay \$8,994.

But OSU received \$529 million in state appropriations, according to OSU's 2010-2011 current funds budget, while Penn State received only \$347 million total for all its campuses.

Similar to OSU's figures, Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.,

received \$534 million in state appropriations for the 2010-2011 year, according to IU's 2010-2011 official budget. Their students' tuition is about \$9,000 a year.

Penn State President Graham Spanier wrote in an e-mail that he has been doing everything in his power to increase Penn State's appropriation since he took office.

"I regret that we don't receive a higher appropriation, and I have made the strongest case possible for an increased appropriation for 16 years now," Spanier wrote in an e-mail.

"But I don't invest a lot of time whining about it, since the Commonwealth can only do so much, and higher education historically is not as high a budget priority in Pennsylvania as it is in most other states."

Penn State went a year without salary increases for its employees and requested an increase in state appropriations of \$17 million in an effort to keep tuition as low as possible, Penn State spokeswoman Annemarie Mountz said.

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need per student who applies for and receives aid through the For the Future fundraising campaign, which aims to increase scholarship funding, among other things.

But to make up for the \$6,900 gap per student would require billions of dollars on top of the already \$1.46 billion distributed in student aid per year, Executive Director for Student Aid Anna Griswold said.

Spanier wrote that he is not optimistic for the future.

"With Pennsylvania facing a \$5 billion budget deficit in the coming year, it is unlikely our situation will improve next year," he wrote. "Essentially, the state is shifting more of the burden of the cost of education to students and their families."

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