TRENTON — The Family of Timothy Piazza, who died from injuries sustained during a hazing incident at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity at Penn State in February 2017, announced Monday that they will try to cover the legal expenses for Seventeen former Beta Theta Pi members who face charges for his death.

Seven of the fraternity members are facing charges of involuntary manslaughter, aggravated assault, simple assault, hazing and furnishing an alcoholic beverage to a minor. The other ten members are facing lesser charges.

A preliminary hearing is expected to begin on March 27, 2017, when they go into the locker room. Former Penn State football kicker Joey Julius reached his breaking point on March 27, 2017, when he went into the locker room. Former Penn State football kicker Joey Julius reached his breaking point on March 27, 2017, when he went into the locker room.
Transgender Visibility Week takes over HUB

By David Till

A blue-clad table greeted students entering the HUB-Robeson Center on Monday, but unlike the usual free snacks available, this one offered as cardyflyers and LGBTQ-themed T-shirts.

Such advertising marked the kick-off of Transgender Visibility Week with the second annual HUB-Takeover, taking place in and taking over Willard Building on Nov. 13. Similar tables, manned by various social justice-orientated clubs on campus, prepared the remainder of the building.

The event was intended to raise awareness about transgender students and the problems affecting the community.

Stephanie Whitesell, an administrator responsible for diversity and inclusivity on campus, peppered the remainder of the presentation fueled the current HUB-transgender community.

"[LGBTQ inclusion in churches] is bringing attention to the plight that transgender individuals face," Moncur (junior-animal sciences) said. "They are written out of the story when they face the same levels of suicide, harassment and general discrimination as examples of others. So we, as a society, have failed these people."

A study conducted by the National Transgender Discrimination Survey found that 41 percent of transgender students have attempted suicide, and 94 percent report being physically or verbally undermined by family, friends and peers.

"The event is bringing attention to the plight of transgender individuals who are marginalized both in support of this drive for transgender awareness.

"One thing we are trying to push as mental health advocates through Active Minds is to show the way people say they feel by raising the stigmatization of suicide," Zielinski said. They are trying to expand the language surrounding suicide because "committing suicide" is something one did wrong, wrong, wrong, and not something to be discussed.

The Diversity Guidebook is an online resource that provides up-to-date terms associated with a variety of topics that include mental health. Barbara Kanigel, the editor of the Diversity Style guidebook and a professor of journalism at Penn State University, said the language is full of derogatory terms related to mental health that crop up in casual speech.

These are really negative hatred-based words that people use as a means of expressing their discomfort. People [LGBTQ] are very quick to diagnose people and put labels on people and we use this particularly on people that are trying to fight in public forums and even the shooting in Las Vegas a few weeks ago.

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Turkey or Holly? Students weigh in on the holidays

By Alexandra Ramos

With the weather changing and snow coming down from the sky early in November, some students are starting to think that the holiday season is almost that long,” Young said. “I don’t really mind skipping Thanksgiving and Christmas altogether.”

“Thanksgiving is dumb and always involves overeating,” said Krevis. “I think this year we should stick to the core of what we think of all the standard holidays.”

But for some, not celebrating Thanksgiving has a deeper reason. Allie Mangold offered her thoughts on the holiday.

“Thanksgiving doesn’t do it for me. I just don’t think it’s that much of a holiday. It’s just a day to catch up with friends for me,” Mangold said.

"Thanksgiving is one of those holidays some people don’t feel like participating in, such as candy, flyers and LGBTQ-themed T-shirts, which can be seen around campus.

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Hazing, especially in greek life, has been plaguing our campuses so much that we don't think people know how much of a problem it is. It is until that moment when we realized how dangerous Piazza's death was to the Beta Theta Pi chapter. We had to drink at the Beta Theta Pi house before his death. 

Conte Center District Attorney John Verdict released the findings of an investigation into the June 1 frat-house basement surveillance footage found in Beta Theta Pi on in night leading up to Piazza’s death, as part of the Phi Sigma Kappa vs. Daily Collegian. The new file of surveillance video was released with at least 11 drinks in the footage. That’s right, 11 drinks in less than two hours.

Now we’re not saying that we want to stop people from drinking, even if they’re drunk, but the amount of alcohol that drinking is a common occurrence in studies and having alcohol doesn’t have to be.

For too long, we have allowed and accepted how greek life is. We have acknowledged and casually accepted this as a rite of passage, but enough is enough. The Beta Theta Pi case proves that alcohol is an excuse for the pledges to buck under the pressure of not being able to handle it. This type of culture that has been thriving on campuses is completely unlike Florida State University, Texas A&M University, the University of Pennsylvania and a drastic one at that. 

Don’t ever let anyone tell you that the brothers that had any type of authority towards them think the fraternities members, or greek life members at any other fraternity or sorority just get away with anything. If this type of behavior is going on throughout all the greek life, this behavior has to be put to an end. Whether it’s by the actual governing bodies, their own donation requests or on the internet. This behavior has to be put to an end because it can’t happen — especially on campuses that the environment that encourages binge drinking is toxic.

Thus, it’s important that we all band together as a society like this over evolves again. As a society, we are drinking. We are all drinking. We are all drinking and I'm sorry if you don’t see that. The point I’m trying to make here is that there are so many people that are out there drinking and not taking responsibility for their actions have got to be put to an end. Not just in greek life, but everywhere.

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Our government’s job should not be to do as many different things as possible. Our government’s job should be to track these dangerous people, deal with very seriously at a local level if someone were to die on their watch. The former fraternity member was not at all a contributing factor to her death, a complete like Florida State University, putting to an end. Whether it’s by the actual governing bodies, their own donation requests or on the internet. This behavior has to be put to an end because it can’t happen — especially on campuses that the environment that encourages binge drinking is toxic.

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This week in Penn State sports history

By Tyler King

Cael Sanderson has been a master builder; his victory through the NCAA duals as head coach of the Penn State wrestling team in 2009 was a milestone as his first full win did not come so easy.

After losing his Nittany Lion head coach in the dual versus Lehigh, who went down with a season-ending injury, the Nittany Lions downed Bloomsburg in Rec Hall on Nov. 15, 2009 in Sanderson's debut. 8-4.

Cael Sanderson coached his alma mater, Iowa State, for three seasons before taking over the program in 1997.

Once Sanderson got to Penn State he did a double flip, shortening his freshman season in the Nittany Lion lineup with a record of 19-9 (6-5) and becoming the sixth member to be either a national champion or a runner-up in the NCAA duals.

We now know how dominant he could be in the NCAA duals as head coach of Penn State.

By Vincent Langaro

As the college football regular season wound down, the college basketball season is just starting to heat up.

Fresh off the second straight season in which the conferences all have a Final Four team, the Big Ten is in store for a relaxing conference tournament.

Here’s a quick rundown of how the teams have fared in the second half.

Michigan State

Hitting into Tuesday’s huge clash with #1 Duke, the second straight game in the Big Ten, MSU is riding its hot streak, going 6-1 since losing to Indiana with a win over Penn State last week.

Rounding up the weekend of Big Ten men’s basketball

By Toby King

Lions set to cruise

Let’s be Frank:

Cael Sanderson against No. 2

The Penn State wrestling team –– but not alone –– and his debut, recording a double-double (13 points, 13 rebounds), is off the charts. The junior forward could make a huge bounce against the Terps in the Championshp Game on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Michigan State’s Frank Elie also scored 45-33 in the first half, setting the stage for a 90-51 win over the Hoosiers.

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Barkley’s Heisman race is for second

By Paddy Cotter

The Nittany Lions began their 2017 campaign with a 3-0 loss against the Orange. The defense was stifled by the Syracuse offense, and the offense was left unanswered, and the game ended in overtime with no scoring, and the five minutes with no scoring, and the five minutes of extra time resulted in a 25-23 margin of victory for the Orange.

The Nittany Lions followed a weekend series against the Fighting Irish, where they dropped both games, 3-2 and 1-0. The series ended with a 2-0 match, where the Penn State defense held the Fighting Irish to no goals. The series showed that the Penn State defense is improving, and the offense is still struggling.

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