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Weather

A mix of clouds and sunshine today. High 84°F. Partly cloudy tonight with a shower or t-storm in spots. Low 65°F. Limited sunshine and cooler tomorrow with a t-storm around. High 79°F.

- by Chris Patti



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Hershey, Geisinger merger not a cure for nurses

By JODI HANAUER Collegian Staff Writer

Reactions have been mixed since the July 1 merger of the Hershey Medical Center and the Geisinger Health System into the Penn State Geisinger Health Sys-

The mission of the merger was to "improve the health of the people of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania through an integrated system of health services based on a balanced program of patient care, education, research and community service," according to a news release.

Geisinger employees had a positive outlook about the changes from the merger.

Dr. Charles Maxinn, senior vice president for clinical operations of the Western region of the new system, said the changes did not effect any Geisinger physicians.

"The merger is positive because it preserves the Pennsylvania locally-run health system," Maxinn said.

"It also helps insure that Geisinger and Hershey Medical Center will continue to prosper into the future and that local HMO's will continue to be available to the citizens," Maxinn said.

have more secure jobs and a more secure health system because of the merger.

Some Hershey employees held a similar

"The merger not only benefits our changes, but offers more opportunities for everybody involved," said Steve Bortner, manager of public information for the Penn State Geisinger Health System.

However, not all of the employees of the newly-formed system are pleased with the

Some nurses are concerned the merger Maxinn said he and other employees of will affect their salaries, pensions, paid said.

Geisinger received no cuts in benefits, time-off, tuition coverage, health-insurance coverage and seniority rights.

Because of these cuts, many registered nurses took part in an informational protest on June 22 at the Hershey Medical Center.

'Yes, we lost benefits and are very upset because nobody likes changes," said Margaret McGinley, a nurse who works within the new system.

"Because of the merger, we lost one week of vacation time. Our contract was disrupted. Our pension plan was affected. And our medical costs went up," McGinley

Most of the other employees of Hershey are also upset with the reduced benefits,

she said The purpose of the informational protest held in June was to involve the community and let people know what is going on, she

Nothing happened immediately as a result of the protest but they are still nego-

tiating a contract, she added. McGinley did not go to the protest because she was out of town.

"We, as employees, work very hard, are very committed to our jobs and our Please see HERSHEY, Page 2.

Kenyan injustice target of protest

By TRACEY FOSTER Collegian Staff Writer

Stop Police Brutality. Bad Constitution.

Freedom. These signs were displayed by several children who took part in a demonstration to protest police and government brutality in Kenya at noon on Friday, outside of Schwab Auditorium.

Before a crowd of about 50, members of the Kenyan Student Association and other supporting organizations sent condolences to the families of the victims of violent acts of the Kenyan govern-

In addition to giving their support, they too time to voice their opinion that non-violent demonstrations and peaceful protests are part of a democratic tradition.

"Our people are no longer satisfied. They want good government government. based on solid democratic principle," said Jimmy Adegoke, presi-

During the month of July alone, 14 people were reported killed and hundreds more injured in pro-constitutional reform demonstrations with the police, according to the protesters.

"We thank God that we can do this in the United States," Wanjiru Kamau, a senior diversity planning analyst said. "Some of the things we take for granted are very important.

"If we were (demonstrating) in Kenya, we would be beaten," he added.

According to the statement issued by the Kenyan community at the University, "The use of live ammunition and other killer gadgets resulting in the death of at least 14 Kenyans sets a new record of police brutality in Kenyan histo-

The statement also urged the U.S. government to reconsider their support "for a regime that thrives on corruption and brutali-

"We all live in a global village where we are all connected," said dent Association.



Collegian Photo/David S. Spence

Activists stage a protest outside Schwab Auditorium Friday afternoon. Students in Kenya have been jailed for protesting the

Terrell Jones, deputy vice provost dent of the African Student Associ- for undergraduate educational

> "We must be as concerned with what happens in Kenya as we are with what happens in Philadelphia," he said.

> According to the statement, the National Convention Executive Committee and international observers have called for constitutional reforms and the repeal of the Public Order Act, which requires citizens to obtain permission to meet in public.

"This is a call, calling all people who love peace and justice. The constitution does not give citizens the rights that they should enjoy in their country," Kamau said.

According to the statement, the upcoming elections would not be free and fair because public gatherings and media access of oppositional politicians are restricted by the current government under Kenyan President Daniel arap

"When we have a repressive government, many people are denied opportunities," said Connie Ileko Mugalla, chair of the Kenyan Stu-



Collegian Photo/Timothy Gyves

A participant in the 12th Annual Black Moshannon Festival tries to cut his way through a log during the Cross Cutting event at Black Moshannon State Park Saturday. The participants were timed to see how long it took them to cut through the 10-inch log.

Log festival entertains tamilies, nature lovers

By KRISTIN WALPOLE Collegian Staff Writer

In 1983, a food concessionaire at Black Moshannon State Park, Philipsburg, set up four tables to exhibit and sell crafts.

Fourteen years later, that small craft show has turned into the Black Moshannon Festival, including competitive events, music, entertainment and, of course, crafts.

"We're proud of what it is now," said Shirley Pryde, the founder of the now-annual event. "It just kept getting bigger and bigger."

This weekend the park was filled with people enjoying the the cross-cutting event. The festivities of the 12th Annual Black Moshannon Festival. For some, it was their first visit to festival is a tradition they look forward to each year.

"I've been to this before and I out on the water."



Collegian Photo/Timothy Gyves

Matthew Killen, 7, competes in event took place Saturday.

love it," said Lee Muston, a Port the festival, but for others the Matilda resident who attended the festival on Saturday. "My favorite event is the log birling

Log birling, a competitive event that involves two people rolling a log floating on water, is derived from a dangerous but necessary job that dates back to 1840.

Men used to ride the logs downstream to prevent log jams, said Kurt Muston, park natural-

"It was originally done for money, but over time some men became better at it than others and it became a competition," he The object of the log birling

competition at Black Moshannon was for competitors to balance on the log longer than their partners and be the last one to fall off the log. Each pair had five chances on the log and the best of five was the winner.

Penny Eifrig, of Berlin, Germany, managed to knock her partner off the log three times in Please see LOGS, Page 2.

Cunanan evidence discovered

Andrew Cunanan, wanted by the FBI for the murder of Gianni Versace, left name and fingerprints in Florida pawn shop.

By TOM BAYLES Associated Press Writer

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. - Andrew Cunanan, already a most wanted fugitive by the FBI now being sought in Gianni Versace's killing, used his real name and willingly left a thumbprint at a pawnshop eight days before the designer was gunned down.

The clerk at the pawnshop, Vivian Oliva, said she followed Florida law requiring her to mail a receipt to Miami Beach Police for the gold coin Cunanan pawned. The coin is believed to be stolen from one of Cunanan's prior victims.

It's not clear whether police received that receipt or what they

"There are four copies of (the sales receipt)," Oliva told The Associated Press on Saturday. "One I give to the customer, one I put in with the coin, and the one with the fingerprint I give to

Cunanan also left a record of the name of the hotel where he was staying and a room number where he lived until the day before the

Oliva said records show the transaction took place at 4:42 the afternoon of July 7. She told the Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale that she mailed the receipt to police the next day.

She didn't talk to police until the day after Versace's killing, when she called to tell them about the receipt she still had. They confiscated the fingerprint card and the coin, which investigators said was stolen from Lee Miglin, a Chicago developer Cunanan is charged with killing.

Calls to the Miami Beach Police Department and the FBI by the AP were not returned yesterday. Cunanan, accused of shooting

Versace on Tuesday, is also the prime suspect in the slayings of an ex-lover and a former friend in Minnesota, Miglin and a cemetery caretaker in New Jersey.

Even before the Versace slaying, the FBI was receiving reports of Cunanan sightings from all corners of the country.

Now that his face is plastered on virtually every storefront in south Florida, the supposed Cunanan sightings are pouring in.

"There are just literally hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of sightings and bits of information," Miami Beach Police Chief Richard Barreto told CBS's Face

the Nation yesterday. Newsweek, in a story published today, reports that a Brazilian woman at Versace's mansion for an informal get-together two days before the slaying caught Cunanan

on video. The magazine also reports that security cameras at the News Cafe, where Versace bought magazines the morning he was killed, recorded Cunanan at the cafe last Monday about 30 minutes before Versace made his usual rounds.

Water authority urges conservation senior forecaster at Accu-Weather,

"We hope to avoid a

By KRISTIN WALPOLE Collegian Staff Writer

Although State College residents may be enjoying the sunny days, the escape from rain has prompted the state to issue a drought warning to 34 counties, including Centre County.

The State College Borough does not have a water problem yet, but must do its part to help surrounding areas that are suffering, said David R. Nevel, customer service administrator at the State College Borough Water Authority, 1201 W. Branch Road.

"It's not really fair if we don't try to help areas around us, like Lemont, who are having problems," he said. "That is why we are asking our customers to voluntarily conserve water right now," he said.

The conservation of water will in State College that could occur so far this month, said Paul Yeager,

situation like last year where conservation was mandated and we actually had to go out and enforce it."

— David R. Nevel customer service administrator

if the weather remains dry. We hope to avoid a situation like last year where conservation was mandated and we actually had to

go out and enforce it," Nevel said. It is not unusual to experience dry weather in the summer months, but the normal rainfall not only help areas around State experienced at the University this College that are in trouble, but time of year is 2.34 inches and the will help to avoid water shortages area has received only 0.35 inches

619 W. College Ave.

The area should receive some showers on Wednesday, Yeager

"But we've been so dry for so long that those showers won't make much of a difference," he said.

The water authority is asking its customers to voluntarily conserve water using common sense. If households and businesses can cut back on water usage by 20 percent a day they can save more than 1 million gallons a day, according to the water authority

Common sense methods of water conservation such as repairing leaks, taking shorter showers and not leaving water running while washing dishes and brushing teeth are all helpful, the water authority

The water authority also suggests avoiding the unnecessary washing of vehicles, streets, driveways and sidewalks.

Eight ways to reduce water usage:

Identify and repair all leaky fixtures and water-using equipment (faucets, toilets, washing machines, ect.)

Avoid non-commercial automobile and truck washing.

Avoid washing of streets, driveways, parking lots and sidewalks.

Reduce the number of toilet flushes per day. Take shorter showers and more shallow baths.

Reep bottles of chilled water in the refrigerator.

Use dishwashers and washing machines only for full loads.

Do not leave water running while washing dishes or brushing teeth.



Source: State College Borough of Water Authority news release