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Lifeline workers and paramedics tend to a victim at the Goshen Airport.

## Ind. man fires in factory

The gunman killed one and injured six before shooting himself.

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GOSHEN, Ind. — A man returned to the factory where he worked after a dispute and opened fire yesterday, killing a co-worker and wounding six others, authorities said.

A SWAT team later found the gunman dead inside the simulated-wood factory with an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound. A shotgun was under his body.

"All I'm aware of is there was a dispute, and he left the property and came back," Police Chief Terry Schollian said.

The gunman had apparently just been fired or was about to be fired from the Nu-Wood Decorative Millwork, police said. His name and those of his victims were not immediately released.

Six people were wounded, the chief said. Most were "walking wounded," and one victim in critical condition was upgraded to serious condition late yesterday.

As many as 35 were inside the plant at the time of the shootings, but most escaped unharmed, Schollian said. Earlier, the mayor and hospital administrators said they feared 30 to 35 people had been shot.

One employee called police from inside the factory to advise what route the SWAT team should use to enter the building, the chief said.

Tammy Funderburk of nearby New Paris said she spoke briefly by cell phone with her 18-year-old son, who worked at the factory and escaped uninjured.

"He saw the gunman coming and he had a big rifle," Funderburk said. "He saw the gunman shooting people and he ran out the back door as fast as he could."

The shooting jolted this northern Indiana community of 29,000 about 100 miles east of Chicago.

An elementary school kept its pupils inside and Goshen College, a small school run by Mennonites, told students and faculty to stay indoors.

# Taliban gives up Kandahar

Supreme leader Omar agreed to surrender the southern city.

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar agreed yesterday to surrender his last major bastion Kandahar to tribal forces and put himself under the protection of tribal leaders, Afghanistan's interim leader and a Taliban official said.

Hamid Karzai, the U.S.-backed head of a new interim government, told The Associated Press that an agreement had been worked out for surrender of the southern city and that government forces would enter today.

"Taliban have agreed to surrender Kandahar and to hand over power to me," Karzai said.

He said the agreement calls for anti-

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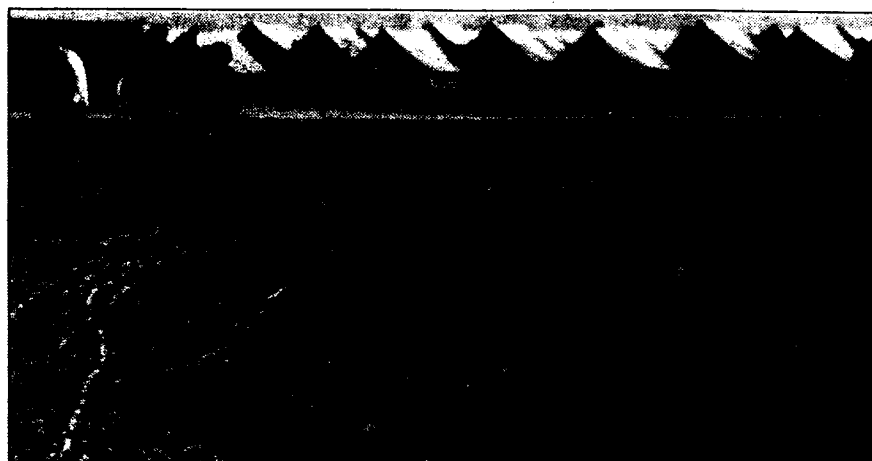
Taliban commanders Mullah Naqib Ullah and Sher Agha to collect weapons from the Taliban.

"I will not be going for a few days," he said.

The agreement was confirmed by Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Taliban's former ambassador to Pakistan, who said the Taliban were finished as a political movement.

"I think we should go home," he said in Islamabad.

Karzai said Taliban fighters would be allowed to disband and return to their homes. He earlier told CNN that Omar would also be afforded protection if he



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An Afghan refugee, one of the thousands who have gathered at the Afghan-Pakistani border, walks away from a UNHCR camp set nearby.

promised to "renounce terrorism" and that Osama bin Laden's foreign fighters would have to leave the country.

"They are criminals," he said.

Zaeef said Taliban fighters would begin handing over their weapons to a

local Pashtun leader, Mullah Naqib Ullah, starting today.

Karzai said he did not know the whereabouts of either Omar or bin

Laden, the prime suspect in the Sept. 11

attacks.

# Celestin expelled for two years

The assaulter will not be allowed on campus or at commencement.

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Jean M. Celestin, the former wrestler convicted of sexual assault, was expelled from Penn State yesterday for a two-year period, after which he will be able to receive his degree if he completes his graduation requirements, Penn State spokesman Steve McCarthy said.

Celestin will not be able to participate in December's graduation ceremonies, and will not be allowed on Penn State's campus during his expulsion, McCarthy said.

The sanctions resulted from a Judicial Affairs review, which originally was scheduled to begin in 1999, but was delayed at the request of the victim.

In October 1999, Celestin and former teammate Nathaniel Parker were charged with sexually assaulting a female Penn State student. After a trial this October, Celestin was convicted of sexual assault, while Parker was cleared of all charges brought against the two men. These charges included rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, and indecent assault.

The victim withdrew from Penn State before the conclusion of the 1999 Fall Semester.

Celestin was sentenced two weeks ago to a county prison term of six to 12 months. The sentencing guidelines for sexual assault convictions recommend a three to six year incarceration in state prison. His sentence was suspended in order to let him complete his studies this fall.

District Attorney Ray Gricar criticized Judge Tom Kistler's sentencing in the case and filed a motion to modify the sentence. Celestin is also appealing the decision.

At a press conference last night, See CELESTIN, Page 12.



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Assata Richards (graduate sociology) expresses her disapproval of the announcement of Celestin's suspension and of a statement made by Stephen McCarthy, vice president of student relations, afterwards.

## Victim expresses discontent with PSU

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Raised in foster care, her dorm room was the only home she had. A few months later, the woman who Jean M. Celestin was convicted of sexually assaulting found herself homeless after harassment made it impossible for her to stay at Penn State, she said, in an attempt to end her "silence."

"I'm tired of it. I'm tired of being quiet. I'm tired of being silent. I'm tired of letting these people walk all over me. And I'm tired of the negligence from Penn State," she said.

In October of 1999 during her freshman year at Penn State, the

woman reported an assault to the police that involved two wrestlers at the time.

Celestin and Nathaniel Parker were charged with rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual assault and indecent assault. Celestin and Parker did not compete on the wrestling team during the 1999-2000 season, said Brian Siegrist, assistant sports information director.

In October, Celestin was convicted of sexual assault and cleared of the other charges, and Parker was cleared of all charges brought against the men. Yesterday, Celestin was expelled for a two-year period, which prohibits him from being on

Penn State property, but allows him a degree if his course requirements are met.

The victim stopped attending classes in October 1999, and officially dropped out of school in December 1999. She said she faced harassment daily, and did not feel comfortable on campus.

She said comments "just to intimidate me" and hang-up phone calls were a few of the reasons she left school.

"When I was failing out of classes there was no point in continuing my education," she said. "I could not walk anywhere on campus without running into them."

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### Marines fire on Taliban

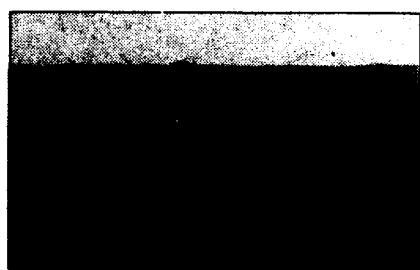
U.S. Marines went on alert late yesterday and fired mortars around their base in southern Afghanistan to repel what a spokesman said was "almost certainly" an attempt by Taliban forces to probe their defenses. | OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Page 8

### Body of KSU student found

Authorities yesterday found the body of one of three Kansas State University freshmen who disappeared after they went out sailing two days earlier. Their empty boat trailer was found at a yacht club and their shoes were found on the dock. | NATIONAL Page 10

### Women's hoops falls short

The Penn State women's basketball team lost a close game in overtime last night to Old Dominion 84-80. Despite sophomore star Kelly Mazzante's 37 points, the Lady Lions couldn't hold off a late charge at the end of regulation, allowing a field goal with less than three seconds left. | SPORTS, Page 17



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## Practiced Claus visits mall from N. Pole

By Mike Walbert  
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No one might embody the spirit of the holiday season quite like Edward Mostowicz — literally.

Christmas shoppers browsing at the Nittany Mall have undoubtedly caught a glimpse of Mostowicz, cleverly disguised as Santa Claus, as he waves jovially to young and old from his oversized chair.

Nathan Stratton, 3, and his sister Kimberly, 2, of Huntingdon experienced first-hand the magic of Santa, courtesy of Mostowicz, as their mother Stephanie looked on.

"He's a nice man. I asked for a choo-choo," said Nathan, as Kimberly quickly chimed in that she "wanted a dollhouse."

Mostowicz could only smile. "This is my favorite time of the year," he said. "I just really enjoy seeing the faces of the children."

Mostowicz, a true believer in St. Nick during his younger days, first appeared as his beloved alter ego 10 years ago in Long Island, N.Y.



Joe Brier/Collegian

Benjamin Bendahan, of Coleport, whispers to Santa Claus at the Nittany Mall.

"A recreation club that I belonged to had a group of Santas for young children during Christmas time, and I immediately volunteered," Mostowicz said. Soon after, he understood the power that accompanies donning the bright red suit, and he took on more jobs as Santa in his hometown. A father of five, Mostowicz also used

to perform his Santa duties privately for his children.

"They never knew it was me, making those times so special," he said. "But See CLAUS, Page 12.

■ Holiday decorating supplies around town are selling fast. | LOCAL, Page 6