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NEWS IN BRIEF

Police instate driving operation

State College Police, Ferguson Township Police, Patton Township Police and the Pennsylvania State Police are increasing enforcement against aggressive drivers under PennDOT's "Smooth Operator" program. Police said it was because aggressive driving is the No. 1 traffic

safety threat in the United States, according to State College Police.

The program began Sept. 7 and will continue through Sept. 21, according to State College Police.

It will provide extra funding for police departments to add extra patrols to target aggressive drivers, police said.

No one injured in Pa. campus shooting

INDIANA, Pa. (AP) — A man fired two gunshots into the air outside a dormitory on the Indiana University of Pennsylvania campus, but nobody was hurt and no property was damaged, police said

A student called campus police at 12:35 a.m. Monday to report that two men pulled in front of the dormitory and asked the student and a friend if they needed drugs, university spokeswoman Michelle Fryling said.

When the students declined, the men drove off and the driver fired a handgun, she said. Neither of the men are students and both live in the borough of Indiana, about 45 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, officials said.

The man who allegedly fired the gun, Christian Allen Berry, 19, will be charged with reckless endangerment, Fryling said.

The other man in the car, Shane Long, 22, will be charged with disorderly conduct, she said.

The Associated Press could not immediately locate telephone numbers for the suspects.

Campus police and university officials would not say whether they found a gun or drugs in the car.

Thespians hold audition for fall show

Penn State Thespians will be holding auditions for its fall show Once Upon a Mattress today in 316 Boucke and Wednesday in 311 Boucke.

Those interested must sign up for an audition time slot in advance on the sign-up sheet that will be posted inside the side door of Schwab Auditorium.

Those auditioning should be prepared to sing a song a cappella and a one-minute comedic monologue.

CAMPUS NOTES

Daniel Sudarsky, of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, will deliver a speech, "Could the Seeds of Cosmic Structure be the First Evidence of a Quantum Gravity Related Phenomena?" at 10:00 a.m. in 320 Whitmore Laboratory. The Institute for Gravitation and the Cosmos will host the event.

Jodie L. Lutkenhaus, of Yale University, will deliver a speech, "Nanostructured Polymeric Materials for Energy Storage and Harvesting," at 10:00 a.m. in 301 Steidle Building.

The Department of Materials Science and Engineering will host the event.

Kristen Fichthorn, of Penn State, will give a speech, "Accelerating Molecular Dynamics to Laboratory Time Scales," at 3:30 p.m. in 339 Davey Laboratory.

Milton Cole, of the Department of Physics, will host the event.

Andrew Melatos, of the University of Melbourne (Australia), will give a talk, "Gravitational Radiation from Accreting Neutron Stars," at 4:00 p.m. in 320 Whitmore Laboratory.

The Institute for Gravitation and the Cosmos will host the event.

Robin Newmark, of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, will give a talk, "Water Challenges for Carbon Capture and Sequestration," at 4:00 p.m. in 22 Deike Building.

Weather

CAMPUS WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST

Today: Scattered showers with a chance of a thunderstorm. High 73.

Tonight: Mostly clear with lingering clouds. Low 51.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny. High 69.

Tomorrow Night: Starlit skies, Low 47.

Thursday: Ample sunshine. High 73.

Thursday Night: Clear skies, Low 53.

Friday: Increasing clouds with a shower or two. High 75.

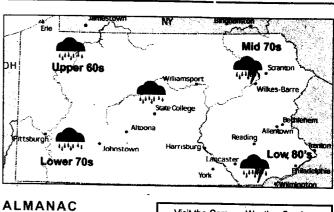
FORECAST DISCUSSION

After the last two days of warm and unseasonable temperatures, the forecast for the remainder of the week calls for a more "autumn-like" feel. An approaching cold front today will bring showers and a few possible thunderstorms across the region, so have an umbrella handy. Once the showers exit the area late in the day, this will usher in a drier and more seasonable air mass with

high temperatures close to the seventy degree mark. Wednesday

and Thursday will bring ample sunshine with a few more clouds on

Thursday preceding the next precipitous weather system on Friday.



Today's average high Record high . 92° in 1941 Today's average low .54° Record low 38° in 1986 Sunset today 7:31 pm Sunrise tomorrow . 6:46 am

Visit the Campus Weather Service: http://cws.met.psu.edu Comments? Email mbc5025@psu.edu Forecasters: Alex Matus, Jonathan Kegges Danny Stitely, Steve Grant, Alex Maldonado, Sean Mcfadden, Tim Judis, Dan Vecellio

Hurricane set to bypass Florida Keys

By Brian Skoloff

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

KEY WEST - Residents in the Florida Keys breathed a sigh of relief Monday as a fierce Hurricane Ike turned west on a path away from the low-lying island chain. But Gulf Coast states watched anxiously to see if the storm was gunning for them instead.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane residents to start stockpiling food, water, Center warned that, after passing into the Gulf of Mexico sometime tonight, Ike could make landfall in the U.S. over the weekend in Louisiana or Texas.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry pre-declared disasters in 88 counties to aid storm preparation and put 7,500 National Guard members on standby.

In Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal urged

batteries and other supplies.

"It is still too early to be evacuating certainly, but it is not too early to be making sure you've got food and water and batteries. It's not too early to be checking your car," Jindal said.

With the storm on a new track, Keys officials let an evacuation order expire Monday.

Zoning issues raised at council meeting

By Alex Weisler

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Plans for a proposed nine-story downtown hotel that could relocate more than a dozen local businesses moved forward Monday night as the State College Borough Council voted to reevaluate the property's zoning specifics.

The council voted to give the Planning Commission the authority to revisit aspects of the site's commercial incentive zoning designation --- a type of commercial zone that allows for up to 12story buildings (145 ft.) if they incorporate environmentally friendly designs, underground parking or other councilapproved features.

The property's shift from regular commercial zoning to commercial incentive zoning was approved in November 2007, borough manager Tom Fountaine said.

Local landowner Charles Herlocher controls the property in question, located on College Ave. between Sowers St. and Garner St - a stretch of College Ave. that includes such businesses as Yogurt Express, The Cell Block, Jimmy John's and Big Bowl Noodle House.

Plans for the site's conversion into an approximately 145-ft. tall hotel have been discussed since January 2007, but nothing is finalized, council president Elizabeth Goreham said.

After the council's vote, the zoning shift will now be under consideration by the Planning Commission, with a decision likely to be reached in the next few months, commission chairman Evan Myers said.

The Herlocher property vote prompted a larger debate among council members on downtown State College's desired architectural feel.

Council member Peter Morris said aesthetic considerations help make for a more cohesive downtown.

'What's wrong with Beaver Canyon in appearance is that the architecture is cookie-cutter," Morris said. "The buildings look as if they were designed by a bad computer program."

Goreham urged the council to consider whether the Herlocher proposal would jibe with existing properties. "Part of what I like about town is its

scale and sense of intimacy," she said. "A 145-ft. building is pretty tall."

The council must try to ward off developers interested in building "another sardine case for students" and focus on alternative development opportunities, council member Theresa Lafer said.

In his presentation to the council, Myers, of the Planning Commission, said his group decided not to change zoning requirements to allow borough residents to raise chickens on less than 10 acres of land.

The council also voted to have the commission consider reevaluating the zoning allowances for home occupations as they apply to dog grooming after receiving complaints about a Westview Ave. grooming business.

Collegian Staff Writer Mairys Joaquin contributed to this report.

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Though most of those who expressed concern over the policy said they underome oppos

accounting), who visited Sigma Nu on Monday, said the policy would lead to increased drinking in dormitories.

Across the street at Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, 319 N. Burrowes Road, Steve Winslow (freshman-business and ecostood why all-greek events would appeal nomics) said individual fraternities

ties, he added social events would suffer because of the policy. "You're going to have really small par-

ties," Guillory (freshman-petroleum and natural gas engineering) said. "No one's going to go." Patrick Lunney (freshmen-informa-

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Correction

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An article "Tennis team hires assistant" on page 6 of July 16's Daily Collegian incorrectly attributed direct quotes. The quotes should have been attributed to Lauren McCarthy.

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"I think the policy pretty much blows," Jeremy Fretz (freshman-business) said Monday. "It's kind of going against the tradition of fraternities just getting freshmen drunk. That's kind of the reason people want to join a [fraternity]."

Will Pancoast (freshman-communications), who said he plans to take part in greek recruitment events, said the new policy "excludes friendships" by requiring fraternity members to turn away non-greek friends at all-greek events.

Monday afternoon, six fraternity houses held events as part of IFC's first week of recruitment. At Sigma Nu fraternity, 340 N. Burrowes Road, recruits mingled with fraternity brothers and ate barbecue as a band played on the front porch.

Tim Liston (freshman-finance and

should decide whether to admit independent students to parties.

Baker said last week non-greek students don't have the right to attend greek parties, but added he would not support a complete ban against nongreek students.

Some students said they understand why the IFC voted in favor of the policy.

"It's true that it does put a damper on things, but I understand why they would want to weed out anyone trying to take advantage of the parties," Kinsey Hallinger (freshman-English) said.

The IFC is using fraternity social life to entice students to rush, Will said last week.

Though Jacques Guillory said the new policy doesn't bother him because he doesn't normally attend fraternity partion sciences and technology) said the process will help fraternities recognize serious recruits.

"It's good in the fact that they're actually getting people who want to be part of fraternities, and not just people who want to get wasted," he said.

Will said the IFC informed new recruits at an information session the policy "would possibly be in the future" for greek life.

At Sigma Nu on Monday, Max Goldberg (freshman-business) said he understood the reasoning behind the new policy but doesn't mind independent students attending fraternity parties.

"Independents are fun," Goldberg said. "They don't respect the house as much as the greeks, but they get the party going.

Charges

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tered a personal breath test and then took him to Mount Nittany Medical Center for a blood test to determine if he had been drinking, Penn State Police Sgt. Don Hazel said Sunday.

Harriott, 21, of New Haven, Conn., was

day, Joe Paterno said during his weekly radio show. Penn State sports information director Jeff Nelson said the dismissal was a result of a violation of team rules

Driving a 2007 Subaru, Harriott and a passenger were pulled over while sitting at a red light on Cherry Lane, off North Atherton Street, at 2:28 a.m. Thursday because officers noticed the vehicle's dismissed from the football team Thurs- rear license was expired, Hazel said.

The incident marks Harriott's third brush with the law during his Penn State career.

Harriott was charged with DUI last November after he was pulled over on North Atherton Street and registered a BAC of .16, police said. Harriott has since enrolled in the accelerated rehabilitative disposition program (ARD).

Last August, police also issued Harriott an underage drinking citation.

Drugs

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who had possession of the drugs. Once the investigation is complete, charges will be filed, he said.

Only Quarless, Wallace and Aristides A. Nova (senior-engineering) were mentioned in the search warrant as being at the apartment the night of Sept. 2.

Koroma and Evans were not allowed to play in Saturday's game against Oregon State University.

said he was not involved in the incident.

Although Paterno said Thursday Quarless would not play against Oregon State, he dressed for the game but did not see any action.

When asked by reporters Saturday why Quarless dressed after the earlier suspension announcement, Paterno said, "How'd he look?"

Wallace was replaced in Saturday's game by redshirt freshman Drew Astorino until the fourth quarter.

Wallace's only action to that point came on special teams.

Koroma started at defensive tackle in Wallace played because Joe Paterno the season opener against Coastal Carolina and recorded two tackles, while

Evans finished with two stops in the game as well. Evans was also a preseason All-Amer-

ican after finishing with 54 tackles, 12.5 sacks and 21.5 tackles for loss last season.Quarless has had an up and down career at Penn State, with prior brushes with police.

Quarless received an underage drinking citation two weeks before the 2007 season began and was arraigned on two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol and related violations in March 2008. He has entered an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) pro-. gram.

LGBTA

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When she came out she received support from Penn State's LGBTA community, and she wants to return the favor, she said

"I wanted to make sure I gave that experience to other people," she said.

Some of the groups, like Axis, are focused on social events, where as some groups are more politically motivated.

SpeakOut is "the more political of the queer groups," SpeakOut co-president Obama is the first presidential candidate

Josh Miller (junior-mechanical engineer- to address LGBTA issues in a serious ing) said. The group organizes the annual "KissOut" that encourages gay couples to kiss at the HUB on Valentine's Day

SpeakOut's co-president Alex Yates (sophomore-secondary education) is also the vice president of LGBT Students for Obama.

'If McCain gets elected we're all going to Canada," Yates said.

Yates recently became involved in LGBTA Students for Obama.

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Yates said LGBTA groups had tables at the involvement fair during the first week of classes, but some people don't feel comfortable in that setting.

"How many students want to approach that one queer table?" Yates said

It's easy for LGBTA students to feel like the odd man out, SpeakOut secretary James Habeeb (junior-English) said.

"You might feel alone. These groups provide a safe space," he said.