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Bands perform from last year's Movin' On, Last Stop and Celebrate State. Leaders are working to combine the concerts into one large event.



Collegian file photo

Students braved the rainy weather during last year's White Out.

Spring concerts could merge

By Kathleen Loughran
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Student Body President Christian Ragland has begun preliminary discussions with the top student leaders of three other organizations about combining last year's three spring music festivals into one large event.

Ragland said he initiated the conference call after the "idea of a collaborative festival was thrown out there" at the presidential

roundtable. Another conference call is scheduled for this week.

"We have started talks with various organizations, looking into the feasibility of one larger concert," Ragland (senior-political science) said. "Everybody was on board in trying to work together."

For last week's preliminary conference call, "major players" from the Association of Residence Hall Students (ARHS), the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA), the Student

Programming Association (SPA) and The Lion 90.7 FM all took part, ARHS' Movin' On Director Tim Haynes said.

Though there is not any money in UPUA's budget specifically allotted for a festival, Ragland said the student government would use "any money left over" if a collaborative festival was held.

"As of right now, I'm just excited that it's a possibility," Ragland said. "When I ran for president, one of the things I had in mind

was to have a big concert... Wherever the student government can fit in, I would definitely support."

Last spring, three festivals — each run by different organizations — occurred on the HUB lawn. Movin' On kicked off the series, followed by Celebrate State, which was organized by a group of student activists. Then UPUA and The Lion teamed up to throw the final festival, Last Stop. See **CONCERT**, Page 2.

Eleven linked to drug network

By Brendan McNally
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Police arrested 11 people after an April 2009 drug bust of a Penn State student led investigators to uncover a \$6 million drug ring that was distributing marijuana to four states.

John Murray, of Utica, N.Y. — the man who headed the drug ring — supplied then-Penn State student Paul Spara with some of

his marijuana, said Eric Shirk, spokesman for the attorney general's office.

Spara had fewer than 10 customers and supplied Penn State fraternities and apartments with large amounts of marijuana, according to a grand jury investigation.



Murray

Murray, 35, was charged Friday with two felony counts each of possession of marijuana with the intent to deliver and corrupt organizations, Shirk said.

He was also charged with one felony count each of criminal conspiracy and dealing in proceeds of unlawful activity, Shirk said.

Spara, who told a witness he was "majoring in drug dealing," had received 400 lbs. of marijuana from suppliers in New York when he was a Penn State student,

according to the grand jury investigation that was released in April 2009.

Senior Deputy Attorney General Patrick Leonard will try the 11 defendants charged Friday in Centre County, Shirk said.

Spara's court date has been set for Aug. 2, according to court documents.

He is charged with six felony counts of delivery of a controlled substance and two felony counts. See **RING**, Page 2.

Patrol car set on fire in arson

By Brendan McNally
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

An unmarked State College Police Department patrol car was intentionally set on fire and destroyed at 3:28 a.m. Sunday in the State College Borough Municipal Building parking lot.

It was the second act of arson on a State College Police Department cruiser in one month, the State College Police Department said.

Earlier on June 21, police found what they said was a homemade bomb burning on the trunk of State College police cruiser behind the State College Municipal Building.

Police said an officer noticed the fire and was able to extinguish it before significant damage was done to the vehicle.

The bomb was made of household items, police said.

However, the vehicle set on fire yesterday was completely destroyed and is now unusable, police said.

Police did not know if the two incidents are connected but said they are investigating whether they were.

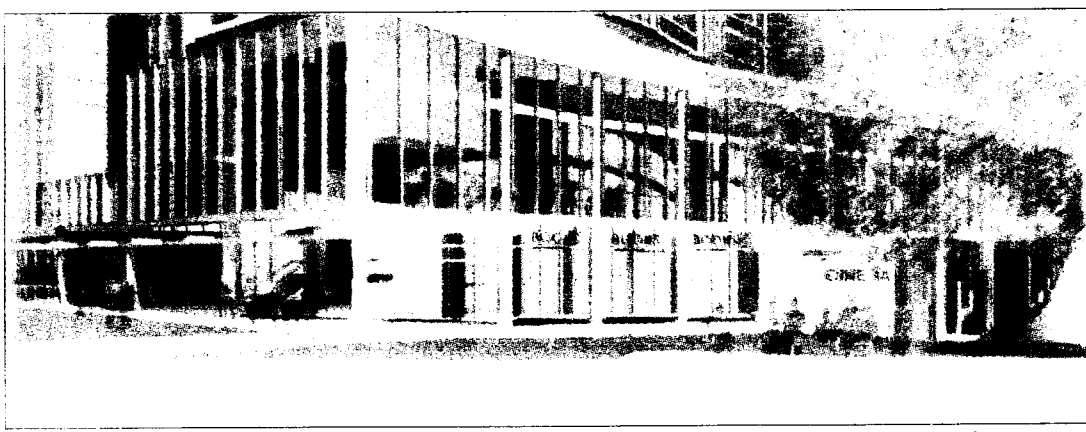
The fire did not cause damage to any other cars in the parking lot, but did cause some minor damage to a nearby fence, police said.

The Alpha Fire Company was called to the scene to extinguish the flames, police said.

Police did not say whether there was surveillance video of the incident but did say that the investigation is ongoing.

The fire was reported in a 911 call, police said.

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Courtesy of frasercentre.com

The Fraser Centre complex is expected to be modeled as such but is facing delays.

Complex could see vote soon

By Megan Rogers
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The Fraser Centre downtown complex is already behind schedule and will continue to face delays if the project developers can not pay the borough \$1.8 million by the end of the year.

The State College Borough Council will need to re-approve the Fraser Centre project if Susquehanna Real Estate does not file its payment to the borough by the end of December.

The contract between the borough and the developer requires they start construction by certain time or they may forfeit the ability to do a project there, State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham said.

At tonight's borough council meeting, the council will listen to a report from Susquehanna Real Estate president Jack Kay about the current status of the project.

Filippelli said Susquehanna Real Estate — the developers working on the complex — will

owe the borough money if the project is not complete, though. See **FRASER**, Page 2.

If you go

What: Borough Council Meeting

When: 7:30 p.m.

Where: 234 South Allen Street

Details: Webster's Fraser Center and discussion of zoning are all on the agenda.

Hiking destinations provide escape, adventure

Series note: This is first in a five-part series that explores unusual summer activities.

By Paul Osolnick
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A 650-foot-hike separates hikers at the base of Mount Nittany from a view of State College that dwarfs even massive structures like Beaver Stadium.

Hiking Mount Nittany isn't just a hobby for many Penn State students, it's a rite of passage that many people say all students



should experience before leaving Happy Valley.

"One of those things you're supposed to do before you graduate Penn State is go hike Mount Nittany," Mount Nittany Conservancy president Vince Verbeke said.

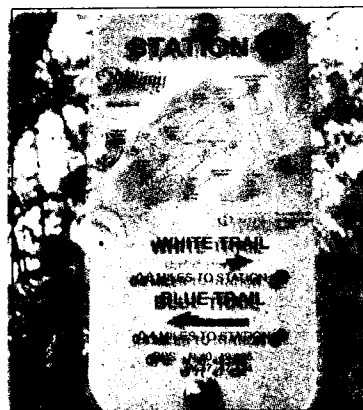
The 2,000-foot high section of the Appalachian mountain range

provides students with a vigorous hike from the base of the trails to the peak of the mountain, Verbeke said.

"Once you get to the top, both the trails are pretty easy," Verbeke said. "It's a question of getting up to the top."

Verbeke said that even though spring is the most popular time for students to hike on the mountain, students, families and hiking groups use the trails frequently during the summer.

Mount Nittany consists of two trails — blue and white — which See **HIKING**, Page 2.



Courtesy of mtnittany.org

The trail choices at Mount Nittany.

PSU drops event

White House game will not occur over the 2010 college football season.

By Zach Geiger
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Come to Beaver Stadium, but wear whatever color you want: There is no White House game scheduled for the 2010 Penn State football season.

A ticket misprint showed the September 25 Penn State v. Temple game as the White House game for 2010.

But a White House game was never actually scheduled for the 2010 football season. Paternoville President Alex Cohen said.

"Honestly, it was just a ticket misprint," Cohen (senior-marketing) said. "There was no White House planned for this year."

Even with no White House game scheduled, fans should still get excited and can still wear white to the game, Associate Athletic Director Greg Myford said.

The White House game is different from a Whiteout, Cohen said. In a White House game, the entirety of Beaver Stadium is encouraged to dress in all white for the game — not just the student section, Cohen said.

The physical football tickets depict the September 25 game as being the "Whitehouse, All-University, and Varsity 'S' Day."

The word "Whitehouse" printed on the ticket, including the words "Everyone wear white!" was a misprint, Cohen said.

The Penn State v. Temple game is still going to be the All-University Day and Varsity "S" Day, Myford said.

Even without the White House taking place on the Temple game, regular admission tickets will be made available to purchase for students at Commonwealth Campuses as part of All-University Day, when each commonwealth campus is acknowledged on the field.

Also, the students wearing different-colored shirts in the Varsity "S" Zone will depict a giant letter 'S' in the senior section of the stadium.

The decision to drop the White House game from the 2010 See **WHITE**, Page 2.