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One injured in argument turned violent

Nicholas Gundaker tackled and injured a Penn State student at 1:04 p.m. Thursday at the corner of Pollock and Bigler Roads, Penn State Police said.

The student got in an argument with Gundaker, who was a visitor on campus, and ran from the area of the Nittany Apartments, police said.

Gundaker chased and then tackled the student, who was punched in the face and suffered injuries to his nose and elbow, police said.

An ambulance was called to the scene, but the student did not seek further medical treatment.

Students caught trespassing

Two Penn State students were cited for trespassing at 1:34 a.m. Sunday at the McCoy Natatorium outdoor pool, Penn State Police said.

The students, Caleb Johnson and Michael Hobson, were also cited for underage drinking when police discovered they had also been drinking, police said.

Police said the pool is routinely checked for trespassers on summer nights.

Woman cited for disorderly conduct

A woman was cited for disorderly conduct after she threw a corn cob at a pedestrian she was driving by at about 6:13 p.m. Saturday on the corner of East Beaver Avenue and Pugh Street, the State College Police Department said.

The pedestrian was not injured in the incident, police said. Police said they located the woman after a witness called police to report the incident.

Two hurt in car accident

Two people were injured in a car crash when a driver failed to stop at a red light and collided with a vehicle in the intersection at about 12:40 a.m. Sunday on the 700 block of Benner Pike, the State College Police Department said.

The passenger of the striking vehicle and the driver of the car that was hit were both taken to Mount Nittany Medical Center with minor injuries, police said.

One injured in police shooting

PHILADELPHIA - Philadelphia police say officers shot and critically injured a teenager after he allegedly pulled a gun on them.

Police say they saw the 19-year-old man with what appeared to be a gun in his waistband on a street in the Frankford section of northeast Philadelphia at about 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Officers say he ran from patrol officers and pulled the weapon in a vacant lot. Police say the three officers told him to drop the gun, but he refused to do so. Police say the officers then fired several shots, hitting the man in the torso, and he was taken to Jefferson Hospital.

Boy killed in truck accident

BRISTOL - Police in suburban Philadelphia say a 5-year-old boy died after he was struck by a pickup truck.

Police say the accident happened just before 5 p.m. Saturday on Route 13 in Bristol while the boy was with his 7-year-old brother and his mother was in a nearby delicatessen. Police say the driver of the truck stopped and cooperated with police.

Brothers arrested in murder case

JOHNSTOWN - Two brothers from western Pennsylvania wanted in a shooting death last weekend are in custody following their arrest in the Poconos.

Police say 21-year-old Taevon Dixon and 24-year-old Jharon Dixon were found in a moving van on Interstate 80 in Tannersville early Friday. Both were wanted in the July 11 shooting death of 38-year-old James Pelham in Johnstown.

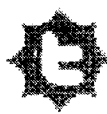
Authorities accuse Taevon Dixon of firing the fatal shot and have charged him with criminal homicide, aggravated assault, reckless endangerment and illegally possessing a firearm. Jharon Dixon is charged with conspiracy to commit homicide, aggravated assault, simple assault and reckless endangerment.

Man shot and killed in exchange

READING - Police in eastern Pennsylvania say an officer shot and killed a man in an early morning exchange of gunfire in Reading.

Police say an officer responding to a 2:36 a.m. Saturday call about a man with a gun tried to stop 26-year-old Tyrone Stevenson and chased him on foot. Police say Stevenson fired a shot at the officer, who returned fire and killed the suspect.

Theft: An unknown person climbed in through an unlocked bedroom window at 841 Southgate Drive and stole a Nintendo Wii and 10 Wii games valued at \$630 at 11:41 p.m. Saturday, the State College Police Department said.



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Blagojevich to testify in court

By Mike Robinson, ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CHICAGO — After promising for a year and a half to take the witness stand, Rod Blagojevich is likely to testify in his own defense at his federal corruption trial this week in a long-awaited duel of wits and wills with federal prosecutors.

Unlike in his TV interviews, Blagojevich is going to be under oath.

And the grilling he gets from government attorneys about charges that he sought to sell or trade President Barack Obama's former Senate seat is guaranteed to be

tougher than anything he faced on the talk show circuit.

"Barbara Walters is not going to be cross-examining him in that courtroom," says former Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey H. Cramer, managing director and head of the Chicago office of Kroll Associates, an investigative firm.

Taking the stand in his own defense, possibly as early as Tuesday, is a high-risk move that many lawyers warn could backfire.

They say that to have any chance of winning over jurors, Blagojevich must abandon his cocky demeanor and become the soul of humility,

admitting faults and apologizing but insisting he never intended to violate the law.

"He has to convince people that he knows he's a jerk and sometimes didn't work as hard as he should have and had a bad mouth and spent too much money on clothes and insulted the people of the state," says Professor Leonard Cavise of DePaul University law school.

"He has to not fight like the baracuda that we know he is," Cavise adds.

Federal spokesman Randall Samborn won't say who Blagojevich's adversary in the cross-examination duel will be.

White

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football schedule was made to increase the significance of the White House event and preserve the exciting atmosphere on game day, Myford said.

"The game has to have significance and the date has to work," Myford said. "There's a number of factors that go into it."

In a meeting earlier this year, Paternoville representatives met with the athletic department to discuss the possibility of a White House game.

But the meeting decided not to have a White House event for 2010, Cohen said.

"The Athletic Department should be commended for making the decision not just as the Penn State Athletic Department, but as Penn State," Cohen said. "They always

value our input as students — they want to have everybody's opinion."

The White House printing error was a simple oversight, Paternoville Vice President John Tecce said.

"It was a mistake," Tecce (junior-marketing) said. "The last two White House games have actually been on that same weekend vs. Iowa and Illinois, so it's easy to see how they made that mistake," Tecce said.

Students should still be excited for the 2010 football season and the events planned, including the student Whiteout games, Cohen said. One potential Whiteout includes the primetime game against Michigan, Cohen said.

"It's during Halloween weekend, there definitely will be a wild crowd that night," Cohen said. "The student section will be in full force that night."

With no White House game scheduled for 2010, the next White

House game is tentatively scheduled for the 2011 match-up between Penn State and Alabama.

"As far as all-stadium White House, we've been targeting 2011 for that in order for the all-stadium White House to take hold and have the effect we want it to have," Myford said.

The need to keep the White House game special was one of the reasons the Athletic Department chose to not include the event during the 2010 football season, Myford said.

Making the event a strong Penn State tradition was also important to Cohen.

"We always have a great home stadium — one of the greatest atmospheres in college football," Cohen said. "It's one of those traditions that a lot of people agree should be saved for certain games and certain opponents."

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Concert

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Though SPA was not involved in any of the three spring festivals, SPA Executive Director Zack Krieger said he has been a part of the discussions to see if it's something SPA would participate in.

University Park Allocation Committee Overall Chairman Mark Donovan said UPAC "would like to explore ways to facilitate" one larger festival.

Haynes (senior-energy, business and finance) said the talks are going

well and that he's interested in working together with other organizations to create one festival.

Zach Zimmler, president and general manager of The Lion, also said he thinks one larger festival is exciting because it potentially lends itself to "larger named acts" because there are more resources available.

"It's impossible to say if it will be better or worse because we're months and months out. You can just hope for the best at this point," Zimmler (junior-supply chain management and information sciences and technology) said.

Though Krieger (junior-bioengineering) still has to discuss the collaboration with other SPA members, he said he thinks one larger festival would work well.

"When you bring a large group of people together that all have something different to bring to the table, you might end up with something cool," Krieger said.

"We're trying to change something because of student opinion... not enough people happy in the past. People want a celebration at the end of the year."

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Fraser

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he did not know how much. Filippelli said he hopes construction is started before then.

Borough Council member Theresa Lafer said she believes Susquehanna Real Estate has sold "just about enough" apartments to begin construction on the project.

In April, Kay said the company would not begin construction until they had sold 75 percent of the apartment spaces.

Kay said they were close to meeting that benchmark at the time, but did not specify how close.

Since then, plans have been made to decrease the number of condos in the complex to install more office space and possibly even a boutique hotel, Filippelli said.

It's a smart move to reduce apartments and increase office space, Lafer said.

She said companies often complain they can't find office space downtown, and the Fraser Complex

will provide modern offices.

Lafer said she hopes to hear Kay announce a set date for when building will begin — and she hopes to see the company stick to schedule.

The most recent timeline for the project puts the date for groundbreaking by the end of the summer, she said.

Though there was debate over what should be built at the Fraser Centre complex, Lafer said what matters most now is replacing the empty intersection with something that will bring people downtown and provide a "cool" place for students to go.

A pedestrian bridge has been proposed for the complex, but Lafer believes that is just a suggestion that will not come to fruition, since it has not been presented to the planning or zoning commissions or the borough council.

Also at the meeting, the council will vote on a zoning ordinance that will affect fraternities on campus, council member Don Hahn said.

The ordinance will create standards for minimum yard depth and

open space on on-campus fraternities, he said.

The council will also discuss — but not vote on — ordinances regarding zoning in the West End district, Hahn said.

The State College Planning Commission has been looking into the West End redevelopment for the past few years and the council will discuss the latest presentation during its work session tonight, Borough Council member Silvi Lawrence said.

To cap off a busy night, the council will also vote on a resolution to support Webster's Cafe.

Joel Solkoff, a Webster's Patron, will present a resolution asking the borough council to support Webster's Bookstore at tonight's meeting.

The resolution asks the council to recognize the importance Webster's has for the community.

Borough Council member Peter Morris told Solkoff he expects the council to pass the resolution.

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of corrupt organizations, according to court documents.

He's also charged with one felony count each of possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, criminal conspiracy, criminal use of a communication facility and dealing in proceeds of unlawful activity, according to court documents.

From December 2005 to June 2008, Murray — who Shirk said was one of Spara's suppliers — distributed 2,000 lbs. of marijuana with a

street value of \$6 million between New York and North Carolina, Shirk said.

Spara established his connection with Murray through Anthony Cenicola, of Hamilton, N.Y., who is one of the 11 defendants charged Friday, Shirk said.

Seven of the defendants charged Friday are New York residents, but three reside in Pennsylvania and the other in Florida, Shirk said.

Spara received most of his marijuana from New York towns that border Canada, according to the grand jury investigation.

The marijuana was smuggled into

the country through an Indian reservation on the Canadian-United States border, according to the grand jury investigation.

Spara went to great lengths to avoid police detection, according to the grand jury investigation.

After receiving the marijuana, Spara would deliver it to others immediately so it was in his possession for as short of a time as possible.

He used a prepaid cell phone and changed his phone number on a regular basis, according to the grand jury investigation.

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start at about 1,350 feet and lead up the side of the mountain before leveling off around 2,000 feet where the trail leads hikers around the top of the mountain, Verbeke said.

The blue trail stretches 4.6 miles and the white trail 3.5 miles, he said.

While the trails share their colors with Penn State, Verbeke said the similarity is just coincidence and the colors were designated by the state due to the characteristics of the trail.

"I always thought they were named for Penn State's colors, and that's not true," Verbeke said.

In recent years, Mount Nittany has established a simple sign system to better outline the mountain trails for hikers, Verbeke said.

The sign posts are located throughout the trails and include a complete map of the trail, the distances between each marker and the GPS coordinates for hikers using GPS systems, Verbeke said.

"There have been signs up on the mountain before," Verbeke said. "But for a number of years it was simply the dots or blazes on the trees. Once you were up there, you really had no idea where you were on the mountain."

Verbeke said the mountain hiking trails are free to use all year around.

Mount Nittany provides students a taste of the outdoors, but it isn't the only place for hiking near State College.

Several state parks are located within a short distance of campus.

Black Moshannon State Park, located in Philipsburg, Pa., offers a less difficult hiking experience with

trails that are intended for beginners, Black Moshannon Park Ranger Mark Stone said.

Another location that provides hiking trails is Bald Eagle State Park in Howard, Pa.

"We have something for everybody," Bald Eagle Environmental Education Specialist Nick Thomas said. "We have very easy trails that are pretty much low paths that go around a relatively flat area to difficult mountainous terrain trails."

While these parks are further away than the more local Mount Nittany, these trails are still well within driving range.

"It's only about a half hour away," Thomas said.

"I think it's a little under-used. Bald Eagle State Park is sort of like a hidden gem."

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