

Police: three fires likely linked

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Police said an accelerant was used to start a fire at the back door of the Marine Corps recruiting office sometime Thursday night or early Friday morning — an incident they said is likely linked to two earlier arsons.

State College Police Department Lt. Chris Fishel said there is a "strong possibility" that the fire, which was reported at 7:33 a.m.

Friday, is related to last week's arson that destroyed a State College Police Department vehicle.

In the July 18 incident, police said a fire that was intentionally lit destroyed an unmarked State College Police Department cruiser at 3:28 a.m. in the State College Borough Municipal building parking lot.

Marine Corps public affairs officer Sgt. Lynn Kinney confirmed that there was a fire at the office's address, 242 S. Fraser St., but did

not say if she believes the office was being targeted specifically.

She said the fire was started through the mail slot in the building's rear door. The door is the entrance to an inner stairwell, she said.

Police said an accelerant was likely used to start the fire.

The fire quickly extinguished on its own and damage from the fire was limited to some charring on the door, police said.

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Arson Timeline

June 21: A homemade bomb is found on the trunk of a State College Police Department marked cruiser.

July 18: An intentionally set fire destroys a State College Police Department unmarked vehicle.

July 20: Police say the June 21 and July 18 arsons are linked.

July 21: Police say they identified and interviewed two men of interest in their investigation into the arsons.

July 23: A third arson at the Marine Corps recruiting office was reported to police at 7:33 a.m. Police say it is likely related to the June 21 and July 18 fires.

Fake twitter posts amuse

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The student body president elections ended months ago but presidential candidates Christian Ragland and David Adewumi are sparring again — or at least their imposters are.

As University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) president Ragland was declaring "no days off" for his summer campaign earlier this summer, a "fakeUPUAprez" Twitterverse. Ragland (senior-political science) said he doesn't know who is behind the made-up account but thinks the tweets are "cool" and "really good humor."

The fakeDaveAdewumi account appeared last week, and while Adewumi (senior-Spanish) agreed that the accounts are funny, he said they probably "could have come about three or four months ago" and aren't as relevant anymore.

When Ragland first saw the Twitter account, he said he immediately started guessing which of his friends was the joker. But he said he still has no idea who fakeUPUAprez really is — though he likes to joke that it's his vice president, Colleen Smith.

Adewumi has a few guesses, as well, but said he isn't too concerned with figuring out who the poser is.

"Ninety-nine point nine percent of students aren't going to come across my normal Twitter account much less my fake Twitter account," he said.

Though the fake Twitter accounts are clearly sarcastic, Ragland said they do a good job mimicking tweets that sound like something he or Adewumi would say — like inserting Ragland's "#nodaysoff" hashtag or the "TRL" initials modeled

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Fake Tweets

@FakeUPUAprez: "Praising the Ragland-Smith Crown #nodaysoff. Well maybe a couple days off... #watching the lakers. #By any means necessary"

@fakedaveadewumi: "Three issues I'm currently dealing with: Tuition, Ragland, and Lightheadedness. Or as I like to call it, TRL."



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Stacy Glen Tibbetts performs at the Webster's Bookstore Café, 128 S. Allen St., benefit concert Sunday.

Crowd supports café

Webster's Bookstore Café raises thousands for the local business' potential new location

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Although a little more than a week of business remains, the owner of Webster's Bookstore Café started a special benefit concert last night on a positive note.

"This might be one of the last huge gatherings we have in this space," owner Elaine Meder-Wilgus said. "I can't say anything officially, however in the next couple days I will hopefully announce the official new home for Webster's."

The crowd cheered and clapped to the news that their

efforts of fundraising and support would most likely pay off.

A silent auction and benefit concert was held from 7-9:30 p.m. at the bookstore last night to raise money for the bookstore which will lose the lease to its 128 S. Allen St. location.

"Singing a New Tune" drew more than 100 patrons and supporters to the bookstore, as many browsed for books and records or bought coffee from the café while listening to a variety of live music, instead of the usual recorded.

"It's so amazing to see these faces," Meder-Wilgus said. "This is what Webster's is, there's high

school students, there's little kids, there's people that have been my customers for 15 years. It's astounding."

The event featured several local musicians with musical styles and instruments as unique and varied as the people listening in the crowd.

Stacy Tibbetts, co-organizer and performer for the concert, performed a few songs he wrote including a new song never previously performed.

Tibbetts said most of the songs performed at the event were original songs written by the musicians themselves. The

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Pizza space could move

Beaver Canyon may rezone

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Even if the State College Planning Commission passes a rezoning of Beaver Canyon, students won't have to worry about losing the iconic Canyon Pizza, as restaurant officials say they'll likely just move elsewhere.

The proposal currently being discussed provides for an increase in student housing in downtown State College and would affect the 250-256 E. Beaver Ave. property, which currently houses Canyon Pizza and other businesses.

Evan Myers, chairman of the planning commission, said the rezoning was proposed by the HFL Corporation, the owners of the 250-256 E. Beaver Ave. property.

Matt Floravit, general manager of Canyon Pizza, said if the building was rezoned, the restaurant would probably just combine with its other Beaver Avenue location, Canyon Wings, 219 E. Beaver Ave.

While the re-zoning would force Canyon Pizza out of its current location, Floravit said restaurant officials have not talked with anyone from the planning commission, because any possible action is years away.

"This is all years down the road," Floravit said. "We haven't put too much thought into it."

Under the current zoning policy, Myers said if the area were redeveloped, it could only be used for two duplexes, which he said "doesn't seem to fit the rest of the area."

The rezoning options being discussed by the planning commission would allow for a taller building to be built that could house more residents, Myers said.

Myers said the possibility of a high-rise residential building increasing the student density in the area is creating concern among local residents.

"Permanent residents in the community are concerned about various student behavior,"

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Car and motorcycle show thrills visitors



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A woman examines one of the cars at the Last Cruise Car and Motorcycle Show.

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Stripes, skulls, and superchargers were only a few of the features adorning the cars at this weekend's 25th Annual Last Cruise Car and Motorcycle Show.

Held Saturday at the Pennsylvania Military Museum in Boalsburg, Last Cruise may not have attracted the largest crowd in event history but was still a success, said participant Bob Hufnagel.

"It was great," Hufnagel, Class of 1976, said. "The weather was

cooperative and we even had a nice breeze."

Attendance at the show was lighter than most years because of the threat of thunderstorms in the area, Hufnagel said.

But a large crowd was still on hand to check out the classic and custom cars gathered for the show, including Hufnagel's 1991 and 2008 Lotus Elise cars.

The first half of the day at Last Cruise is a competition, with the winner in each category receiving a \$250 prize, Centre County Youth Services Bureau Director of

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Canyon Pizza, 260 E. Beaver Ave., could move if the property is rezoned.