

## Officer found not guilty in crash

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A police officer was found not guilty Friday of driving at an unsafe speed in connection with an April 25 collision that sent a Penn State student to the hospital with severe injuries.

The officer, State College Police Department Sgt. William Muse, was driving a marked police SUV when he collided with Kevin Ignatuk, 21, in the early morning hours of April 25 on the 400 block of East Beaver Avenue, the State College Police Department said.

Judge Fred Miller found Muse not guilty in Blair County District Court on a charge of failure to drive at a safe speed.

Muse told police he was traveling about 30 to 35 mph at the time of the collision, police said.

The posted speed limit at the location is 25 mph, police said.

A crash reconstruction report issued by the Pennsylvania State

Police indicated that Muse was driving 36 to 39 mph, Pennsylvania State Police at Rockview said.

The collision occurred when Ignatuk, of Thornton, Pa., crossed East Beaver Avenue on his way to McDonald's, 442 E. College Ave.

Muse told police he saw Ignatuk suddenly cross the road and that he had "no time to react," police said.

After the crash, Ignatuk was bleeding from his head and had a severely injured left leg, police said. Police did not say what the exact natures of his injuries were. He was transported to Mount

Nittany Medical Center before being flown to Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa., police said.

Ignatuk remained in critical condition at the hospital for nearly a week, hospital officials said.

Muse told police he was able to put on his brakes but could not avoid colliding with Ignatuk.

Police said Ignatuk had been drinking prior to the incident.

The incident occurred the night after the Blue-White game. Police said Ignatuk's friends said he had been drinking before the game and later that night.

Ignatuk was charged with three

summary offenses in connection with court documents.

He pleaded guilty to public drunkenness and causing outside of a crosswalk, and causing a hazard while intoxicated, according to court documents.

Police did not say what Ignatuk's blood alcohol concentration (BAC) was.

Police did seize Ignatuk's medical records to determine what his BAC was on the night of the crash, according to court documents.

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Ignatuk



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Mel Meder, daughter of Webster's owner Elaine Meder-Wilgus, helps unpack books in the store's temporary location at 121 S. Fraser St.

## Webster's packs up, moves out

### Patrons say a temporary goodbye to their favorite bookstore

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Some of the bookshelves were empty, as were many of the chairs. The records were gone and the café closed early.

That was the scene Saturday at Webster's Bookstore Café, 128 S. Allen St., on its last day at that location.

The bookstore — which is currently relocating to 121 S. Fraser St. — lost its lease to the Allen Street location when owner fell behind on rent.

For 11 years it stood as a hub for book and music lovers in downtown State College.

It hosted benefit concerts, study sessions and friendly conversations. For many patrons, it was a connection to the community.

Like most days at the bookstore, the patrons frequenting the café or moving through the rows of books were of various ages and had various reasons for being there.

Jeff Kerby, a Webster's patron for about a year, said going to

Webster's has become almost a daily routine for him.

Kerby (graduate-ecology) said he comes to Webster's, gets a coffee, maybe breakfast and does some work on his laptop using the free Internet provided by the bookstore.

"Whether it's meeting people, enjoying personal time or doing work — I can go here and get it done," Kerby said. "I'm kind of disappointed it's not going to be here next week."

Even though the store's closing

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Boxes line a gutted Webster's.

## UPUA to wrap 'S' Book by fall

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Though UPUA is still wrapping up production of "The 'S' Book," the team in charge of reviving the Penn State student handbook says the project will come together in time for new students this fall.

Those who spearheaded the handbook initially sought to have it ready for distribution at the First-Year Testing, Consulting and Advising Program (FTCAP), but missed that deadline and are now aiming for fall.

University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) President Christian Ragland

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## Innoblue aims to rent property

By **Megan Rogers**  
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The State College Redevelopment Authority Board is discussing how best to put to use the former Verizon building downtown, and a Penn State student group says it has the solution.

Group Innoblue from the former Project Bluepill — presented their proposal at the board's July

29 meeting to rent the \$750,000 property and turn it into an incubator for local business and social start-ups.

Innoblue members told the Redevelopment Authority Board the building would be used to create an environment of networking and creativity where young entrepreneurs can foster their innovations and also start up local businesses.

Redevelopment Authority Board Chairwoman Vicki Phong

said Innoblue members told her one benefit of the group acquiring the building would be that more students may be willing to stay after graduation and develop their businesses in the area.

"It was a very interesting presentation and definitely worth discussion," Phong said.

David Adewumi, co-founder of Innoblue, declined comment.

Phong said while the board was impressed with the

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## Instructor forced to start fresh after art theft

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More than just art was stolen from her last week — one Penn State artist now has to start over after months of hard work, inspiration and creativity.

Penn State art instructor Erica Harney said she was preparing for a solo art exhibition to be held at Penn State Harrisburg when she stored some of her work in a room in the Visual Arts Building at University Park.

She came back two days later to find her paintings scattered around the room — four of them were missing, she said. Harney said the stolen paintings would have sold for about \$1,000 a piece.

"These [paintings] weren't just homework assignments that a student left," Harney said.



Harney

"This is my livelihood." Still, she said, those paintings mean more to her than just money.

Each painting took anywhere from several weeks to several months to complete, she said.

And now she has to completely rework her plans for her exhibition in September to replace the art — which she said is easier said than done.

"Now I have to change my entire plan," she said.

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Courtesy of ericaharney.com

Four of Harney's paintings are missing.

## PSU awaits results

### 'Party school' rank decided

By **Megan Rogers**  
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Penn State students will find out today if the university is still the reigning No. 1 party school in the nation or if it has fallen a few spots.

Last year, the Princeton Review ranked the university as the No. 1 party school in the nation — a title many students were proud to hold and the administration downplayed.

But some student leaders are saying there is no way that Penn State will top the charts again.

Interfraternity Council President Max Wendkos said he is convinced that Penn State has dropped some spots. But whatever the ranking is, students will not have as big of a reaction as last year.

"There are enough students that learned that ranking was more of a curse than a gift," Wendkos (senior-marketing and psychology) said.

Other student leaders said some students will react strongly if Penn State loses its crown.

University Park Undergraduate Association President Christian Ragland said the university is in a "transition" process.

Several incidents, like Joe Dado's death, increased reports of sexual assault and an increased alcohol-related incidents on State Patty's Day may have led students to come to the realization that the partying image needs to change.

Dado, a then-18-year-old freshman from Latrobe, Pa., was found dead in a stairwell on September 21, more than a day after he was reported missing after drinking at an on-campus fraternity.

Ragland (senior-political) See **RANKINGS**, Page 2.

## Rankings

Penn State's party ranking in the past five years

**2009** - No. 1

**2008** - No. 3

**2007** - No. 6

**2006** - No. 2

**2005** - No. 13

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