

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police: Man steals car, hits fence, tree

At about 3:15 a.m. Saturday, a man shattered a fence and caused a tree to split in half near South Fraser Street in a car he stole earlier that night from Balford Cleaners, 215 S. Atherton St., the State College Police Department said.

Police seize about \$24K in illegal drugs

About \$24,000 in illegal drugs were seized by the State College Police Department (SCPD) and Centre County Drug Task Force in two separate incidents that occurred only a week apart.

In the first incident, SCPD officers investigating a routine disorderly conduct call on Sept. 29 "developed information" that Azim A. Robinson, 23, of State College and Leonard Robinson, 45, of Philadelphia were involved in drug trafficking, the Centre County Drug Task Force said.

After obtaining search warrants for the pair's car and hotel room, police recovered \$14,000 worth of illegal drugs. The contents included 399 bags of heroin, 14 grams of crystal methamphetamine and 5.3 grams of marijuana, in addition to drug paraphernalia and scales, the Centre County Drug Task Force said.

In an unrelated incident one week later, two Bucks County men were charged in connection with the Oct. 6 seizure of 940.1 grams (two pounds) of marijuana with a street value of \$10,000, the Centre County Drug Task Force said.

The two men - John Keith Fogarty, 21, of Dublin, Pa., and Adam Michael Bogdnoff, 22, of Doylestown, Pa. - were stopped by police while Bogdnoff was driving a 2004 Lexus IS300 containing the drugs, the Centre County Drug Task Force said.

THON 2011 theme revealed

The THON 2011 theme, "Together Without Limits," was revealed during the Homecoming parade to mixed reactions. The theme was chosen to emphasize the fact that the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) is a community philanthropy that is continually expanding.

Students help recycle floats

Nearly 40 student volunteers gathered in the fields below Medlar Field at Lubrano Park Sunday morning to help deconstruct and recycle the materials used in the floats at this year's Homecoming parade.

Students, alumni bond over ice cream

Penn State students and alumni kicked off the weekend Homecoming activities at Friday's Homecoming ice cream social - eating a total of 130 gallons of Berkey Creamery ice cream.

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Correction

An article "Play warns against intolerance" on page 7 of Wednesday's Daily Collegian incorrectly stated information about a character.

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Stabbing

From Page 1. vodka, cans of Four Loko and water bottles filled with alcohol scattered through the parking lot.

Bassett said Saturday's party will be the last late-night event at the Knights of Columbus. To him, he said, the threat of more incidents like Saturday's is too dangerous to the organization, which is founded on a commitment to bettering the community.

"This is a black eye as far as the Knights go," Bassett said. "It could potentially take years to rebuild what happened in one night."

Nearly one day later, two more men were stabbed at about 2 a.m. Sunday when a fight involving dozens of people began inside 797 Lounge, 244 W. College Ave., and spilled out onto the 100 block of

South Burrowes Street, police said. One of the men, 21, was identified at the scene and transported to Mount Nittany Medical Center via ambulance, police said.

The second man, 22, was brought to Mount Nittany Medical Center later that night by his friends, police said.

The area surrounding 797 Lounge was a focal point for police on Saturday night. About an hour before the larger fight broke out, there were reports that a fight was already in progress outside of the lounge, but it was gone when officers arrived, police said.

At 2:11 a.m. - roughly the same time the fight occurred - a woman was shoved several times by a man inside the lounge after she refused advances from him, police said. About 15 minutes later, police said a different man and a woman were engaged in a physical fight outside the lounge. Police could not say

whether either of the two incidents were related to the stabbing.

About an hour after the area quieted down, police said a woman reported her purse was stolen from the lounge during the "mass altercation."

The reports of off-campus violence came as disturbing news to University Park Undergraduate Association President Christian Ragland, who said he'll be contacting leaders around the community to try to address safety issues.

Ragland (senior-political science) said the timing of the incidents - in the middle of Penn State's Homecoming celebrations - made them all the more unfortunate.

"This was our week to celebrate Penn State, and for students and alumni this is a horrible way to do that," Ragland said.

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Football

From Page 1. Nittany Lions' worst home loss to an unranked opponent since losing to Pitt 31-11 in 1984.

Linebackers Bani Gbadyu (knee) and Mike Mauti (high ankle sprain) and defensive end Jack Crawford (sprained right foot) didn't play and linebacker Gerald Hodges is at least a week away from recovering from a small fracture in his leg.

It only got worse come game time. On Illinois' first play from scrimmage, defensive end Eric Latimore went down with a hand injury and safeties Nick Sukay (pectoral) and Andrew Dailey (stinger) and defensive linemen Jordan Hill (ankle) and Pete Massaro (cramps) all followed suit.

There was no update on their statuses, and they'll all be re-evaluated this week. Defensive end Sean Stanley and cornerback Derrick Thomas are suspended for undisclosed reasons.

The losses on defense were a big reason for Illinois' 437 yards of total offense, 289 of which came on the ground. Illinois tailback Mikel Leshoure found holes all day, going for 151 all-purpose yards.

Bradley noted the significance of injuries in terms of his team's poor performance, but he didn't hesitate when asked if any team could deal with that number of bumps and bruises.

"Sure," Bradley replied. "A good team."

Talks of a New Year's Day bowl have now turned to the Texas Bowl or the Insight Bowl for the 2010 Lions. Even the nearly unthinkable scenario that Penn State might miss a bowl game exists, meaning Paterno would have to wait another year for his milestone 400th win.

If it wants to avoid becoming the first Penn State team to do so since 2004, the defense will have to increase its intensity, Bradley said.

"At times we didn't fight in there," he said. "We were catching. You see the pile going forward - that always bothers you, and once again, you just gotta do a better job tackling."

The defense has its injuries, but the offense's woes are a little tougher to explain. The same concerns that have persisted all year were magnified Saturday. The Lions were 0-for-2 in the red zone and have just one touchdown from inside the 20 in their last three games.

In fact, the only touchdown the Lions scored Saturday came from inside their own red zone, an 80-yard strike from Rob Bolden to Derek Moyer that cut the lead to four in the second quarter.

Ultimately, that was the closest the Lions would get. Illinois wore down the Penn State defense with possession for nearly two-thirds of the game.

"We're a defense and you have to stop people," said senior co-captain Ollie Ogbu, one of the few defensive linemen who emerged healthy after the 60 minutes. "We can be on the

field 1,000 plays and the offense can be on the field two plays. As a defense you have to stop somebody. That's plain and simple."

Who Paterno will have on that defense in the coming weeks remains uncertain.

Paterno meets with doctors Sunday morning to discuss the extent of the injuries suffered the previous day.

Paterno said the coaches have gone easy in practice given the injuries this season, which makes it baffling to him why so many defenders went down Saturday.

"I can't figure out why we're getting so many kids bumped," Paterno said. "But we're getting them bumped. But you gotta live with that."

Given the injuries, the Lions' bye this week may come at a perfect time. They don't play again until Oct. 23 at Minnesota.

But redshirt junior defensive end Kevin Latham, who was thrust into an unfamiliar role with Crawford, Massaro and Latimore out, said for those who are healthy, the week won't be time off.

"No rest," said Latham, who finished the afternoon with three tackles and could play a role in the coming weeks if the line doesn't get healthier. "We've got to look at this film, fix our mistakes and have a good hard week of practice and come out next week ready for Minnesota."

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Parade

From Page 1. Instead of last year's snow, Tootsie Rolls, T-shirts, and pom poms were scattered in the streets.

Starting off the parade, the Nittany Highland Pipe Band marched down the street in blue and green kilts.

Carpenter said he especially loves the parade because it brings him back to his time at Penn State.

"I was in Delta Chi and drove my Austin Healy sports car in the parade for my senior year," Carpenter said. "Our floats were a lot nicer back then, though."

But Homecoming weekend wasn't limited to alumni returning to their alma mater. Danny McDowell didn't go to Penn State, but he said he still bleeds blue and white.

Sporting blue and white shorts, Penn State gloves, a Paternoville T-shirt and a white wig, McDowell said he's at every Homecoming - and any game he can get a ticket for.

"I grew up as a kid watching Penn

State football," McDowell said. "My mom always had it on the TV, so that's who we rooted for."

After moving back to Pennsylvania from South Dakota, McDowell got season tickets for the 2010 season.

He said the tickets feed his addiction even more. "Blame my mom," McDowell said. "I have blue and white burned into my body because of her."

In a sea of blue and white, there were still a few spots of orange in the crowd.

Illinois fan Kim Posic goes to all of her football player son's games - but this was one of her favorites.

"I love it here. When I heard people refer to it as Happy Valley, I didn't really get it," Posic said. "But it really is happy. Everyone here is so nice."

And it helps that Posic's best friend went to Penn State. Though Missy Wright hadn't been back for a Homecoming in 29 years, she said it feels like she never left.

Wright, who met her husband at Penn State and got married at the university, said the word excited did-

n't even begin to cover what she was feeling.

"I am an obsessive Penn State fan - I love watching the parade, the game... anything and everything," Wright, Class of 1981, said. "I brought two duffle bags full of Penn State things."

As a senior, Stephanie Dabrow said it was her first time going to the annual parade.

"I wanted to see it before I graduate. I was at Berks for two years and last year I lived pretty far off campus," Dabrow (senior-advertising) said.

"I'm glad I came - I have to soak it all in."

Closing out the night, the Blue Band was a crowd-pleaser as they played the usual fight song favorites.

"Even though I'm graduating, I know I'll be back to see this parade again - just as an alumna," Dabrow said. "And my sisters are Penn Staters in training. My fingers are crossed. I want them to go here so I can come back and experience this all again."

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Volleyball

From Page 1. "The players are disappointed in how they played. They recognize that in all three of the [Big Ten] losses, they had multiple opportunities to seize the game and win the match, but they didn't," said Rose, whose team now sits sixth in the conference.

"And there lies the question. Is it the system that we've got the wrong players playing? Is it how they handle competition? But one thing is for sure - I've seen four teams celebrate like they've won the national championship."

On Friday night, Purdue (13-4, 4-2

Big Ten), which Rose described as a veteran and physical team, out-hit Penn State 218-155. In the latter three sets, Rose said the Boilermakers competed harder than the Lions and Penn State made some bad decisions.

Saturday night's match was a different story. Penn State (13-4, 3-3) tallied a .313 hitting percentage to Indiana's .254 and out-blocked the Hoosiers, but the Lions gave away points on 12 service errors.

After losing the first set in Bloomington, Ind., the Lions had chances in the second frame. The set was tied at 25 before Indiana notched two straight points to take a 2-0 set lead.

Penn State had set point in the fourth set before Indiana (14-4, 2-4) took the next three points to win the match.

Freshman outside hitter Deja McClendon led Penn State with 34 kills in the two matches combined. Senior middle hitter Arielle Wilson, who led the nation in hitting percentage in 2009, struggled Friday night, recording a .000 hitting percentage before posting a .333 mark Saturday.

Rose said his squad is losing in ways that are uncharacteristic of the program, but it's a different team than the last three championship years.

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Losses

From Page 1. were the coaches' preseason favorite to win the conference - as they have been for the past six seasons.

"When you try to build a program, you always dream of trying to beat the best team in your league," Purdue coach Dave Shondell told Boilerstation.com after the match.

"The best team in our league has been pretty darn good. To finally climb that mountaintop, it's a good win for our program for tonight, and it gets us over a hurdle that was a tall hurdle to jump over."

The last time Penn State finished

the season with three conference losses was 2003 - and the Lions still have 14 Big Ten matches on their slate for 2010.

Coach Russ Rose said he was disappointed in his team's effort this weekend, but didn't want to play down the accomplishments of Purdue and Indiana.

Rose called the schools "good teams with good players" who played hard - and played with incentive.

"They're probably more motivated to win against us because none of them have experienced that previously," Rose said. "I don't think Purdue had beaten us in [23] years and I don't think Indiana had ever beaten us, so in a

way it's the law of averages."

With this weekend's results, the only team in the Big Ten who still hasn't beaten Penn State is Iowa. The Lions are 38-0 all-time against the Hawkeyes - but still have to play them twice this season, including Saturday night at Rec Hall.

Karch Kiraly, an ESPN volleyball analyst and current assistant coach for the U.S. women's national team, said he understands why some fans would be surprised at the Purdue and Indiana upsets.

"By putting together the achievements that Russ Rose and his team did, Penn State set the bar high," Kiraly said.

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