

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police: Alcohol may have been involved in crash

The State College Police Department said alcohol may have contributed to a crash at 2:07 a.m. Sunday at the corner of South Pugh Street and East Fairmount Avenue.

Police said one of the drivers, a 19-year-old man, ran a stop sign on East Fairmount Avenue at 35 to 40 mph, colliding with another vehicle.

The 19-year-old man did not sustain any injuries, but police said both the 24-year-old driver of the other vehicle involved and a passenger, whose age is unknown, were injured in the crash.

Both individuals sustained head wounds and were transported to Mount Nittany Medical Center via Centre LifeLink EMS, police said.

Charges have not yet been filed in connection with the accident, but police said they are investigating the incident as a possible DUI crash. Police were unable to confirm the blood alcohol content of the drivers involved as of press time Monday.

Man faces charges after high-speed chase

A 24-year-old man is facing charges after he led officers from three local police departments on a high-speed chase shortly after 12:20 a.m. Monday morning, the State College Police Department said.

A State College Police Department officer watched Adam E. Hammon, of Huntingdon, Pa., stagger as he walked down the 300 block of East College Avenue and proceed to enter his vehicle, police said.

Hammon then began driving west on College Avenue, weaving in and out of traffic — prompting the officer following behind to activate his siren and lights, police said.

Police said Hammon continued driving — even as an additional State College patrol vehicle, two State College officers on foot, and officers from the Ferguson Township Police Department and Patton Township Police Department pursued him — sometimes reaching speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour.

Hammon eventually collided with a guardrail on West College Avenue near Route 45 and Shingletown Road, police said. Hammon is charged with six counts of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer and two counts of recklessly endangering another person in connection with the incident, police said. Police said Hammon is also charged with one count each of driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, resisting arrest or other law enforcement, reckless driving, careless driving, and violations of driving vehicles at safe speeds and traffic control signals.

Police said Hammon was treated at Mount Nittany Medical Center and then taken to the Centre County Correctional Facility, where he was arraigned Monday on \$25,000 cash bail.

Theft: A silver MacBook Pro, valued at \$2,200, was stolen from a residence at 142 S. Allen St., apartment No. 306, the State College Police Department said. The theft occurred sometime overnight Saturday, police said.

Criminal Mischief to Vehicle: A vehicle suffered damage to its hood, headlights and bumper at about 2 p.m. Sunday while parked at 232 E. Fairmount Ave., the State College Police Department said. The extent and value of the damage was unknown, police said.

LUNCH

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: Black bean chili, southwestern turkey chili, cheese lasagna, falafel pita, Peruvian beef stir fry, french fries, harvest blend, sauteed spinach

Waring: Southwestern turkey chili, feature grilled chicken sandwich, harvest blend, Italian wedge, popcorn chicken, quarter pound cheeseburger, quarter pound hamburger, sauteed spinach, seasoned curly fries, hunan beef stir fry

DINNER

Findlay, Pollock, Redifer and Warnock: Black bean chili, southwestern turkey chili, vegetarian bean chili, black bean corn salsa, chicken fajita, fiesta toppings, grilled chicken breast, portabella fajita, steak fajita, tortilla chips, vegetable chimichanga

Waring: Southwestern turkey chili, fiesta toppings, black beans, chicken fajita, fajita bar toppings, feature grilled chicken sandwich, grilled chicken breast, harvest blend, Mexican rice, steak fajita, sweet corn cake, orange chicken

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Alcohol

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understand why the decision to enforce alcohol-free dorms was made.

Adam Boyer, who will live in an on-campus residence next year, said the decision was made to combat the image of Penn State as a party school.

Boyer (junior-history and political science) said he isn't too worried about how the policy will affect him.

"I'm personally not upset. It seems to me if you drink in the dorm room by yourself, you're an alcoholic," he said.

Boyer said he's sure other older students in the dorm will be upset when the rule takes effect. But when it comes down to it, there will always be alcohol in the dorms, regardless of age, he said.

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Details

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simply cannot have students camping out in mid-December, and that's what you get with a simple first-come, first-served sale," Myford said.

Some students were upset with the system of the Alabama lottery, like Chris Shlemon, who woke up before 5 a.m. for the 7 a.m. lottery Aug. 30 but did not receive a ticket.

"Honestly, I'm not a fan of the lottery system," Shlemon (junior-chemical engineering) said. "If you really want a ticket, you should camp out no matter what the weather is like."

Myford said the lottery is the last resort for ticket sales, and the athletic department is concerned with getting as many students as possible to the game. But, he said, if supply does exceed demand, the lottery is

the only orderly means of allocating the available tickets.

Paternoville President Alex Cohen said he does not expect the ticket sales to end in a lottery.

"I would love to say the whole student body will be going. If you look at the bowl schedule you definitely have to circle it as the marquee game," Cohen (senior-marketing) said.

"It's Penn State against Florida, Joe Paterno vs. Urban Meyer and two programs who are both rich in history."

Shlemon, who has previously attended the Rose Bowl and Capital One Bowl, said he is still unsure about whether or not he will be in line Saturday morning to purchase his tickets.

"Cost is a big factor as well as the date of the game," Shlemon said. "There's a lot of other big games on that day and it would be nice to watch other bowl games and to relax."

Coaches

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be an exciting event, and hopefully we'll put on a good show for everybody."

The two coaches look to reverse direction in their final game this season. The Lions will try to do so with redshirt sophomore line-backer Mike Mauti, who Paterno said will play in the contest, as he recovers from a dislocated right shoulder.

Paterno lauded Meyer for always being a step ahead of his opponents, but that fell short this season in Gainesville, Fla. Turnovers plagued the Gators all season.

"We have a very clear, a succinct plan to win here at Florida," Meyer said. "And this is the first time in many, many years that we did not follow that plan — to play great defense, take care of turnovers, score in the red zone and have a dominant kicking game."

Redshirt freshman Jordan Reed, Florida's dual-threat quarterback, hasn't practiced as he recovers from a concussion he suffered during the Gators' loss to Florida State on Nov. 27, but Meyer said Reed should be ready for the Outback Bowl.

The Florida coach alluded to the difficulties in keeping up a 7-5 team's excitement level, especially in today's college football, marred

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Urban Meyer
 University of Florida football coach

by the glory of winning national championships and players seeking to become high NFL draft picks.

Most of his players, he said, have been able to avoid those inclinations, and he sees a matchup with Penn State as a spontaneous motivation builder for his players.

"I think it always helps when you get an opportunity to play a school like Penn State because that's instant respect," Meyer said. "The minute you say the words Penn State or Coach Paterno, you know you better be ready to go."

Penn State and Florida struggled in finding a primary quarterback and featured squads with young and inexperienced players. Redshirt sophomore Matt McGloin has since become Penn State's quarterback, and Paterno said he'll be the starter for the bowl game.

Paterno compared Florida to Penn State. He predicted both teams are in similar predicaments, in which young players still have something to prove.

"They have to compete,"

Paterno said. "They have to be in situations where there's something on the line, and you got to find out which kids just like to play, and they're not looking over their shoulder to see whether there's an agent involved or whether they're going to carry the ball 'X' number of times."

NOTES: Safety Andrew Dailey and defensive end Kevin Latham will leave Penn State because both have job opportunities and didn't have aspirations for professional football, Paterno said.

Dailey said after the Nov. 27 loss to Michigan State he was concerned about his long-term health after dealing with neck stingers throughout his career ... Paterno said the Lions also might lose "another kid or two" who has NFL hopes.

"Sometimes parents get involved with thinking their kid is a little bit better than they are and thinking they're pro players and that kind of stuff."

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Shubin's advice.

"We should still set the precedent that wrong is wrong, Ragland (senior-political science) said. "Students should know their rights, but above all, they shouldn't do wrong."

Shubin said times have changed since he and parents of Penn State

students were in college.

"We're living in a totally different world now — but I'm not convinced that it is a better world," Shubin said. "The government can put so much destruction in your life when we did the same thing when we were younger and grew up to be law-abiding citizens."

UPUA Programming Committee Chairwoman Ali Cook said she believes students will find Shubin's advice helpful.

"I think he provided a valuable service for students and I don't think he encouraged students to engage in illegal activities," Cook (sophomore-finance and economics) said.

Ragland also discussed the issue of student safety and handed out surveys to collect data on students' feelings regarding campus safety. The surveys are also available online at UPUA's website for completion.

Applicants

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the advent of online applications and the application fees are reasonably modest and have not increased significantly in recent years."

This year, Penn State received more than 115,000 applications university-wide — 6,000 more than in 2009, Penn State spokeswoman Jill Shockey said.

That number has increased for several years and includes graduate, law and medical school applicants in addition to undergraduate baccalaureate applicants, Shockey said.

Pangborn wrote that the number of applicants to Penn State has increased steadily during the past five years, but acceptance rates overall have been very stable during that time.

"The standards have been very constant over the years," Pangborn said regarding this year's statistics.

"By maintaining the mix of talented students in the applicant pool, we can continue to meet the

enrollment goals while maintaining consistently high admissions standards."

Gabe Santi, director of communications for the Office of Admissions at Michigan State University, another Big Ten school, wrote in an e-mail that while the freshman class enrollment has been relatively constant, MSU is also experiencing an overall increase in applications.

"This can be attributed to a variety of things, including increased interest by students and parents, more national exposure and prominence for Michigan State University, and an increase in international student interest in MSU," Santi wrote.

The admission ratio has remained relatively constant, he wrote. For the fall 2010 semester, the freshmen admission ratio was 70 percent, compared to 72.5 percent for fall 2009.

Penn State's overall enrollment has also increased, Shockey said. Part of the growth can be attributed to an increasing number of students pursuing degrees through the World Campus.

The Penn State World Campus

has an enrollment of 8,524 students who exclusively take classes online, an enrollment increase of 20 percent from last year.

Enrollment at Commonwealth Campuses has increased, but University Park enrollment remained relatively stable, Shockey said.

The university's new strategic plan also includes recruiting additional numbers of international students to "emphasize Penn State as a global university," Shockey said.

Pangborn wrote that while international undergraduate enrollment is almost comparative to other schools in the Big Ten, only about 9 percent of summer and fall applicants were international students.

First-year international student enrollment accounted for less than five percent of total new first-year students entering Penn State's campuses.

"Applications have increased over the last five years as interest in Penn State has increased and broadened," Pangborn said.

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Broadway

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"Spring Awakening" last spring. He then traveled to New York City with a friend and stood out on the street for about five hours in the morning just to get a chance to audition. He credits the theatre program at Penn State with preparing him to get through auditions.

"It's not like I took a class in national touring 101, but without Penn State, there is absolutely no way I could have gotten this job," Hogan said.

He also credits the work he did in the Upper Darby Summer Stage — a community theater program — before attending Penn State to helping him get acclimated to the world of theater.

"It made me want to pursue the-

ater as a career," Hogan said.

While acting in the Summer Stage, Hogan met Andrew Baglini (senior-meteorology) and Andrew Dryden (senior-hotel, restaurant and institutional management).

"I was not surprised at all when I found out Jim was going to be touring with 'Spring Awakening,'" Baglini said. "I was extremely excited for him. But he's such a talented guy — the production is lucky to have him."

Hogan, not the only student on the tour who has taken a hiatus from college, said he is ecstatic to return to Happy Valley for the two-night engagement of the show at Eisenhower Auditorium.

"I miss everything about Penn State," he said, laughing. "I absolutely miss football. I can't believe I missed the 400th victory of JoePa."

He said he's only been able to

watch one Penn State game in its entirety this season because of his busy tour schedule.

In addition to seeing his friends, Hogan plans on showing other cast members around campus, complete with a stop at the Berkey Creamery.

"I've got to give them the full Penn State experience," he said.

"Spring Awakening" will be performed at Eisenhower Auditorium April 12 and 13.

Tickets are currently on sale at all Penn State ticket locations for \$42 and \$36 for University Park students, \$57 and \$51 for adults and \$52 and \$46 for children 18 and younger.

Hogan said he hopes Penn State comes out to support him when the show makes its stop in Happy Valley.

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