

was to be recognized as Delaware's representative as an All-American high school soccer player.

Ivan, a senior at Glasgow High School in Delaware, was named the state's Soccer Player of the Year in 1997.

Police said Zoran Vidanovic lost control of their Jeep Wagoneer, which left the road, traveled up an embankment and rolled over, landing on its side.

Vidanovic was thrown from the vehicle, police said.

2-star crash is fatal

A 26-year-old Chapel man was killed when his car was struck broadside in Friday yesterday.

Chang Yong Wu, 66, was driving south on Moon Clinton Road when he failed to stop at a stop sign. His car was hit on the driver's side at 4:45 p.m. by a car traveling west on Route 30.

A spokesman for the Allegheny County coroner's office said witnesses reported that Wu was slumped over the wheel before the accident.

An autopsy is scheduled for this morning.

2 officers assaulted

University's board of trustees. Junker, of Erie, was appointed to a one-year term yesterday by the school's trustees. He replaces Jesse Amelle, recently retired lawyer with Amelle, Hastie, McGee, Willis and Greene, San Francisco.

Junker is a 1960 graduate of the university. He has served on the Penn State board since 1986.

He is a member and treasurer of the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority and president of the Erie Zoological Society.

Runaway returns home

A 17-year-old missing from Butler County ran away to Florida, where he was met by police who put him on a plane back home.

Evans City police Chief Joseph McCombs said officers were able to track Thomas Klima because he used his father's credit card to book a seat on an Amtrak train.

Klima, a senior at Seneca Valley High School, told authorities that he had to get away to clear his head. He did not give specific reasons for leaving, McCombs said.

Klima's parents reported him missing Tuesday. Police learned Klima had used

Lebanon police at 343-3401.

1-year term for fraud

A consultant to a now-defunct medical supply business in Robinson was sentenced in federal court yesterday to a year and a day in jail, a \$500,000 fine and a three-year special parole term.

Vladimir Sklarov, 34, of Lake Forest, Ill., was a consultant to Omega Reimbursement Concepts on Vista Park Drive. Prosecutors said the company falsely told Medicare that it had delivered certain products to nursing homes so it could be reimbursed at a higher rate.

Prosecutors also said Omega indicated on thousands of claim forms that surgical procedures had been done when they had not. Medicare losses from the false claims totaled about \$17 million.

Although Sklarov was not the legal owner of Omega, he received 80 percent of its profits and controlled its important management decisions, prosecutors said.

He pleaded guilty to Medicare fraud charges in late October.

Hamsterdam delayed

board committee meetings yesterday that ridership went up last year, albeit ever so slightly — sevenths of 1 percent. Total ridership was 74.7 million, which was 536,000 more than the previous year.

Not including the increase that was recorded in 1993, a year after PAT weathered a 28-day transit strike, it was the first time since 1989 that overall ridership increased, and the first time since 1984 that bus ridership increased.

Final statistics showed PAT carried 64.1 million riders on buses in 1997; 7.5 million on the light-rail system; slightly more than 1 million on the Monongahela Incline; and 2.08 million on the paratransit ACCESS system for the elderly and disadvantaged.

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