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Penn State football excites students

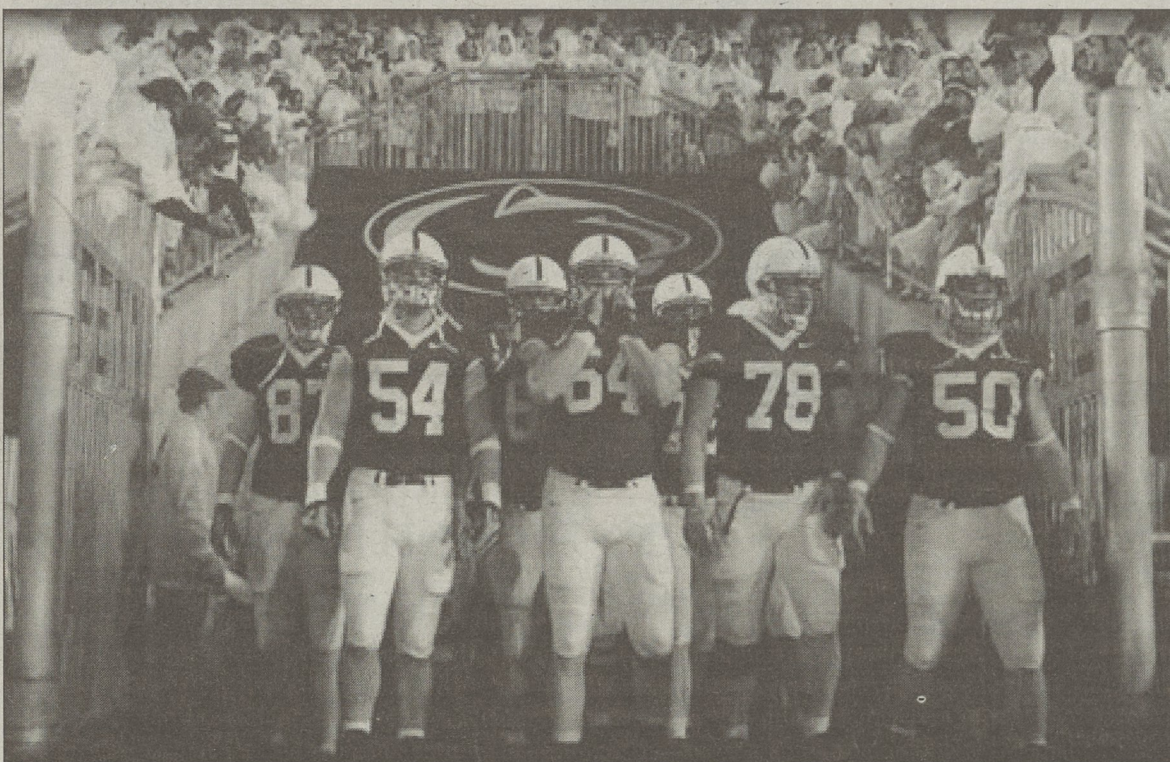
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As of post-Iowa vs. Penn State, the Penn State Nittany Lions are number eight in the nation in the BCS standings. Because of this, there is a good

Johnson Sr. and Defensive Coordinator Tom Bradley have simply had their guys ready to play this season. Of the past three National Championships, two have been decided by that team that has the higher ranked total defense.

top five in the nation in total sacks.

Among that top five, Maybin is the youngest eligibility-wise. It should be fun to see him play next year and the year after that, if he doesn't jump to the NFL first. All three senior wide



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chance that Penn State will be going to the Rose Bowl. Oregon State is currently a front-runner for this year's Rose Bowl. Penn State destroyed Oregon State in their game earlier this year.

In addition, Penn State has finished in the top fifteen in total defense the past four years with the highest national ranking in 2004 coming in at tenth place nationally. So far this year, Penn State has a record of nine wins and one loss, which is amazing for the simple fact that they have lost several starters on defense to injury and stupidity. Chalk it up to good coaching, Defensive Line Coach Larry

After only nine games, Penn State has nearly equaled last year's team touchdown total, coming only one short of the 2007 edition of the Nittany Lions with 47 total touchdowns. What is the main difference between the two years? Quarterback Daryll Clark and this year's new offense, the "Spread HD" are the cause. The Nittany Lions offensive line has produced a 1,000 yard rusher the past three years in a row, and has produced one in Evan Royster. Sophomore Aaron Maybin (defensive end) has eleven sacks through his first nine games, and is ranked in the

receivers, Jordan Norwood, Derrick Williams, and Deon Butler, are in the top ten in all-time career receptions at Penn State with Norwood in the lead with 144 receptions. "Our receivers are awesome," states Freshman Jon Danenberg. Coach Joe Paterno is ahead of Bobby Bowden by only one game at 381 wins.

On Saturday, November 15, the Nittany Lions will face Indiana for the last home game of the season at the Beaver Stadium. This will be the last game will be shown in the Westling Student Center this year. The game begins at noon.

Root beer pong, drag contest raise money for kids with cancer

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Beer pong tournament in the MPR! Guys dressing in drag at General Studies Building! What has the world come to? Don't worry, it's for charity! These were only two of the many events of THON, which is a charity organization that helps kids with cancer. THON is the largest student-run philanthropy in the world.

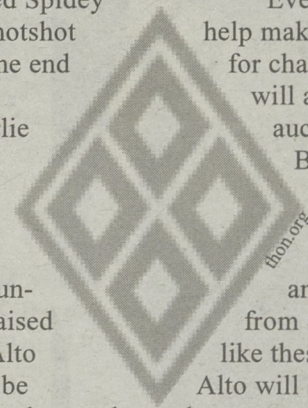
Root beer pong is one of the many events that have taken place this semester. The tournament, which took place in the MPR, had a large turnout of both returning students and freshmen. Rollbacks seemed to be a cause for chaos as every shot had to be taken behind the back, while the root beer pong balls from straight shots seemed to have a mind of their own as they flew across the gym and landed under tables. After several frustrating rounds of the game, Sophomore Amanda Yost jokingly commented, "I can't believe I lost to two guys named Spidey and Flash!" The hotshot pong champs at the end of the night were sophomores Charlie Beneke and Gregg Mann.

With a nearly packed auditorium and hundreds of dollars raised came Mr. Mont Alto 2008. Now don't be fooled, this wasn't the manly type of competition that the name suggests. It was actually a beauty pageant where the contestants were

guys dressed up as smoking hot ladies. This strange sounding show was all in good fun, and the men had nearly as much fun as the crowd. This event also helped raise a lot of money for the cause according to hostess, Sophomore Kathy Le. "The show was definitely a success. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we raised over 400 dollars for kids with cancer. It's the best feeling in the world," said Le.

This year, the competition consisted of mainly freshmen and sophomores while the beauty pageant itself consisted of four parts: evening wear, bathing suit, question and answer, and talent. Talents included an acoustic guitar solo, dancing, singing, lip syncing, and even an unplugged Guitar Hero solo. Although all of the men's talents were impressive, the skimpy outfits left little to be unseen to the audience. After fierce competition Sophomore Mike Francis was crowned "queen" at the end of the night.

Events like these help make raising money for charity fun. There will also be a date auction and Rock Band Tournament in the near future. With the great turnouts and enthusiasm from students at events like these this year, Mont Alto will surely help raise a large amount of money for THON and kids with cancer. This year, Mont Alto THON hopes to raise \$22,500 for the kids.



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