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CCSG finalizes plans for meeting

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The Council of Commonwealth Student Governments finalized plans last night for the second CCSG council meeting this Friday and Saturday.

The meeting, which will take place at the Best Western State College Inn, 1663 S. Atherton St., will bring together representatives from all 19 commonwealth campuses across the state.

Plans for the meeting include a discussion on the student activity fee, further organization toward the Council's five-year strategic plan and reports on the progress of the dance marathon.

The student activity fee is one of the most important issues that will be brought up during the meeting, according to CCSG President Jon-Michael Roman. There are three different price levels that campuses can use when charging an activity fee. Roman said they are proposing some revisions to the format.

In addition to format revision, CCSG Vice-President Mike D'Ausilio said CCSG will also look into clothing and travel purchases made with the student activity fee. He added that one problem is that the fee can not be used to help pay for student organization items such as orientation t-shirts.

"This is an important issue," said D'Ausilio. "The whole purpose of the fee is to enhance the out of class experience."

Other ways of addressing out of class activities will also be brought up in the meeting, according to Jake Paparelli, CCSG academic affairs director.

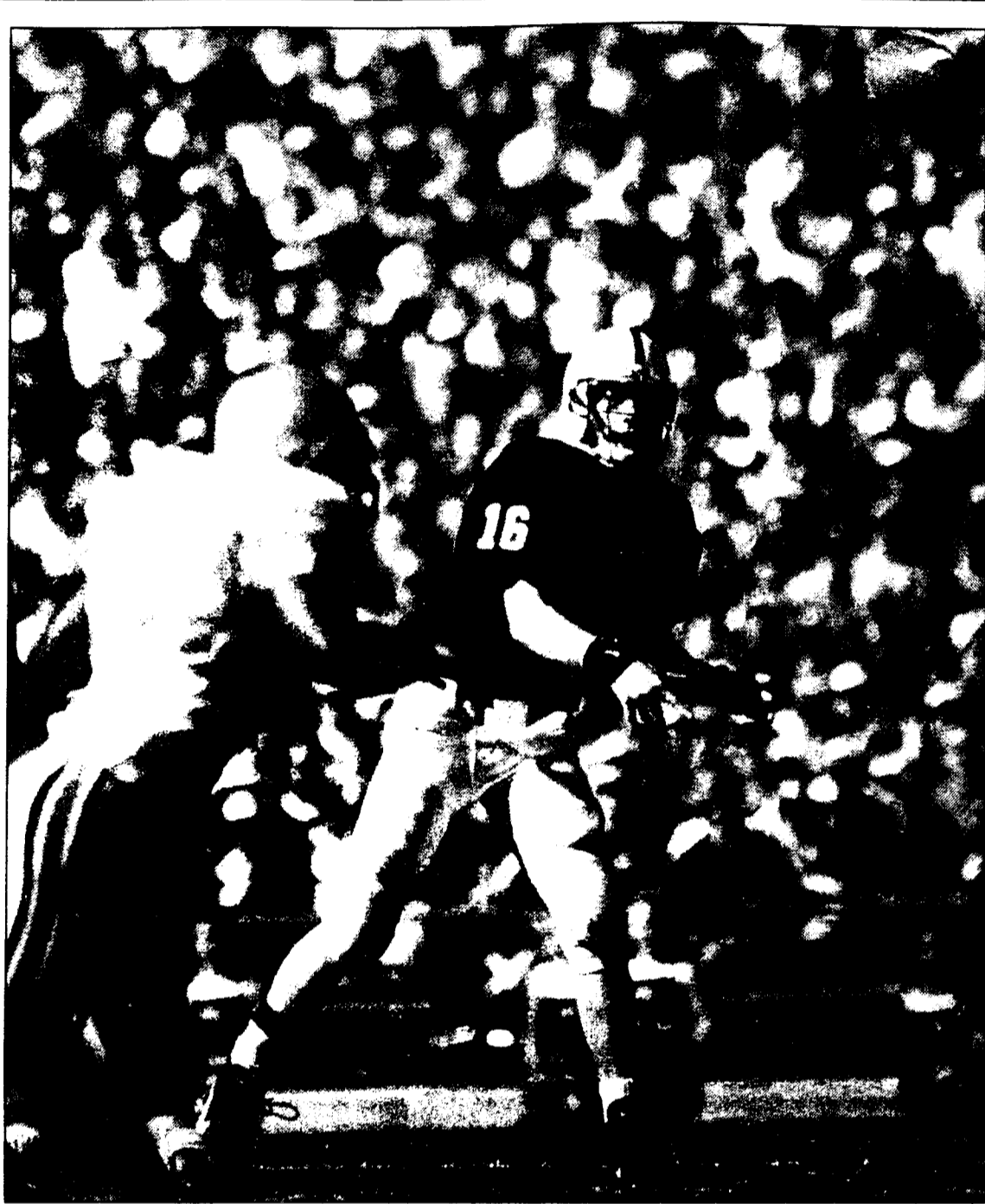
Paparelli said the representatives will consider the idea of a common hour for campuses. A common hour is an hour-long slot in the day where no classes can be scheduled, therefore leaving the time open for student activities. He added that some campuses have already integrated the idea.

"Every campus that has it (a common hour) feels it's a valuable tool for them," Paparelli said.

Roman said that the five-year strategic plan and the progress of the dance marathon are also important issues on the agenda for this weekend. He added that the plan is still in its early stages.

On the other hand, programs such as the dance marathon that benefits the Four Diamonds Fund and is held the same weekend as the Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon has really come across well with the commonwealth campuses, Roman said. It was introduced to commonwealth campuses three years ago.

Reports on further progress will be given to representatives at the meeting. Roman said that the marathon is also a very significant topic for CCSG.



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Kevin Thompson throws the ball during the Lions' game against Ohio State last Saturday. Thompson suffered a partially separated right shoulder after a collision with Ohio State linebacker Na'il Diggs.

Thompson may play

Quarterback still hopeful after missing practice

By JOHN GIBLIN
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All week, people have been asking whether or not Penn State quarterback Kevin Thompson will line up behind center against No. 16 Purdue — a game coach Joe Paterno called "the toughest game we will have had so far."

Like the infamous response to the question, "How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie-Pop," the world might never know — at least until kickoff Saturday.

After a violent hit by Ohio State linebacker Na'il Diggs, Thompson was diagnosed with a partially separated right shoulder. Unfortunately for Thompson, that is his throwing arm.

While the fifth-year senior said it was popped out of its socket on initial contact, the joint might have actually popped back into place when Diggs fell on top of the quarterback.

"Saturday night I did (have pain)," Thompson said. "It stiff-

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— Kevin Thompson
Penn State quarterback

ened up a little bit, but Sunday wasn't too bad.

Thompson underwent X-rays last weekend and has undergone extensive treatment lasting from one to two hours. His daily routine includes visits to the athletic trainers an hour before breakfast and again an hour prior to practice.

But after a weekend of rest and rehabilitation, Thompson still was kept out of practice Monday. While his teammates practiced, the second-year starter sat along the sidelines, refraining from any drills that could aggravate the injury.

Tuesday, however, it was back to the field.

He stayed wary of his shoulder, only warming up and taking

part in light throwing drills.

"Hopefully I didn't do too much yesterday (Tuesday)," he said. "I did a lot of throwing, but I didn't do a lot in the course of throwing a lot of hard passes or long passes ... I was careful. I was smart about it."

Thompson said the shoulder separation might be related to a previous injury he sustained two years ago at home against Pittsburgh — a game in which he was knocked for a five-yard loss on each of the final two plays of the game.

The recent injury, however, isn't his first of the season. Thompson, who has been sacked four times in the past two games,

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Professors wary of online notes

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For students taking classes with notes published online, PCs are replacing class attendance. Professors have many reasons to worry about this new alternative to attending class.

"I think it is extremely dangerous for students to rely on note providers," said Paul Howell, professor of metals science. "Students are in danger of doing extremely poorly in class because students aren't going to make up the lecture experience with notes off of the Web."

However, some students feel no classroom experience is missed when a class is skipped.

"In my sociology class, the teacher just lectures, and it's really dry and boring," said Lakeisha Thorpe (junior-psychology). "Students figure that if they can get the notes off of the Web, then why should they go to class when they can sleep?"

Replacing the class experience with the online one is not the intent of the online note providers.

"We recommend that students go to class and use the notes as a sup-

plement to the information they've learned in class," said Janet Cardinell, director of campus relations for Versity.com (www.versity.com). "We strongly value student interaction with professors and the classroom experience."

Some professors have questioned the legality of publishing their lecture notes online based on copyright laws and intellectual property infringement, specifically with Study 24-7.com (www.study24-7.com).

"A few professors argued that we were infringing on their copyright," said Brian Maser, co-founder and co-chief executive officer of Study 24-7.com. "This is absolutely not the case. Our students are only allowed to put their interpretations of the professor's lecture on our Web site."

It is the specific feature of student interpretation that makes it legal for online note providers to publish class notes.

"When a professor presents an idea in class, the idea itself can't be copyrighted," said Clay Calvert, assistant professor of communications and law. "If a student goes to a lecture and takes notes on their

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Collegian File Photo

A student purchases notes at Nittany Notes, 234 E. College Ave., earlier this semester. The company is considering publishing notes on the Web.

Nittany Notes follows trend, hopes to offer notes on Web

By SARAH CASSI
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Amid the influx of online note services comes one more probable note provider — Nittany Notes.

Tom Matis, owner of Nittany Notes, 234 E. College Ave., said the possibility is high that Nittany Notes would start to offer its services online. The details are still being worked out, but Matis hopes to have something available by the beginning of Spring Semester at the earliest and by the fall of next year at the latest.

The increased competition between Nittany Notes and free online services, such as Versity.com (www.versity.com) and Yournotes.com (www.yournotes.com), is one of the rea-

sons why Nittany Notes is considering going online.

"That's part of it, but another part of it is so we can provide a broader service to our student customers," Matis said.

While plans aren't finalized, Nittany Notes is looking to offer the notes for free, a departure from charging students for lecture notes and exam packages as it does now.

Free notes would attract the attention of students.

"I would never even pay for notes because I know they are offered for free online," said Emmet Kauffman (freshman-business administration), who already uses notes online.

Also, instead of interviewing students online for notetaker positions

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LaTanya Brown of Hampton, Va. files prescriptions as part of her HU-CARE welfare-to-work program. A bill encouraging employers to hire welfare recipients, passed through the state House Tuesday.

Welfare-to-work bill passes through state House

By ALLISON KESSLER
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A bill encouraging employers to hire welfare recipients passed through the state House Tuesday and is currently awaiting discussion in the state Senate.

The bill, known as the Employment Incentive Payment Program, expands the existing program that provides tax credits to businesses based on wages they have paid to former welfare recipients, according to a press release from state Rep. Karl Boyes, R-Erie.

Boyes is a co-sponsor of the bill and chairman of the state House Finance Committee, where the bill was introduced.

"Since 1982, this program has helped Pennsylvania make the transition from welfare to independence," he said in the release. "I'm pleased that we will

soon be able to help even more people achieve self-sufficiency."

The new measure would extend the previous program for another five years and qualify more people, said Mark Ryan, executive director of the House Finance Committee.

"What prompted Boyes' offer is that the current tax credit plan is due to expire after Dec. 31," Ryan said. "It would be an inopportune time for it (the program) to run out, especially with the recent changes over the years encouraging people to go from welfare to employment."

Eligible for an employer to receive tax credit with the current program, an employee must be receiving welfare on the day he is hired. The new bill would give tax credit eligibility to those employers whose employees received welfare benefits within a

year of the day they are hired.

This proposal would increase the number of people who qualify for the program, according to the press release.

"The basic premise of welfare to work is that we should move people from the welfare roles to productive employment," Boyes said to the House upon passage of the already existing bill. "This is intended to give welfare recipients an opportunity to move toward self-sufficiency."

The bill is also designed to make people receiving vocational rehabilitation services eligible for tax credit, including people with physical or mental disabilities who may be overlooked when it comes to employment, according to the release.

"This group of people would enable employers to receive the same tax

credit as they would from those on welfare," Ryan said.

Some think the new program is beneficial to all involved in the program.

"I think everybody wins," said Jeffrey Schwartz, treasurer of the Pennsylvania Retailers' Association. "There are good associates (for the employers) and the tax payer wins as well."

In the past, Schwartz, who supports the new program, testified before the House Finance Committee in favor of the existing incentive program.

The new program also addresses problems welfare recipients may encounter when trying to pull themselves out of welfare.

"Finding transportation and child care, let alone paying for it, can prove difficult if not impossible for former welfare recipients," Boyes said in the release.