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## Victim's presence challenged

The defense considers requesting the paralyzed student not appear at trial

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The defense attorney for an alleged drunken driver — who police say fatally struck one man and critically injured another downtown in October 2006 — said last night he is considering the possibility of barring the student victim from his client's Monday trial. Defense attorney Joseph Amendola said he has discussed excluding

former Penn State student Aaron Stidd, who, as a result of the incident, is unable to converse or walk, from the courtroom with both the commonwealth and the case's presiding judge. "Aaron Stidd cannot testify. He will just sit there and be oblivious," Amendola said. "Would we ever bring a dead body into court and have the jury look at a dead body for three days?"

According to court documents,

Anthony Torsell, 20, drove intoxicated and fatally struck one man and critically injured Stidd, 21, on Oct. 28, 2006. Stidd suffered critical injuries from the incident and is currently rehabilitating in an Altoona hospital. Torsell is charged with homicide by vehicle while driving under the influence. Amendola said Stidd would distract the jury from giving Torsell a "fair and impartial" trial.

"It will create an emotional atmosphere that may result in a conviction," he said. Centre County District Attorney Michael Madeira said earlier yesterday that he had heard the defense may move for the restriction of Stidd in the courtroom. Madeira said Stidd is the victim of a crime, which gives him the right to be present in the courtroom. See **VICTIM, Page 2.**



Collegian File Photo  
Aaron Stidd undergoes treatment at the Bryn Mawr Hospital early this year.

### EAT YOUR VEGGIES



Mollie Pritchett/Collegian  
Tarumi Stakler sings with her granddaughter while Vraja Podlofsky plays the drum in front of the Allen Street Gates yesterday to raise awareness of The International Society For Krishna Consciousness and vegetarianism.

## Lions look to break streak

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If the Nittany Lions were unaware of Penn State's streak of ineptitude against Michigan, they became well informed this week. "Walking around campus, in newspapers or even when you're just being asked questions," wideout Deon Butler said a few days ago, "everyone's going to get a crash course on how many times Michigan's beat us in a row." As much as they would like to hide from this fact, Butler and the Lions can't. Penn State hasn't defeated Michigan since 1996, an 11-year time span covering eight games, four played in

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Beaver Stadium, four at Michigan Stadium. The circumstances before and during each meeting have varied, but the final outcomes have been common. Every time, the Wolverines have found a way to uphold their "The Victors" fight song. At 3:30 p.m. tomorrow, No. 10 Penn State (3-0) returns to Ann Arbor, Mich., the site of the seventh of eight. See **GAME, Page 2.**

## Michigan optimistic for game

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Michigan professor John U. Bacon has felt a cautious optimism creep into his classroom this week. It started, the history and American culture lecturer said, when the Wolverines ended their four-game losing streak to Notre Dame with a resounding 38-0 win last weekend against the Irish. His students appreciated that victory; after losses to Appalachian State and Oregon in the first two weeks, they learned not to take a win for granted.

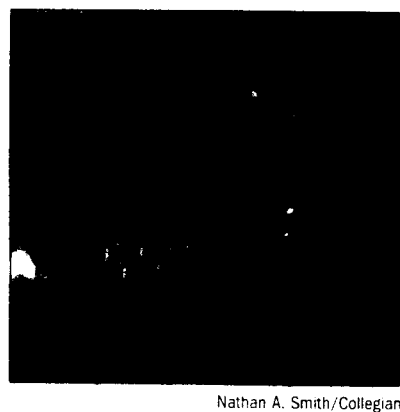


Peter Schottenfels/The Michigan Daily  
Michigan will enter Saturday's matchup with a 1-2 record. "It's kind of a fresh start," Bacon said yesterday afternoon. "It's the Big Ten opener. It's a new beginning." It may be a new Big Ten season, but the student body's mood hinges. See **MICHIGAN, Page 2.**

## Missing sleep may hurt heart, study says

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Ben Franklin once said "early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise," but it may be that he only got half of it right. A new Japanese study is now linking a lack of sleep with cardiovascular problems such as high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries. But Dr. Siobhan Banks, a research assistant professor in psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, said the total sleep time is really the most important thing, not so much waking up, early.



"If you try to get a good amount of sleep, that will be much more beneficial to your health, performance and memory," she said. Banks and the Japanese researcher, Dr. Mayuko Kadono, presented similar studies in early September at the World Congress of the World Federation of Sleep Research and Sleep Medicine Societies in Australia. Banks said the study she conducted involved 30 healthy subjects between the ages of 22 and 45. During the first part of the study. See **SLEEP, Page 2.**

## Interracial marriages increase

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The thought of a tall, handsome black man married to a petite olive-skinned Italian woman is quite normal to Srinath Sridharan, a first generation Indian-American. However, he said he cannot see himself marrying someone who is not Indian because his parents would have a hard time accepting it. "My parents would have a big issue because they still look to culture and tradition as a big part to marriage," Sridharan (graduate-computer science and engineering) said. But despite Sridharan's preference, interracial dating has come a long way since the Loving v. Virginia case 40 years ago. According to The Associated Press, this year marks the 40th anniversary of the landmark civil case, in which Mildred Jeter, a black woman and Richard Loving, a white man, were arrested solely on the basis of their marriage.



According to the AP, a person was not allowed to marry someone of another race under Virginia's anti-miscegenation law, so Jeter and Loving moved to the District of Columbia. However, upon their return, Virginia's laws again applied, and they were sentenced to one year in prison. After appealing the case to the U.S. Supreme Court, Virginia's anti-miscegenation statute was declared. See **MARRIAGES, Page 2.**

**Weather:** Today: High 81



Tonight: Low 60



Tomorrow: High 83



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