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Football team preps for wet conditions

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Every Thursday, Joe Paterno helps his team prepare for the weather by placing footballs in a bucket of water to simulate playing with a wet ball.

No simulation will be needed Saturday, when Penn State plays Oregon State at 3:30 p.m. in Beaver Stadium.

Hurricane Hanna is expected to work its way up the coast, and rain and heavy winds are in the forecast. Weather.com's report for Saturday calls for a 40-percent chance of rain with eight-mile-per-hour winds coming from the east.

Hanna was a tropical storm Thursday afternoon, but Accuweather meteorologist Josh Newhard expected it to turn into a hurricane by Thursday evening.

"The biggest thing to focus on

when it's a wet field obviously is the ball, shortening your strides, making sure you're not gonna fall and getting a towel to make sure your arms and gloves are dry," running back Evan Royster said.

Even without considering the

Football

3:30 p.m. Saturday
Beaver Stadium.

need for his offense to find balance instead of the lopsided numbers favoring the passing game in a season-opening loss to Stanford.

If Mother Nature has her way, Riley may not have much of a choice.

Playing through the remnants of a hurricane call into question Oregon

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Nittany Lion running back Evan Royster, 22, evades Coastal Carolina linebacker Chris Walls, 38.

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Three Lions will not play

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Defensive linemen Maurice Evans and Abe Koroma and tight end Andrew Quarless will not suit up against Oregon State on Saturday, Joe Paterno said on his call-in radio show Thursday night.

The suspensions came two days after police said they found marijuana at Nittany Apartment 5204 where the three players live, according to a search warrant that cites university housing records.

Cornerback A.J. Wallace, who was named in the search warrant as the

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McCain draws support

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John McCain officially accepted the Republican presidential nomination Thursday at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn.

Though campus political leaders shared concern that McCain's acceptance speech could not top running mate Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's the previous night, they were not disappointed.

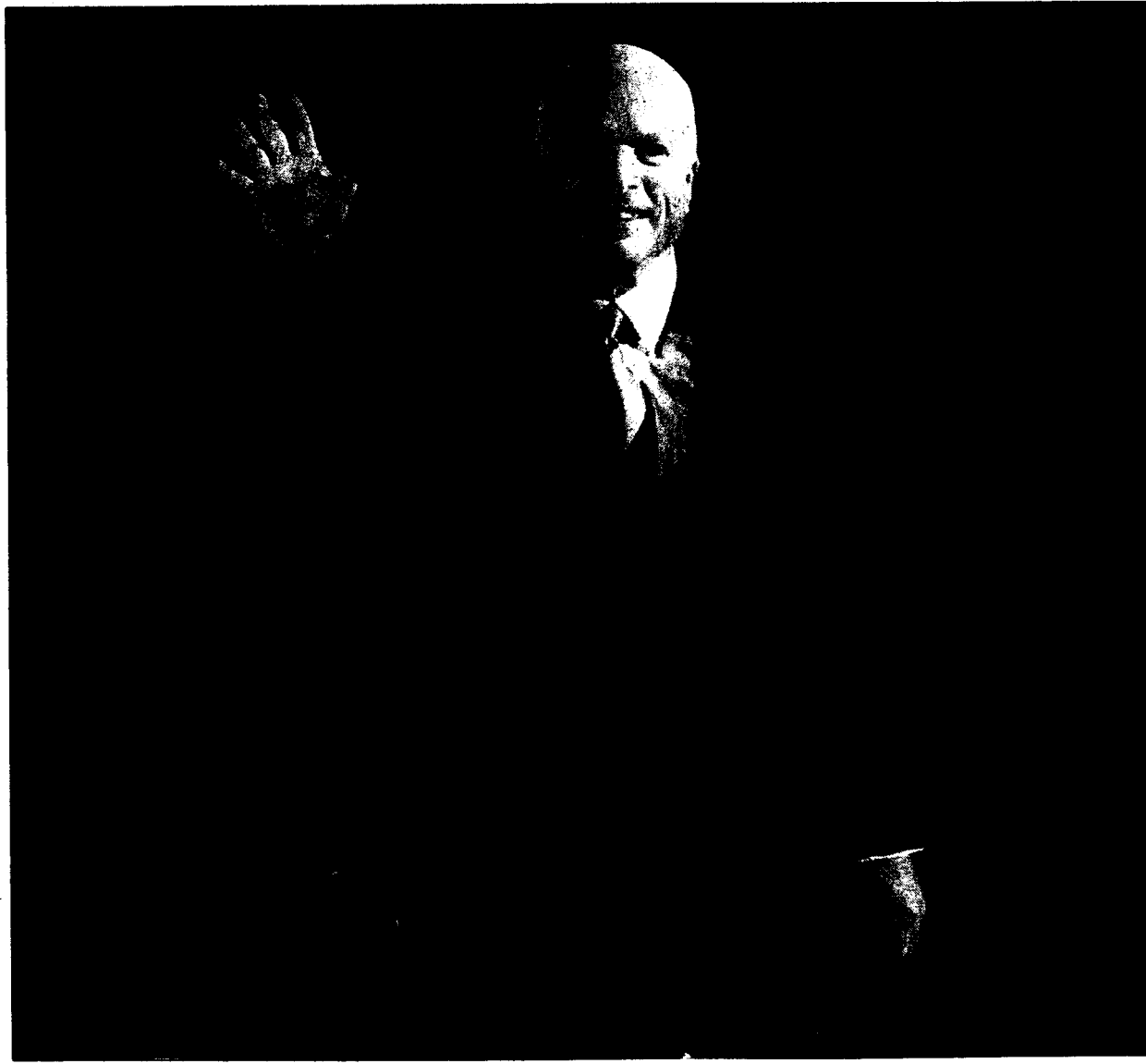
"I'm hoping it will be able to top Sarah Palin's speech last night, but that's going to be a pretty lofty goal," Alex Smith, chairman of Penn State College Republicans, said before McCain's speech Thursday night.

Smith added that Palin's speech was already better than that of Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama last week at the Democratic National Convention.

"The word around the campaign is he's a little worried," said Andrew Natalo, president of Penn-

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Charlie Nebergall/Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate John McCain waves to the crowd as he goes on stage at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn., Thursday where he officially accepted the party's nomination.

Tickets provoke concern

Students question the athletic department's new ticket system expected to be enforced during the 2009 season.

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With plans already underway for the new paperless student ticket system for the 2009 football season, many Penn State students have been left with questions.

They wonder if they will be able to bring their friends or siblings from other schools into Beaver Stadium's student section.

While Associate Athletic Director of Marketing and Communication Greg Myford said through e-

Myford

mail that the goal is to get as many Penn State students into the student section as possible, the issue of outsiders attending home football games is one he hopes to address before the start of next season.

"[We] hope to accommodate that so that if you want to bring your sister or brother, for example, that we have a way to accommodate [them]," Myford said.

Myford said the athletic department is in the developing stages of moving the student ticket procedure online and is trying to determine who could attend games through the new system. Therefore, not all answers about the future process are in place yet.

Still, the possibility non-student guests may no longer attend games in Beaver Stadium's student section has left many Penn State students concerned.

"That's really ridiculous," Alex Falvo (junior-biology) said. "And, as it is, people already sneak people in easily, so that would just only increase that."

Despite this, Falvo felt the new process would help the athletic department determine how many ticket buyers scalp tickets.

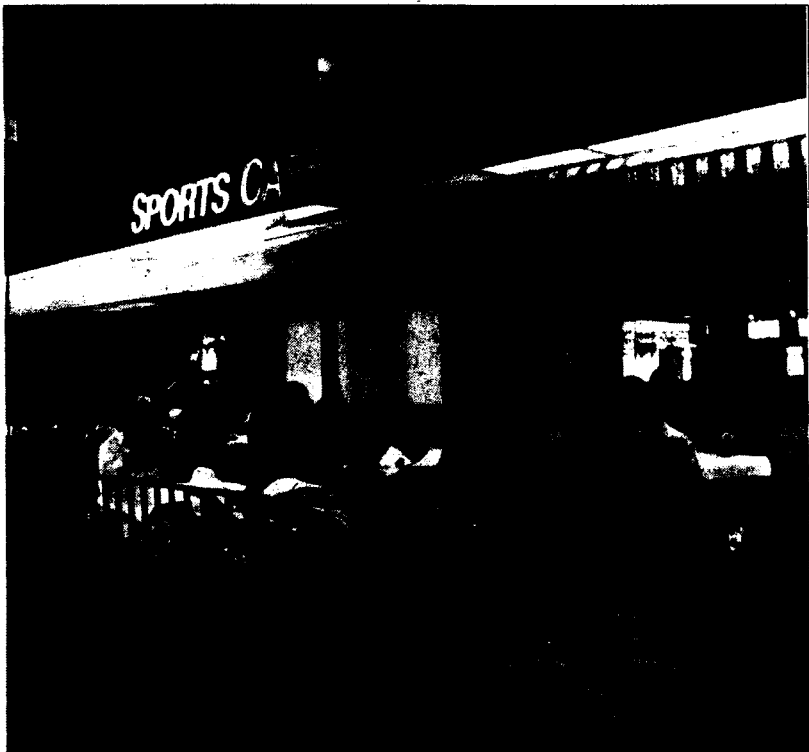
The new student ticket policy would require students to swipe their ID cards to enter Beaver Stadium's Gate A on game days.

"What we're trying to do is take the existing student ticketing process. See TICKETS, Page 2.

Arrington wishes 'plague' upon Sports Café

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Cassie Leymarie/Collegian

Students and locals sit outside of the reopened Sports Café and Grille, 244 W. College Ave. Thursday night.

The Sports Café & Grille reopened between 9 and 10 Thursday night to a fiery reaction from "irate" former Nittany Lion LaVar Arrington.

Arrington said he has "nothing to do with that place," in response to rumors he might be behind the bar's reopening.

"I hope the plague falls upon the Sports Café," he said, adding "I hope it's rat infested. Frickin' roach infested."

Arrington and his group, F.A.M.M. LLC, were planning to reopen the bar as "Linebacker U Sports Café."

Arrington said last week discussions between he and current owner Kevin Anderson about the sale and purchase of the bar began about six months ago. Negotiations progressed to a final closing meeting on the property held about four weeks ago at Nittany Bank, Arrington said last week. Anderson did not appear at the meeting, Arrington said last week. Since then, Arrington has been unable to contact Anderson.

One of the bar's current managers, AJ Madden, declined com-

ment Thursday night and had an employee ask reporters to leave. Anderson has not responded to repeated requests for comment in the past two weeks.

"I hope he never makes another dollar off of Sports Café," Arrington said about Anderson Thursday night.

Several people walking by the 244 W. College Ave. bar yelled out "Where is LaVar?"

Jess DeGore (senior-nutrition) who sat outside, said the bar seemed new, only offering one special, but it would probably be fine in a month.

"I have to give them a two thumbs down on the specials," she said.

DeGore said she would return to the bar.

The former Sports Café & Grille closed in December after being sued by National Penn Bank for \$464,324.96 for violating a forbearance agreement.

On May 28, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board received the application for transfer of the liquor license to Arrington's group, F.A.M.M. LLC. Since then, the transfer has neither been approved nor unapproved, Francesca Chapman, Pennsylvania

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Weather: Today: High 86



Tonight: Low 62



Tomorrow: High 76



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