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Joe Paterno said he hopes his injured right leg is healthy in time for off-season recruiting.

JoePa to meet with doctors

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Joe Paterno said he plans to meet with doctors today to discuss the health of his injured right leg and hip.

While he said he has not given any thought about having surgery, Paterno said Tuesday if that's what the doctors recommend, he would want to get it done as soon as possible after the season.

"I think I'm going to have to get something done," Paterno said dur-

ing his weekly press conference Tuesday. "I want to find out from them what they think has to be done and get it done as soon as I can after the season so I can get on the road and go out and recruit."

When asked if that meant Paterno plans to return to coaching for the 2009 season, the 81-year-old coach paused before offering his answer.

"Have I ever said I wasn't coming back?" Paterno said.

Paterno's contract with the university expires at the end of this season

Video of the press conference:
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and Penn State President Graham Spanier and Athletic Director Tim Curley said they will wait until after the season to discuss Paterno's future.

Paterno said with the Nittany Lions off this week, he will use the time to have his right leg and hip examined by team doctors.

He said he hasn't given the doctors a chance to get a "professional look" at his situation.

"It's not one of those things that has to be done but I'm uncomfortable, that's obvious, but it's fixable," Paterno said. "And if I understand it, and I don't want to put words into the doctors' mouths, but they don't think it's something that's going to keep me out for a long time."

Adding to Paterno's optimism is a discussion he had with former NFL **See DOCTORS, Page 2.**

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Paterno, officials address disturbance

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Joe Paterno called the disruptions that took place downtown Saturday after his team's win over Ohio State "disappointing," and said he may speak to students in the future to curb any potential incidents.

"One of these days, maybe I've got to do something and talk to the kids and say, 'Hey, look, we've got a big game,

we're going to try to win it and the whole bit. Everybody have a lot of fun, but don't sgo downtown,'" Paterno said Tuesday at his weekly press conference.

Penn State topped Ohio State, 13-6, at Ohio Stadium in a win that was the Nittany Lions' first in Columbus, Ohio, in 30 years, maintaining an undefeated season. Almost immediately after the game ended, students swarmed Beaver Canyon.

Geoff Rushton, Penn State spokesman, said it is not "beyond the realm of reason" the university could

take action against hundreds of students if they are charged in connection with the celebratory disturbance Saturday night.

"It's expected that many of the students who are charged will be referred to the Office of Judicial Affairs, where determinations will be made about violations of the student code of conduct," Rushton said.

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Police work to keep the streets clear at the beginning of the disturbance late Saturday night in Beaver Canyon.

Video of Saturday's event:
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Palin speaks to 7,500 at rally

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Moments after "Zombie Nation" played a second time in Rec Hall Tuesday night, vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin and her husband Todd emerged onstage to a gymnasium filled with about 7,500.

Cheers and whistles overwhelmed the candidate's thanks from the lectern as the crowd waved "Country First" signs and clapped loudly.

Before Palin delivered her speech to the energetic crowd, she asked Hank Williams Jr., a country music singer, to sing "McCain-Palin Tradition," a politically charged version of his song "Family Tradition."

"It is so good to be here on the campus tonight that Joe Paterno calls



Alex Milroy/Collegian

Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin addresses the Penn State community at Rec Hall Tuesday night.

home," Palin said to her audience.

She said those present know the value of a "seasoned leader with experience," likening Paterno to Republican presidential candidate John McCain.

Palin spent much of her speech addressing economic plans, including that of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama.

When she said Obama wants to spread Americans' wealth the gym boomed at the mention of the opposition.

"[Obama] thinks it's your job to earn the wealth and it's his job to spread it around," she said.

Americans are experiencing tough

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Photo gallery and video:
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Paranormal researcher searches for campus spirits

Editor's note: This is the third article in a five-part series about paranormal phenomena at Penn State and those that investigate them.

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More than 600,000 students have graduated from Penn State in the past 150 years. Who's to say a few ghosts haven't stuck around?

With more than 700 buildings on campus, some of them more than 100 years old, they'd certainly have space to hide. And with the amount of history this campus has seen, they'd probably have plenty to hide from.

Finding where these spirits lurk is easy enough, Eilfie Music said — it's figuring out why they're still banging around that's tough. A seven-year veteran of the Paranormal Research Society, she researches the history behind reports of haunting, seeking an answer for a phenomena some consider unanswerable.

"Most of the time, when you go to interview people, the first thing that



comes out of their mouths is, 'You're never going to believe this,'" she said.

Usually they're right, and their stories can be explained through natural means, she said, but sometimes — well, those are the interesting cases.

This time, Music tramps down the narrow stairs in the stacks of Pattee Library, the square frame of her Beetlejuice leather jacket tight against the walls. Section BA — Music isn't sure of the exact location, and persistent bleaching has long since removed the bloodstains, but she's standing roughly around where Penn State student Betty Aardsma was stabbed to death almost 40 years earlier.

She looks around. "I haven't been here in a while," she said.

Most students know Aardsma's basic story, how she was struck down by a

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Eilfie Music, of State College, discusses the possible haunting of the Old Botany building on campus. Music is part of the Paranormal Research Society, which is featured in A&E's television show *Paranormal State*.

For coverage of the Halloween parade downtown | **NEWS, Page 4.**

PSU enrolls record number

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Enrollment at all 24 university campuses and the World Campus reached an all-time high this semester, according to a press release issued Monday.

University-wide enrollment numbers increased from 90,609 to 92,613 in the past year. About 1,000 of the newly enrolled students are studying exclusively online at the World Campus, said university spokeswoman Annemarie Mountz.

University Park enrollment increased from 42,083 students to 43,272. The numbers don't include students enrolled in the Dickinson School of Law and students studying abroad or participating in co-ops and internships, Mountz said.

The university tries to cap admissions numbers between 42,000 and 43,000 at University Park, she added.

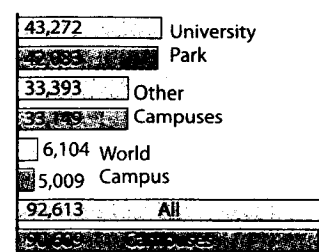
"It has to do with the size of the campus, the facilities and what the environment can hold," Mountz said.

The increased enrollment numbers reflect the record-high entering class of about 7,300 students in 2006, Robert Pangborn, vice president and dean for Undergraduate Education, said in the release. He added the high enrollment numbers of that class will continue to affect the total until the class graduates.

The university uses a formula to **See ENROLLMENT, Page 2.**

Enrollment Increase

Enrollment at all Penn State campuses has increased this year.



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Weather: Today: High 40

Tonight: Low 31

Tomorrow: High 47

Extended forecast | **WEATHER, Page 2.**
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