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Review: PSU parties hardy

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After 18 years of printing, the Princeton Review has finally ranked Penn State as the No. 1 party school in the country in its 2010 edition.

While plenty of students are thrilled to hear about the listings, the university questioned the validity of the ranking system.

Annemarie Mountz, a spokeswoman for Penn State, said the rankings were nothing more than a popularity contest and not a reflection of reality — more so a “badge of honor” used to pump up

schools. She said the ranking system only applies to less than 1 percent of the school's population.

Rob Franek, lead author of the Princeton Review's The Best 371 Colleges, agreed with Mountz, saying only 325 students were surveyed on average per school — a total of about 122,000 current college students from 371 schools. But he said unlike the views of most university administrations, he thinks this gives a basic indication of collegiate-level students' feelings toward their respective schools.

“It is not uncommon for university administration to trumpet when they are on some glorious list,” Franek said. “But it is also not

uncommon for them to discredit the view of our rankings.”

Franek said this was Penn State's first time gracing the No. 1 spot for “Party Schools.” University of Florida was No. 1 last year, University of Mississippi was No. 2, and each has now dropped one spot.

But Penn State is a “usual suspect” in other rankings on the list, Franek said, adding the rankings are based 100 percent on college students' opinions.

Penn State also ranked No. 1 in the “Lots of Beer” category and “Students Pack the Stadiums” category.

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Rankings

Rank No. 1 in Lots of Beer, Party Schools and Students Pack the Stadiums

Rank No. 2 in Students Dissatisfied with Financial Aid

Rank No. 3 in Best Athletic Facilities, Major Frat and Sorority Scene and Jock Schools

Rank No. 6 in Best Career Services, Best College Newspaper and Everyone Plays Intramural Sports

Source: The Princeton Review



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The Delta Upsilon fraternity house, 229 Locust Lane, is empty as of midnight Monday. The fraternity has been under investigation by its alumni since 2007.

Alumni take frat house

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At exactly midnight Monday, the Delta Upsilon fraternity members were officially evicted from their house following a nearly two-year struggle with their alumni regarding drug and alcohol policies.

“I am sick to my stomach,” said Ryan Kovacs, vice president of Penn State's Delta Upsilon chapter.

At about 6:30 p.m. Friday, Penn State Delta Upsilon Alumni President John DeSignore went into the house, located at 229 Locust Lane, and informed the members they had three days to pack up and move out, the chapter's president, Jaret Haffner, said.

Yellow eviction notices were posted on the member's bedroom doors, Haffner (senior-marketing) said.

“They are now soon to lose their membership privileges and are kicked out of the house,” said Penn State Delta Upsilon Alumni Treasurer Dave Merenda, adding the members will not be asked to renew their memberships at the end of August.

Haffner hesitated when asked whether the students will seek legal action.

“At this time, there's none,” Haffner said after pausing for a few seconds.

DeSignore said the alumni consulted with their attorney before the eviction.

The members are now hunting for off-campus housing with the fall semester quickly approaching, Kovacs (senior-economics) said.

In 2007, Delta Upsilon member Justin Parent died from a heroin overdose in his off-campus apartment, launching an alumni investigation into whether the incident was isolated, DeSignore said.

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Penn State football coach Joe Paterno speaks at the Big Ten Media Day Monday in Chicago.

Paterno: DT unlikely to return

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CHICAGO — Penn State's depth at defensive tackle could receive its first test before the season begins.

Defensive tackle Abe Koroma likely won't be back on the team for his redshirt junior season because of some “personal problems,” Penn State coach Joe Paterno said Monday at Big Ten Media Day.

“I'm not sure,” Paterno said about Koroma. “I doubt if Koroma will [be back] 'cause he's got some problems.”

Koroma was suspended for three games last season after being charged with possession of marijuana. The Centre County District Attorney's office placed him on Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition five months later.

Koroma made 26 tackles last season, with two and a half for a loss. He had 1 1/2 sacks.

“I don't know for sure what's up with him,” senior linebacker Sean Lee said. “We know Coach is gonna make the right decision — best decision for our team and for Abe — so right now we don't know for sure. It's still up in the air.”

Lee, a co-captain for Penn State, said he and his teammates have always tried to help Koroma and said he is pulling for him to make it through his situation, though the specifics of Koroma's situation were not clear Monday.

“I'm a big fan of Abe. Abe's a great guy and a great football player,” Lee said. “I know he wants to be part of that team really bad, but like I said, Joe's gonna make the right decision for the team.”

Should Koroma not be on the team in the fall, the Lions would still return last year's starters at defensive tackle, Jared Odrick and Ollie Ogbu.

Redshirt sophomore Devon Still is also expected to contribute after

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Rep. proposes meeting access

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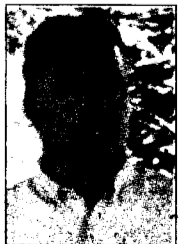
A state representative proposed a bill Monday that would allow the public to attend what are currently closed-door state budget meetings after June 30 each year, the annual state budget deadline.

“There are a handful of people that are holding up the state process,” said state Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, R-Centre. “The more light you shed on this process, the more pressure the public can bring there to get this thing done.”

Benninghoff said the proposal — House Bill 1887 — would open a door for the public to view state budget meetings and would televise the event for Pennsylvania residents who can't make the meetings.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has gone nearly a month without a state budget, as the state House of Representatives and Senate have been unable to reach an agreement. In recent weeks, state employees have been protesting working for little to no pay, an unfortunate consequence of the unfinished state budget.

Gov. Ed Rendell spokesman Michael Smith said Rendell would prefer passing legislation that would make it mandatory



Benninghoff

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Courtesy of Condition Oakland

Tyler Troutman, of Condition Oakland, plays his guitar.

Despite hurdles, 'Oakland' persists

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Tyler Troutman doesn't always do what's expected of him.

The 22-year-old from Ashland, Pa. has been playing guitar for about seven years, but looked like a bit of an amateur when he broke a guitar string during the first song of a Hot Topic acoustic set Monday night.

Despite the setback that usually plagues less experienced musicians, Troutman had no problem sticking out the rest of the song for the five person audience present at the Nittany Mall's store.

“I'm having an unfortunately bad day,” he said, jokingly. “I'm just gonna pretend that last little scene didn't happen.”

Troutman, who plays as a solo act under the band name Condition Oakland, had to pull out his “punk rock” guitar for the rest

of his set. The weathered acoustic was covered with stickers of different bands, everyone from The Ataris and Motion City Soundtrack to Hannah Montana.

The rest of Troutman's set included all originals that made such mundane activities as going to church or working his job at Kmart into things to write a song about.

Troutman said he considers his music to be “folk punk” because most of his lyrics tell stories about his life and the lives of his friends.

He added his ambition to go out and play small shows like those at Hot Topic comes from living in a small town that is overfilled with poverty, where very few people have the opportunity to leave.

“From where I come from, a good percentage of the population has worked in the same factory since they were 16, or they are on welfare,” he said. “I wanted to get

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