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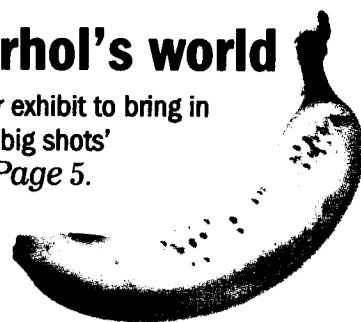
Former Penn State standout Janelle Cornley gets picked up by a Ukrainian basketball team. **SPORTS, Page 8.**

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## Ticket exchange begins

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For Nick Taro, the new card-based football ticket system means not paying \$120 for the Illinois game this year.

Taro (sophomore-engineering) attended every game last year, even though he didn't get season tickets. But he consistently paid more than face value for the experience.

"I'm glad it's now on the card," he said. "It was a lot easier to get tickets. The people who actually want to go to the games were able to get tickets."

The new online Student Ticket Exchange and "My Penn State Student Ticket Manager" Web sites launch today and are designed to help students like Taro enjoy football games for a fair price.

"It's really us working with the students to help curb the exorbitant scalping prices that have been going on," said Greg Myford, Penn State's associate athletic director.

While he could provide no current estimate on the traffic volume he expects the site to experience, Myford said the system is prepared to deal with at least as many visitors as See **TICKETS, Page 2.**

## Glass bottles now prohibited at Beaver Stadium tailgates

By Samantha Kramer  
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As part of a new safety policy for the 2009 football season, glass bottles will not be permitted on any grassy tailgating areas outside Beaver Stadium during game days.

The regulation was made by the athletic department to ensure the safety of children and anyone in the grassy areas where fans tailgate.

Glass has also become a safety hazard for the environment and animals living in the area, said Steve Shelow,

director of University Police.

University Police will be helping enforce the new rule, he said.

"I absolutely think it's a good decision," Shelow said. "There are personal safety risks to our agricultural research and the animals we care about in our environment."

The policy is one of many that the department has recently begun enforcing over the past few years, including the ban of alcohol consumption during the game, a policy enacted in 2006.

But some students think the rule is See **BOTTLES, Page 2.**

### Change in Exchange

This football season, a new card-based online system aims to improve student ticket exchanges.

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- Only 1 guest per student per game
- Ticket resale price must be between \$30 and \$60
- Buyers pay a 15% processing fee
- Guest tickets have a \$29 validation charge
- 5 p.m. deadline on Thursday the week of a home game to sell or forward tickets
- 4 p.m. deadline on Thursday the week of a home game to buy a guest ticket

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Source: Greg Myford  
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### LOST AND FOUND



Sean Hill (junior-communications) looks at a campus map outside of Thomas Building on Monday afternoon, the first day of classes. He was among thousands of students finding their new classes on campus.

## Pugh Street bars ready to reopen

By Kevin Cirilli  
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Bar employees say Tony's Big Easy will reopen today, just one day after a Commonwealth judge reinstated an appeal for the bar's liquor license.

Tony's is owned by Sammark Inc., which got its temporary liquor license back as a result of Judge Dan Pellegrini's decision filed Monday. Tony's employee Daren "DJ Remedy" Donofrio said.

"It'll be like business as usual," Donofrio said. Sammark — which also owns Lulu's Night Spot and Candy Bar and Lounge — was granted a temporary liquor license while it appealed the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's (PLCB) 2008 decision not to renew its liquor license, according to court documents.

Scheduling for the other two bars has not yet been determined, Donofrio said.

The bars, all located at 129 1/2 S. Pugh St., lost the temporary license July 17 after their previous attorney, Francis X. O'Brien, failed to file a legal brief on time, according to court documents.

But O'Brien testified in court that he missed the deadline because of a family emergency, an excuse Pellegrini ruled acceptable in his court order.

Pellegrini ruled that O'Brien offered a "reasonable explanation" as to why he did not file on time, writing it was therefore acceptable "to excuse the late filing," according to the opinion.

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## Police investigating lewd incidents

Police seek a masked man who has masturbated in front of women in dorm hallways.

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Penn State police are searching for the masked man they say indecently exposed himself three times this month in East Halls.

The reports have been virtually the same: A female student notifies authorities that a masked man is masturbating in the hallway, Penn State Police Capt. Bill Moerschbacher said.

The man is described as college-aged with light skin and dark hair.

Moerschbacher said. The three incidents occurred in Brumbaugh and Holmes Halls between Aug. 10 and Friday, police said.

Two of the incidents happened Aug. 14 and Aug. 21, but police could not confirm the date of the third incident.

Police have increased security in East Halls and are actively investigating the situation, Moerschbacher said.

"We really want to get this person before he continues or tries something else," he said.

But while police have increased security to patrol East Halls, some students said they hadn't even heard of the incident.

Brumbaugh Hall resident Amy Lewis (freshman-elementary education) didn't know about the incidents before, but she

said she will be more careful when navigating the dormitory from now on.

"It makes me so uneasy to walk around the halls by myself," Lewis said. "It's weird."

Another Brumbaugh Hall resident, Alyson Gabel (freshman-journalism), said she feels unsafe because she lives in supplemental housing, where there are four ways to enter her room.

Moerschbacher repeatedly stated that those with information regarding any of the incidents should notify police.

"A lot of times, someone may think they don't have important information," he said. "But it might be the clue we're looking for."

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## Area businesses see sales uptick during move-in weekend

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For State College businesses, Christmas comes in August — even during a recession.

The town's stores saw a rush of students return and felt the effects of thousands in search of hangers, shelves, lamps and more.

Officials at Target, 315 Colonnade Blvd., and Wal-Mart, 1665 N. Atherton St. said "back to school" sales were up this year but could not specify exact gains.

"(Move-in weekend) is our biggest weekend for sales," said Joe Eckels, store team leader at

Target. "It's bigger than our Christmas season."

State College stores adopted several strategies to handle the influx of customers this weekend as thousands of students returned to Penn State.

Eckels said he decided to run a shuttle between his store and the campus for the first time in State College.

The shuttle service, which ran hourly between 12 p.m. and 9 p.m., may become a year-round amenity, he said.

"The students were very appreciative of the free ride," Eckels said. "The first day was slow, but

the last two days we had pretty full busloads."

The store also hired between 40 and 50 staff members to help with the weekend rush, Eckels said.

At Wal-Mart, supervisors pulled employees from other stores to help manage the crowds, co-manager Justin Swinehart said. The State College store is one of the top three "back-to-college" stores within the company nationwide, he said.

Likewise, the local Best Buy began hiring staff for the holiday season a full month and a half before other Best Buy stores in order to have more employees

available to help over the weekend, said Travis Powell, operations manager at Best Buy. Powell declined to disclose financial information for the 1650 N. Atherton St. location.

Another issue stores encountered was keeping their shelves stocked. Some stores pulled items from other locations when they ran out.

"We've been doing this now for a while, but with Circuit City gone it made it a little more difficult," Powell said. "We do our best to try to meet everyone's needs."

Eckels said his Target stocked triple the amount of products they

usually carry, particularly organizational items and furniture.

"We do our best to make sure we have enough of everything, but we always run out of odd things," Eckels said. "This year we ran out of door stops."

Wal-Mart began ordering supplies for move-in weekend at the end of June, Swinehart said. The recently remodeled store features wider aisles, which helped with the crowds, he said.

"We did slightly better than last year, which is great given the economy we're in," Eckels said.

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