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# Mayor Bill Welch critically ill

## State College mayor hospitalized at Hershey after leg surgery complications

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Hospital officials announced State College Mayor Bill Welch was in critical condition late Wednesday after suffering surgery complications, resulting in an outpouring of well wishes from fellow community leaders.

Earlier this week, the 68-year-old mayor said he had undergone leg bypass surgery and had developed pneumonia, but said he was feeling better and expected to recover. He is currently being treated at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Members of the State College

Borough Council said they were stunned by the sudden decline in Welch's condition, but expect "Mr. State College" to make a full recovery.

Council member James Rosenberger said Welch, "a force for making the community a good place to live for everyone," has recovered from serious medical conditions in the past.

"One might say he has nine lives," Rosenberger said. "I'll be glad if he can have a quick recovery and returns to the bench soon."

Welch has lived in State College for most of his life and has many achievements, including being an editor at the Centre Daily Times for more than 20 years.

As mayor, Welch has established himself as both a personable and honest official, his colleagues said.

"He's faced some serious issues in the past and somehow has always managed to be indomitable," Borough Council President Elizabeth Goreham said.

Goreham, who has been working on the council with Welch for

more than 12 years, admitted she and the mayor don't always agree on issues.

However, she has always thought of him as "an icon of the area."

"He has a strong sense of State College and is committed to the borough and the community," she said. "He loves Penn State and essentially is the mayor of all Centre County."

Council member Peter Morris said he admires Welch, and the news of his worsening condition had him "very concerned." Council members agreed Welch brings a certain levity to the council and wish him a quick recovery.

"He has certainly been a fixture with the State College borough council government," council member Don Hahn said. "He brought a lot of laughter and humor to our meetings, and hopefully will in the future."

A borough council meeting is scheduled for Monday, and there are currently no plans for any changes, Goreham said.

"We expect to conduct the work session and meeting as always," she said.

"And we expect him to be back for our next meeting on September 14."

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# MTV's Tequila to star at bar

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Penn State students who missed out on the opportunity to woo a reality TV starlet on her MTV show may have their own shot at love tonight: Tila Tequila is coming to State College.

The multifaceted reality television personality will host a special evening at 10 tonight at the Cell Block, 420 E. College Ave.

While attendees of the club won't actually be competing for Tequila's affection in a reality show setting, staff guarantee she will be interacting with patrons.

"She'll walk around the club and talk to everyone, and there will be a cameraman following her around so people can get their picture taken with her," Cell Block District Manager Dave Hertwig said.

Hertwig said Tequila's appearance is a great back-to-school event that was easy to promote based on her wide fame. He has seen her at similar events in the past and was impressed by her presence.

"It's insane," he said. "She does a great job. There's a reason why she's a celebrity."

Hertwig isn't clear on all the details of the night: He can't say if Tequila will be performing any of her pop songs.

"That's still up in the air," he said. "We'll have a mic ready for her, but it's really up to her. There will probably be contests and often our guests like to get behind the bar and bartend. Celebrities are interesting like that."

Penn State students seem to think Tequila will spice up the night, too.

"It would definitely be kind of funny to see how she would interact with Penn State students," Ellyn Matta (senior-media studies) said. "It would definitely enhance the Cell Block."

Daniel Watters (sophomore-division of undergraduate studies) also had his interest piqued.  
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## If you go

**What:** Flirt with Tequila  
**When:** 10 tonight  
**Where:** The Cell Block, 420 E. College Ave.  
**Details:** \$5 cover, 21 and up

# BIDING HIS TIME

## Morelli moves home to coach QBs



Courtesy of Dawn Check

Anthony Morelli stands with Plum Senior High School football players during a preseason practice earlier this month.

By Nate Mink  
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Anthony Morelli is doing just fine.

The quarterback whose name fans cursed, mocked and threatened for two years is all smiles this hot, sticky August afternoon, a few miles from his hometown of Penn Hills.

Travel two miles uphill through the woodlands on the Orange Belt — a winding single-lane road where the 35 mph speed limit makes being stuck behind a tractor trailer a nightmare — and make a left onto the vast campus of Plum Senior High School.

Everywhere you turn, the horizon is lined with treetops. This is a place no one can bother you, no one can rag you.

In other words, it's the perfect locale for Morelli, the former Penn State quarterback and ex-NFLer more maligned for his shortcomings instead of praised for leading the Nittany Lions to 18 wins and two bowl victories as a two-year starter.

As Plum's new quarterbacks coach, Morelli is starting fresh, returning to his roots while a future in pro football hangs in the balance. How Plum head coach Frank Sacco, his staff and his players welcomed Morelli is nothing like some Penn State fans' treatment the last time the former quarterback stepped out at

Beaver Stadium in front of a crowd.

"Morelli's taken a really unfair amount of criticism," Penn State quarterbacks coach Jay Paterno said Aug. 13. "There are some fans of ours that just won't let it go with him. Look at us two years ago, when we're 9-4 when Morelli's the starting quarterback and Florida was 9-4 that same year. You didn't hear anybody crucifying what [Tim] Tebow was doing then that year, either."

In 2007, Tebow won the Heisman Trophy, given to the nation's most outstanding college football player, after throwing for 32 touchdowns and rushing for another 23. Morelli scored 31 total touchdowns in his two years as starter.

He also led the Lions to back-to-back nine-win seasons, but defeated only two of the seven top-25 teams he faced.

Those are the imperfections his critics focus on, rather than the school passing records he holds for completions and attempts in a season. Even two years later, his former coach calls him out on national television, questioning whether he should have mixed in Daryll Clark earlier.

Sitting on a metal sideline bench in Plum's stadium, Morelli looked back on his days in blue and white, giving his critics a piece of his mind while never having a single regret in his college career.

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# Applications increase despite recession

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Despite an ongoing national recession, applications to Penn State for the 2009-2010 school year increased by six percent, admissions officials said Thursday.

With 20 campuses offering admission to incoming freshmen, Penn State received 68,000 undergraduate applications for this school year, said Anne Rohrbach, executive director of undergraduate admissions.

"Penn State applications remain strong," she said. "Students know the value of a Penn State degree. It's a good investment."

The Class of 2013 at University Park has 200 less people than the

Class of 2012, which currently numbers about 7,000 students. After accepting larger classes in the past, Penn State intended the Class of 2013 to be smaller, Rohrbach said.

Compared to the number of applications received in 2005, almost exactly 16,000 more students applied this year university-wide, an increase of about 30 percent, Rohrbach wrote in an e-mail.

## Academic Colleges

While Rohrbach said the recession has not adversely affected admissions overall, she did add that some colleges within the university saw more applicants than others for this school year.

The Division of Undergraduate

Studies (DUS) saw a 50 percent increase in applicants from last year, with 10,465 applicants for the 2009-2010 school year, Rohrbach said. Applications for DUS had decreased the year before.

"There were fewer applications in some colleges, which is a reflection of the economy," Rohrbach said. "People aren't as sure as they were [about their major]."

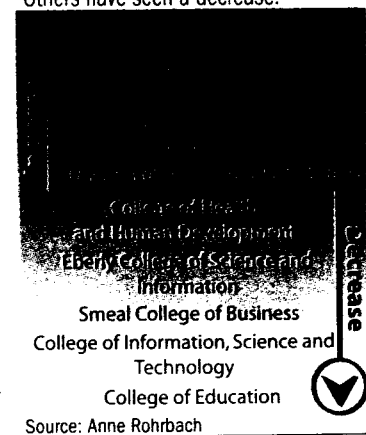
## Commonwealths

Compared to last year, 700 more students selected Commonwealth Campuses as their first choice.

"Students understand the value of a Penn State degree, but they can stay closer to home,"  
See **APPLICATIONS, Page 2.**

## App Happy

Some academic colleges have seen an increase from last year's applications. Others have seen a decrease.



Source: Anne Rohrbach

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