

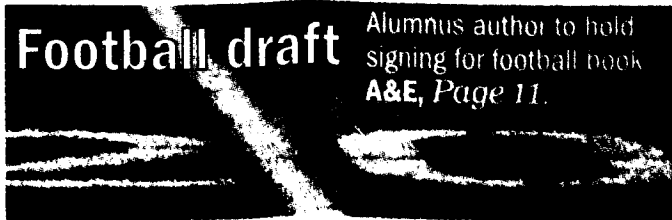
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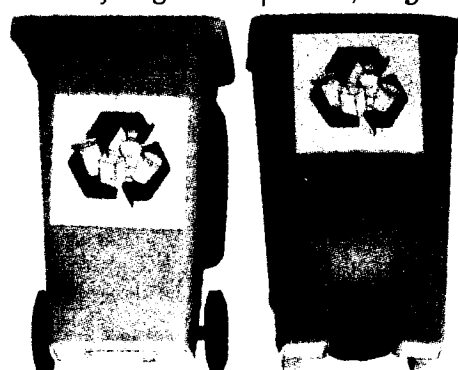
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Kuhn receives 48 to 96 years

State College resident Michael A. Kuhn was sentenced to prison for rape and assault

By Peter Panepinto
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Fighting back tears, a Penn State graduate student who was brutally raped in 2007 said in court Thursday her attacker should never again see the light of day.



Kuhn

State College man Michael A. Kuhn, 32, was sentenced to 48 to 96 years in prison Thursday after being convicted of attempted murder and rape in June.

In his decision, Centre County Judge Thomas Kistler explained that the woman "was a completely helpless, facedown victim" and may likely have perished if police hadn't responded to the incident quickly enough.

Kuhn was found guilty of 20 criminal counts after police said he assaulted the woman in her McCormick Avenue apartment on July 4, 2007.

Police say Kuhn tied the woman's hands and feet with tape and her lamp cord, proceeding to rape her three times vaginally and once anally before beating her over the head with a deadly object.

After the sentencing, defense attorney Ed Blararik said the ruling was a "de facto life sentence," and Kuhn will pursue an appeal.

"He'll never make it out of jail," the attorney said.

A listless Kuhn appeared in court Thursday handcuffed and clothed in a red jumpsuit.

He was unmoved when the Judge's decision was announced.

Centre County Assistant District Attorney Nathan Boob said Kuhn deserved the maximum of 60 to 120 years in prison because his "pattern of predatory behavior" is a danger to the community.

He said Kuhn acted "barbaric and brutal" and without remorse.

"Kuhn brutally beat the woman over the head repeatedly, and then he raped her," Boob said.

"He had her at his mercy, and yet he showed none."

When the woman was examined after the attack, a nurse said it was the worst case she's seen in more than 20 years, the prosecutor said.

"[The woman] hasn't regained her sense of safety and never will," Boob said. "She will constantly live with nightmares."

The Penn State graduate
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Abby Drey/Collegian

Students walk through the HUB-Robeson Center on Thursday. Penn State officials believe University Park has reached an all-time high enrollment. The 8,000-member freshman class of 2006 — a record high number — was a major contributor to the ever-increasing population on campus.

HISTORIC HIGHS

Enrollment continues to rise

By Ashley Gold
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

A hundred and fifty years ago, Penn State welcomed 119 students to campus. This year, it's expecting 44,000.

Enrollment at University Park has reached historic highs, but university and borough officials aren't worrying yet.

University spokeswoman Jill Shockey said the number includes students who are

studying abroad or otherwise not on campus — no need to panic over housing shortages or overcrowded classes, she said.

"That number is an estimate, and we won't have an official count until we do it in mid-October," she said.

Shockey said the higher number takes into account a larger-than-usual enrollment in 2006, when a class of about 8,000 freshmen arrived at University Park.

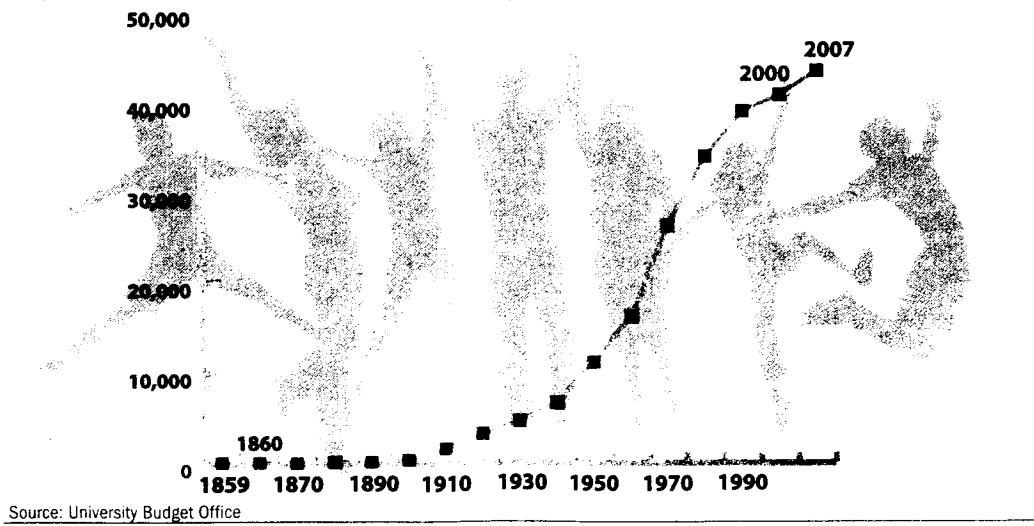
That particular year, 39 percent of applicants accepted their offer; this year, only 29 percent did.

Shockey said that a few other reasons contribute to the larger-than-usual number this year.

Even more students are enrolled at Penn State's Commonwealth Campuses than ever before, and they contribute to a higher enrollment
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Over 40,000 students study at University Park this year

At University Park, the fall headcount enrollment has increased from 119 students in 1859 to 43,252 students in 2007. Enrollment for 2009 is expected to be about 44,000 students.



Source: University Budget Office

Brittany Pavelko/Collegian

UPUA leads march

At least 200 students are expected to cross campus in response to recent sexual assaults

By Laura Nichols
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

For the first time in its history, the University Park Undergraduate Association will march today to promote the prevention of sexual assault.

UPUA Student Life and Diversity Committee Chairman Christian Ragland said he expects at least 200 participants to attend the march. It is the committee's first planned initiative in response to reported sexual assaults on campus in the first month of the fall semester.

The march will start outside of the Thomas Building at noon, go down Pollock Road and end on west campus. Ragland and his committee worked with the Women's Studies Department, The Center for Women's Studies and other student activist groups on campus to organize the march.

"I'm excited that we were able to make this response so fast," Ragland (junior-political science) said. "It's only our kick-off."

Many student activist groups such as Knitivism and Men Against Violence Against Women are sending members, and women's studies students and professors will be in attendance. Ragland said he is glad to see so many people willing to take part in the march — sexual assault is a campus-wide issue and takes collaboration to prevent, he said.

UPUA Chief of Staff Matt Smith worked closely with Ragland in preparation for the
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If you go

What: UPUA Sexual Assault Awareness March

When: Noon today

Where: Beginning outside Thomas Building and traveling down Pollock Road

Details: The march is in response to four reported sexual assaults on campus in the past month



Jimmy Dever/Collegian

A firefighter moves a hose after a fire started at The Ambassador Building on Saturday.

Lack of sprinklers worry some

By Kevin Cirilli
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Penn State student Krystal Donovan stared from across the street as black smoke poured from a fourth floor window of her downtown apartment building Saturday night.

After firefighters controlled the small stove fire that left one student's apartment kitchen charcoal black, Donovan (junior-elementary education) said she worried

about water damage from sprinkler systems and hoses in her own apartment. Then she remembered her apartment building doesn't have sprinklers.

"We were all freaking out that all of our new Macs were going to get flooded," she said.

Six days after four fire trucks arrived to put out a fire in The Ambassador Building, 421 E. Beaver Ave., Donovan said she's changed her mind about water damage.

"It could help save some of our stuff in a fire," she said. "I definitely think we should have them."

State laws require all apartment buildings to have smoke detectors and those built after 2004 to have sprinklers, said Walter Schneider, the agency director of Centre Region Code Administration.

The Ambassador Building was built in 1964 to code, said
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Penn State looks to dominate Temple, disprove doubters



Abby Drey/Collegian

Evan Royster (22) stiff arms a Temple defender last season.

By Nate Mink
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Two pedestrian wins against overmatched opponents have raised questions as to whether Penn State is worthy of its No. 5 ranking.

The main reasons for such mundane results are offensive line woes, which hampered a rushing attack that gained just 78 yards against Syracuse — the Nittany Lions' lowest rushing output since November 2006.

"Joe [Paterno] told me at the beginning of preseason camp it's important that you remain patient throughout the whole process," said quarterback Daryll Clark, who's thrown 71 times through two games. "This is not going to be a picnic out there."

But patience is running thin. Saturday's noon game against the Temple Owls (0-1), a Mid-American Conference member last seen losing to Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Villanova two weeks ago, is the

final tune-up before the Big Ten season.

A performance short of a commanding four-quarter stranglehold on the Owls won't ease fans' minds with the Iowa Hawkeyes next on the schedule.

"It's what makes a good football team," Clark said. "Coaches have stressed it. Me and Sean [Lee] have stressed it. When we have a chance to knock a team out when
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