



Nonsensical nano

The new iPod nano brings a mix of futuristic and old-school features
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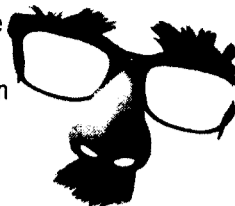


Wheel it in

A Penn State student will try to win on Wheel of Fortune
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Monster 'stache

The American Mustache Institute will judge students on the most important part of their Halloween costumes | **LOCAL, Page 4.**



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Leaders weigh in on gift options

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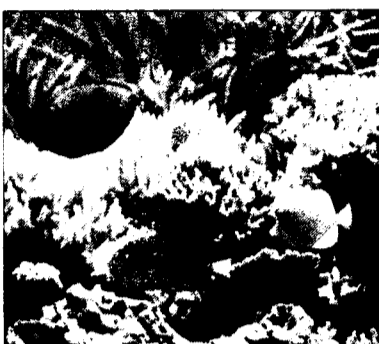
Student body president Gavin Keirans isn't thrilled with the 2010 Senior Class Gift options.

So he tweeted about it, writing "Tough choice for class gift... log sculpture or aquarium maintenance" in a Twitter post on Monday.

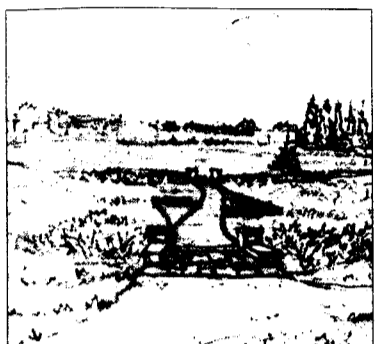
Other student leaders were also disheartened by the options: an oak sculpture and scholarship, a HUB aquarium maintenance endowment or a boardwalk at the arboretum.

"Are any of these going to live up to the Nittany Lion [Shrine]?" Probably not," Keirans (senior-business management) said Thursday.

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HUB AQUARIUM



ARBORETUM WALKWAY



SCULPTURE

The senior class will select from the ideas at the left for its class gift. Some student leaders have expressed concern about the options.

ALL DRESSED UP



Anne Tamalavage (freshman - geobiology) tries on a mask at Gift Adventures, 137 E. Beaver Avenue, on Thursday evening. The local store is one of two that students can visit to get their Halloween costumes this year.

Local stores disguised for holiday

By Caitlin Cullerot
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A red Circuit City logo peeks out over the top of a black sign indicating the children's costume section. That sliver of color is all that is left of the former electronics giant, which has been replaced — at least for the next few weeks — by Halloween Adventure, a seasonal costume super store.

Halloween Adventure is the newest seasonal Halloween store to open a

location in State College. Seasonal stores are operations that last about two months, in the case of Halloween stores, arriving around September and shutting down just after Halloween.

"It really, truly is a six- to eight-week operation," store marketing director Walter Koval said. "The store opens each Labor Day, or around then, and winds down in November."

The chain operates between 100 and 125 stores each Halloween season, Koval said. It rents out temporary locations to host the shop, such as the former

Circuit City store at 19 Colonnade Way, and fills the store with a variety of costumes organized into categories, including "witch," "vampire" and "devil."

"You see more empty stores than ever before, and seasonal stores are a great revenue source for [landlords]," Koval said.

"It creates a real nice win-win from a business perspective."

He added more than a dozen Halloween Adventure stores are

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PENN STATE VS.

Lions look to end skid

By Nate Mink
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If there is a more appropriate venue for Penn State to prove how good it is, please share.

The Nittany Lions could show whether they have the makings of a Big Ten championship football team Saturday with a win at Ann Arbor, Mich., a venue they haven't won in since 1996.

"This will definitely be a test for us," quarterback Daryll Clark said. "We're a football team that definitely don't mind flying under the radar. They're really not sold on how good we really are."

Not many are.

Some fans and media pause when asked to evaluate the Lions. A lax nonconference schedule did little to boost their national perception. Wins against Big Ten basement-dweller Illinois and an average Minnesota squad haven't done much to improve it, either.

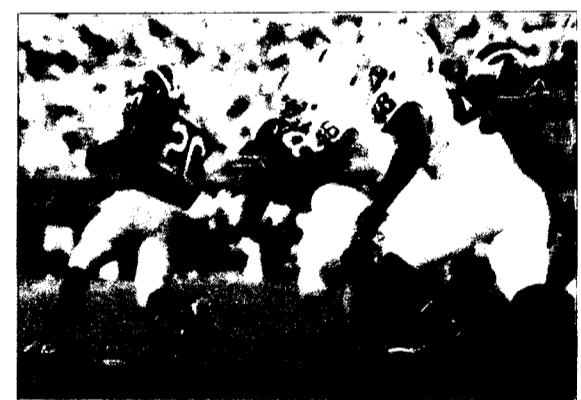
That could change Saturday afternoon.

Year two of the Rich Rodriguez era looks a whole lot better than year one, when the Wolverines finished 3-9, the worst record in the history of college football's all-time winningest program.

A highly-touted recruiting class has installed freshmen built to run Rodriguez's spread offense, based on thin, mobile offensive lineman and quick, slashing skill position players.

Michigan's offense is the first top-70 offense the Lions' defense will face. Keeping it in check will

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Penn State will take on Michigan in an away game Saturday. It has not won in Ann Arbor, Mich. since 1996.

UPUA, borough promote safety

UPUA's Campus Night Out stressed the importance of coming together to end campus violence.

By Laura Nichols
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Celebrating the "Safest Night on Campus" was a combined university and community-wide effort on the HUB lawn Thursday night when the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) held its first ever "Campus Night Out" event.

Many student organizations were in attendance, including the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG)



Jared Stillman (senior-supply chain and information systems), right, and Josh Corcoran (senior-communication arts and sciences), perform with their band Table Ten at Campus Night Out on Thursday night.

and more than 100 members of the Interfraternity Council.

State College local DJ Rictor provided entertainment early in the event and was followed by student bands and spoken word performances. The State College Police Department put on fire safety demonstrations, and the Nittany Lion and UHS "Flu Bug" greeted students.

Vice President for Student Affairs Damon Sims addressed

the crowd and said it was important the Penn State community and the borough of State College come together "as one" to find solutions to end violence on and off campus. No issue impacts campus safety more than the dangerous usage of alcohol. Sims said. Everyone needs to be accountable for his or her actions, he said.

"Penn State, after all, is a

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White Out shirts spark controversy

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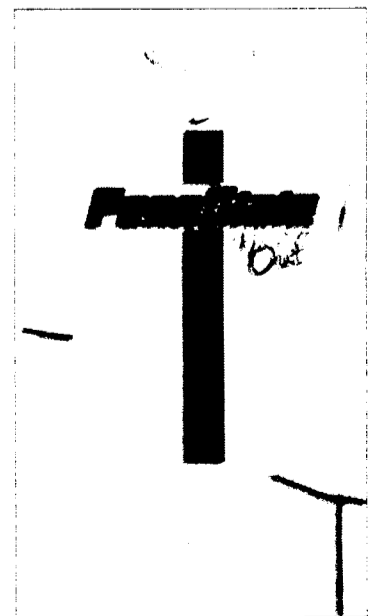
The 2009 White House T-shirt's cross-like design has spurred complaints from organizations and alumni, including requests that the shirt be taken off of store shelves.

The university received complaints and requests earlier in the season from organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League — a group that fights anti-Semitism — concerning the shirt's design. Penn State President Graham Spanier wrote in an e-mail Thursday.

Spanier wrote that the university did not feel it was appropriate to intervene with the sale of the shirts.

Associate Athletic Director Greg Nyford said the athletic department also received a complaint about the shirts but did not consider pulling the shirts off of shelves.

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The university has received complaints about this year's White House T-shirts looking too much like a cross, officials said.