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## PSU alcohol stats on rise

By Kevin Cirilli  
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University officials and authorities are compiling the latest Penn State alcohol statistics, predicting an increase for a year in which the university was dubbed the No. 1 party school in the nation.

"It's essential for students to come together individually and in their organizations to discuss what's going on with alcohol," said Linda LaSalle, Penn State University Health Services (UHS) associate director of Education Services. "Ultimately, the individuals who have the most amount of power to create change to this issue are students."

The Campus and Community Partnership, made up of university and borough officials, releases an annual report on alcohol statistics after consulting with police, medical and administrative officials, LaSalle said. The statistics are likely to be released in the coming weeks.

Last year's statistics showed the average blood alcohol content (BAC) level for students treated at Mount Nittany Medical Center was more than triple the .08 percent legal limit for driving in Pennsylvania — .25 percent, according to the assessment.

And officials say increases are likely in this year's report.

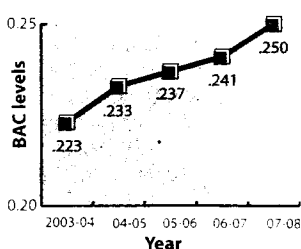
"Unfortunately, for many of the students that I talk with, it's a badge of honor," LaSalle said. "Students themselves need to really critically think about whether that's the way they want their institution and their diploma to be thought of."

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### BAC levels rise

The average blood alcohol content of Penn State students admitted to Mount Nittany Medical Center for alcohol-related incidents has risen since 2003.



Source: University Health Services  
Kayla Inerra/Collegian

### ATTENTION!



Steph Witt/Collegian

**Veterans, ROTC and community members** gather at Old Main on Wednesday to celebrate Veterans Day. Vietnam War veteran Ben Novak spoke at the event and recalled the negative reaction he received after serving overseas. The annual event recognizes U.S. service members, past and present, on the anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War I. For more coverage of Veterans Day | **LOCAL**, Page 3.



Alexis Simchak/Collegian

**Participants** perform the 2009 line dance at the 100 Days 'Til Thon celebration. Penn State cheerleaders, the Lionettes and the Nittany Lion were also involved in the event.

## Thon countdown begins

By Somer Wiggins  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

For Morgan Zimmerman, it was like coming back to the Bryce Jordan Center.

As part of the "100 Days 'Til Thon" celebration, the HUB-Robeson Center was transformed into a Thon party. Walking through the HUB, 2009 Thon dancer Zimmerman joined a performance of last year's line dance.

"It brought back good memories," Zimmerman (sophomore-marketing) said.

Students colored, danced and got excited for the 2010 Interfraternity Council/Panhell-



enic Dance Marathon on Wednesday.

"It's an event that generates a lot of excitement and involvement among student volunteers and raises awareness about the cause and organization," said Elyse Adams, Thon public relations overall chairwoman.

A balloon archway decorated the bottom of the main HUB stairway where the Four Diamonds image was also displayed, while various signs, balloons, streamers and paper chains decorated the entire building.

To see more pictures from the 100 Days 'Til Thon event, go to:  
[psucollegian.com](http://psucollegian.com)

The first floor of the HUB was covered with various Thon-related activities. The Kids' Mail Call group had a table set up where students could color cards that will be given in bulk to the families and children at Thon.

Gina Nicolosi said she was inspired to be a part of this group  
See **THON**, Page 2.

## FTK to boost greek pride

By Caitlin Sellers  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

When the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Councils' Associate Vice President (AVP) positions were shifted from the Thon overall committee to the communications committee last spring, the greek community lost a prominent source of Thon morale.

The solution: Phi Tau Kappa. The IFC and PHC have created an independent Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon organization with goals of boosting greek pride and increasing greek involvement in Thon.

Members of the greek system were previously guaranteed two AVP positions. When moving the  
See **FTK**, Page 2.

## UPUA creates future agenda

By Laura Nichols  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Penn State students will soon have full access to the actions and plans of their student body representatives now that the 90-Day Plan legislation is in place.

University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) President Gavin Keirans said the implementation of these plans are important because this will commit UPUA to produce concrete outcomes on initiatives they set out for themselves at the beginning of the semester that have yet to come to fruition.

"There have been a lot of ideas and a lot of conversations," Keirans (senior-business)  
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Keirans

## Bowman overcomes hurdles, looks to future

This is the second in a three-part series about Penn State linebackers overcoming personal adversities.

By Matt Fortuna  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

He's just Navarro. Just a football player. A really good one.

Just a father. A really young one.

Just a role model. Really, the only one.

That's the way it is when you're a resident of District Heights, Md., a suburb 10 miles outside Washington, D.C.

"He means a whole lot to District Heights," Clifton Person, Navarro's friend since the age of 5, said. "I don't know if he really knows what he means."

Navorro means hope in a place where hope comes few and far between.

"It's really just a place where

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you know you gotta grind," Navarro says. "And if you wanna be something or make something outta yourself, you gotta really get — no matter how rough the road is — get towards your dream or your goal."

The goal for Navarro Bowman is the NFL. And he is so close to the NFL. He is so close to a college degree. So close to making it.

And Navarro was so close to being nowhere near any of it.

There was the fight at the HUB-Robeson Center on Oct. 7, 2007, which led to a guilty plea of disorderly conduct. It kept Bowman from traveling with the Nittany Lions to San Antonio for the

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To read a story about the upcoming game | **SPORTS**, Page 8.



Michael Felletter/Collegian

**Navorro Bowman (11)** attempts a sack on Ohio State quarterback Terrelle Pryor (2) during the first half of Penn State's 24-7 loss Saturday.