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PSU grabs top recruits

Lions nab top recruiting class in Big Ten.

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By Wayne Staats
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It seems some numbers don't mean much to Joe Paterno. Despite his program pulling in

the top recruiting class in the Big Ten and around the top 10 in the country on National Signing Day, according to recruiting Web sites Rivals.com and Scout.com. Paterno is taking a wait-and-see approach. "We'll see when they come here," Paterno said Wednesday.

The Nittany Lions' 20-man class ranked higher than some other traditional powers like Miami (Fla.), Notre Dame and Georgia.

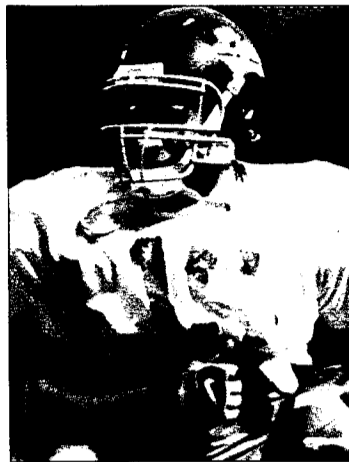
Though the size of the class was smaller than most of the other top classes, the quality of the ratings pushed it higher.

Indeed, it is Penn State's highest ranked class since 2006, when both outlets ranked it No. 6 in the country.

One of the top players is linebacker Mike Hull, who was the MVP of the Team USA vs. Team World game in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., last weekend.

"He's a high-effort kid who will run through you," Rivals.com's Mike Farrell said. "He reminds me of those other Big Ten linebackers like [Bobby] Carpenter and Paul Posluszny. And as the

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Alex Kenney from State College Area High School runs a drill at football practice Tuesday.

CLIMATEGATE

Panel clears three claims

By Colleen Boyle
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After sifting through more than 1,000 e-mails, Penn State's inquiry panel has dismissed three of the four allegations against meteorology professor Michael Mann and called for further investigation into the fourth.

In a 10-page report, the panel concluded there is "no substance" to the first three allegations: falsifying or suppressing data, intending to delete or conceal information and misusing privileged or confidential information.

But the panel could not make a definitive finding on whether Mann undermined "public trust in science" in his research practices or deviated from accepted standards.

"I am very pleased that, after a thorough review, the independent Penn State committee found no evidence to support any of the allegations against me," Mann wrote in a statement released Wednesday afternoon. "This is very much the vindication I expected since I am confident I have done nothing wrong."

The two-month inquiry regarding the ethics of Mann's research began after hundreds of illegally obtained e-mails were leaked last November from a private server in the Climate Research Unit at the University of East Anglia in England. Critics said these e-mails suggest Mann and his colleagues distorted climate change evidence.

Three Penn State employees, Henry C. "Hank" Foley, vice president for research and dean of the graduate school; William Brune, head of the meteorology department; and Candice Yekel, director of the Office of Research Protections, sat on the inquiry. See CLIMATEGATE, Page 2.

For a complete report of the panel's findings in regards to Michael Mann: psu.collegian.com



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Michael Mann, pictured above, has been cleared of three of four allegations regarding his involvement in Climategate.

WIENER ROAST



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Oscar Mayer Wienermobile "Hotdoggers" Mary Kate DeCoursey, Class of 2009, and John Dobson greet students as they pass by the Wienermobile on Fraser Street next to the Pattee Library on Wednesday. The Wienermobile made its first drive in 1936 on the streets of Chicago. Since then, the Wienermobile has been redesigned six times. The hot dog theme can be seen throughout the vehicle, with a hot dog-shaped dashboard and hot dogs printed on the back of the seats, as pictured above.

Stein imparts wisdom

By Vera Greene
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Known for his myriad of jobs ranging from a speechwriter in Washington, to actor in Hollywood, Ben Stein spoke in his famously monotonous voice to a crowd of about 2,000 people in Penn State's Eisenhower Auditorium on Wednesday night.



Stein

Playing an economics teacher in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" sparked the commencement of his Hollywood career, Stein said. "It was the best day of my life," Stein said in a press conference beforehand, referring to the day his notable "Bueller" line debuted.

He said it was mostly luck that got him from a presidential speechwriter for Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford to a Hollywood actor. After

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETING



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CCSG Liaison to UPUA, DJ Ryan, reads his resignation speech at the UPUA meeting on Wednesday night. Ryan said he hopes the resignation will spark communication between the groups about the issues.

CCSG liaison walks out

By Casey McDermott
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In a surprise announcement late Wednesday night, the CCSG Liaison to UPUA DJ Ryan resigned from his post, saying student government largely considers those at Commonwealth Campuses as "second-class students."

And Commonwealth Campus government leaders — including

CCSG President Nick Borsuk — stand behind him.

Ryan, governmental affairs director for the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG), confronted in his resignation speech the negative stigma attached to Commonwealth Campus students — a stigma he said is perpetuated by some members within University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA).

"Due to their own ignorance, many members of this organization consider the students of the Commonwealth to be second-class students at this university," Ryan said during his speech. "Some members of [UPUA] feel that because one attends classes at one of the 'other' campuses, they're not part of the 'smarter' and privileged 44,000 who go to class here."

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Jersey Shore's Pauly D to visit PSU Altoona

By Lindsay Cryer
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Penn State, get ready to GTL. Paul "DJ Pauly D" DelVecchio, cast member of MTV's reality sensation "Jersey Shore," will perform at Penn State Altoona on Feb. 27 at the Stephen A. Adler Athletic Complex.

The event is planned and financed by the campus's Student Government Association, Campus Activities Board and Altoona's student activity

fee allocation committee. The three groups will pay approximately \$10,000 for Pauly D's appearance.

Penn State Altoona student government president Michael Kenney said selecting Pauly D as a performer wasn't too difficult of a choice.

"We were trying to think of fun things for campus, and Jersey Shore is the big hit thing," Kenney (sophomore-political science) said. "Everyone was well-receptive at first — the ball started rolling and this is where we are."

The venue can host 1,500 people, and Kenney expects to sell out. Pauly D's contract specifies that he'll appear at the event from beginning to end, he said.

"I'm pumped," he said. "No pun intended."

The ticket price and ticket sale dates are still undetermined, but all Penn State students will be given a discounted price.

Students at other Penn State campuses will be able to obtain tickets online, while University Park can

expect to see a ticket sale in the HUB-Robeson Center.

Altoona student Steve Henk (freshman-petroleum and natural gas engineering) said he is excited a big act like Pauly D is fist pumping his way to such a small campus.

"I guess it makes Altoona feel more important," Henk said. "We all watch 'Jersey Shore' at the same time — it makes us feel bigger than we are."

With a recent wave of 'Jersey Shore'-themed parties hitting the collegian See PAULY D, Page 2.

