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## Football players work out for NFL scouts at Pro Day

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The Daryll Clark-Michael Robinson comparisons have been endless.

The latter led Penn State to a Big Ten championship in 2005 and has found a home in the NFL with the San Francisco 49ers as a running back with return duties.

Likewise, Clark led the Nittany Lions to a conference title, but at this point he thinks his future is still as a quarterback. He joined other former Penn State players Wednesday at Penn State's Pro

To read more about Penn State players during Pro Day and their thoughts about the draft: [psucollegian.com](http://psucollegian.com)

Day, working out before NFL scouts in preparation for the 2010 NFL Draft, which starts April 22.

"If I have to, and there's no other way, then yeah," Clark said of a possible position switch. "But no one has talked to me about a position change since I left Penn State."

Clark, who didn't run in the

combine in Indianapolis a few weeks ago because of a hamstring issue, said he ran a 4.61 in the 40-yard dash on Wednesday and threw well. He also said Robinson has told him to keep morale up, and he acknowledged that Wednesday was a make-or-break test for him.

And though both quarterbacks showcased their talents in both running and throwing, there was one difference in how scouts saw them.

"When he was coming out, a lot of teams worked him out not only



Penn State player Josh Hull talks to reporters outside Holuba Hall at Penn State's Pro Day on Wednesday. The 2010 NFL draft starts April 22.

## Spring concert still has no name

After Last Call was vetoed, UPUA is still searching for the spring 2010 concert's name.

By Chidi Ugwu  
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First it was Wallypalooza, then Last Call. Now the student government-sponsored spring music festival is nameless, and some groups wish organizers would make up their minds.

The University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) opened an online poll of five possible names Tuesday to choose a replacement for the festival's previous proposed name, Last Call, which UPUA President Gavin Keirans said drew numerous complaints for its alcohol connotations.

This year's choices are Apogee, Cadence, Finale, Last Stop and Saraswati.

Christine Branigan, president of underground music club Asylum, said the proposed names didn't immediately sound like they fit a music festival.

"I think we could definitely go with something more music-related," she said.

Branigan (senior-broadcast journalism) said she didn't have a problem with Last Call as the new name for the festival — the alcoholic implications weren't immediately obvious.

"When I first heard it, I didn't automatically think of a bar," she said. "And the Wallypalooza logo last year was a red cup spilling over. What does that say?"

Students Organizing the Multiple Arts (SOMA) President Danny Michelson said he doesn't understand why UPUA is spending so much time belaboring the name.

"I know there's been a lot of controversy," Michelson (senior-film and video) said. "But, honestly, there are more important things we should be focusing on, like making sure we bring the best acts and make the best festival."

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Patrick Salmon (sophomore-energy engineering) plays his bagpipes in front of the HUB-Robeson Center on his way to class on Wednesday afternoon. Salmon learned to play the bagpipes as his high school senior project. Many Penn State students found different ways to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day on Wednesday.

## Police, bars see slow activity

By Greg Galiffa  
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For Penn State student Mike Fitzpatrick, celebrating St. Patrick's Day isn't even a question — it's a birthright.

"I mean, my last name is Fitzpatrick," he said. "So I like to honor my heritage on St. Patrick's Day."

Wearing an Irish flag top hat and a four-leaf clover plastic necklace, Fitzpatrick (junior-agribusiness management) said he has been celebrating the holiday with his family since childhood.

But after turning 21 last Friday, Wednesday was Fitzpatrick's first St. Patrick's Day celebration at the State College bars. And sipping green beer on the patio of Café 210 West, Fitzpatrick said the day has transformed.

"It's a new experience," Fitzpatrick said. "It completely changes the scene of college."

However, from the State College Police Department's perspective, St. Patrick's Day wasn't much different from a normal weekday — especially when compared to last month's State Patty's Day.

At 3 p.m. Wednesday, State College Police Department Capt. Dana Leonard said



Adam Cole (senior-history) hands out hats by The Phyrst to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day.

## Direct loans create debate

By Brendan McNally  
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Area Democrats support including federal student loan reform in the hotly debated health care bill, but local Republicans say they are twisting the facts and using special rules to pass legislation nobody wants.



The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA) would allow the federal government to loan directly to students, instead of paying banks to make loans privately, said Sen. Arlen Specter, D-Pa. Currently, the federal government pays off any private loans students default on, which encourages banks to loan to students.

Rep. Tim Bishop, D-N.Y. who sits on the U.S. House Education and Labor Committee, said the proposal would save \$67 billion in the next 10 years. He said at least \$40 billion of those savings will be spent on increasing federal Pell Grants.

However, Republicans have questioned why Democrats have chosen to include SAFRA in the health care reform bill.

"I think it's a little bit disturbing when you take two important issues like that and you decide to put them in one unpopular bill," said Samuel Settle, chairman of Penn State's Young Americans for Freedom. "It's just a very, very hard-nosed partisan move."

Bishop said it's the only way Congress can put SAFRA on the president's desk.

"The Congress can only pass one reconciliation resolution per session," he said. "If we want to pass SAFRA, we have to pass it now, because we only have one opportunity."

Dianne Gregg, chairwoman of the Centre County Democrats, said supports SAFRA because it cuts out the middleman.

"Why should banks be making a profit from your student loans?" Gregg said. "Students so often come out of school with so much debt that it slows them down economically for the rest of their lives."

Settle says it's not that simple. "You're just changing the bureaucracy from the private sector to the public sector," he said.

Jessica Pellicciotta, president of the Penn State College Democrats, said she is "100 percent" in favor of the proposal.

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## Students learn from horses in handling class

By Vera Greene  
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With a slight twist of his feet and flip of his hands, Brian Egan sent Suanne trotting toward the Agricultural Arena's fence.

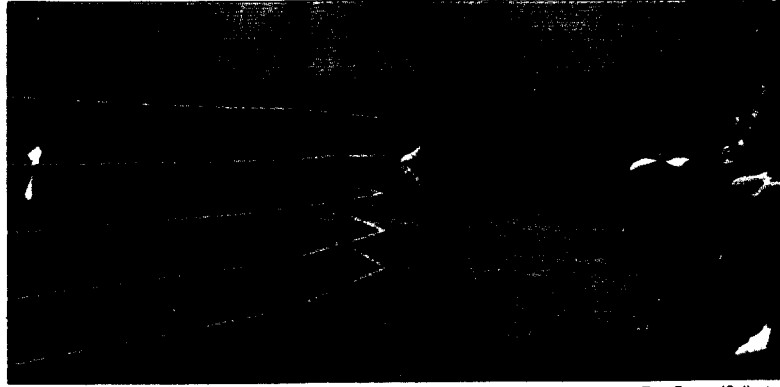
Handling a horse without physical contact is just one of the skills students learn in a little-known class tucked in the Agricultural Arena behind Beaver Stadium: AN SC 317 (Horse Handling and Training).

Egan, who teaches the class, said he got involved with horses by accident.

### Outside the Books

"My sister liked horses and she had a couple of them, but since I was the youngest, I was often stuck taking care of the darn things," said Egan, who earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Penn State in 1987 and 2003, respectively.

As a Penn State freshman, Egan lived and worked at the



Students listen to Brian Egan, the Horse Handling and Training instructor, as he tells them how to properly handle horses in a safe manner.